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Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Is Coming!

Joshua Cantrell

Each year the world celebrates “Easter.” It’s the commemoration (or remembrance) of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everyone pausing to reflect on the resurrection of Jesus is admirable. Amongst the greatest events in human history, the resurrection of Jesus has to be at the top of that list. Our Salvation stands and falls on the fact that Jesus got up from the grave.

The last week of Jesus’ life was one of tragedy and temptation but ultimately triumph. Jesus was the culminating prophecy of all the prophets in that he would be the suffering servant to save us from our sins (Isa. 53). We often speak of having a “tough week,” the weeks where we want to throw in the towel. Our tough weeks pale in comparison to what our Lord faced that week. Relive the accounts. It’s Friday, and Peter is asleep. Judas has betrayed him, Mary is crying. Hope is lost; death has won; and Satan is laughing. Jesus is buried, and a soldier stands guard. A rock is rolled over the tomb, but Sunday is coming. The day on which our Savior would get up from the grave. John records, “Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (Jn. 2:19). The tomb was not going to hold our Lord, for he has all power in his hands (Mt. 28:18-20). The tomb was found empty, and we should rejoice in that.

Prophecies Concerning Jesus

When reading the Old Testament (OT), we come across verses that show us we have hope in the coming Messiah. Moses records, “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Gen. 3:15). Moses also records, “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be” (Gen. 49:10).

When Adam allowed sin to come into the world (Rom. 5:12), humanity needed a savior. God’s plan before the foundation of the world was his Son (Eph. 3:8-11). Before we ever knew we needed a savior, God made it possible for us to have one. Throughout the OT, we find prophecies about the Savior coming to save us from our sins and establish his kingdom. The Prophet Isaiah records, “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Isa. 2:1-2).

The OT gives us over 300 prophecies concerning Jesus Christ. He fulfilled each of them during his time on earth. Many “scholars” believe that he did not fulfill what the OT predicts. Yet, after a careful understanding of scripture, we realize not one prophecy was left undone.

Scenes From The Foot Of The Cross

During the last week of our Lord’s life, we also understand it was Passover time in Jerusalem. Every Jew wanted to be in the city to celebrate this. Jesus was Jewish and would have been in this number as well. Leading up to that Thursday, our Lord went through a very difficult time. He had been without food and rest. He had been slapped, spat upon, and endured the crown of thorns placed on his head. The flesh on his back had been shredded from the scourging (Jn. 19:1).

As Jesus was hanging on the cross, let’s notice what he would have looked and seen. Jesus looked and saw misguided people (Lk. 23:24). Jesus would

utter the words, “Father forgive them, for they know now what they do” (Mt. 27:36). Jesus looked and saw an individual who wanted to go to heaven and one who did not (Lk. 23:39-43). Jesus looked and saw two people who needed special attention. One was family, and the other was a friend (Jn. 19:25-27). Jesus looked backward and saw all the faithful and righteous that would finally become permanently cleansed that day (Heb. 9:11-15). Jesus looked and saw you and me (Heb. 9:26-28).

The songwriter says, “They bound the hands of Jesus in the garden where he prayed. They led him through the streets in shame. They spat upon the savior so pure and free from sin. They said crucify him, he’s to blame. When they nailed him to the cross his mother stood nearby. He said woman behold thy son. He cried I thirst for water, but they gave him none to drink. All alone he suffered everything. He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set him free. He could have called tenthousandangels.Buthediedaloneforyouandme.”

As we consider the resurrection of our Savior we each need to go back to the foot of the cross. It's hard to sin at the foot of the cross. It's hard to criticize others when the blood of Christ drops on your face as well as theirs. It's hard to mistreat your loved ones when Jesus is crying out their name in love. It's hard to be overbearing when you know Jesus would hold them if he weren't nailed to the cross.

It's hard to manipulate people when you can smell the open flesh of the precious Savior. It's hard to have hard feelings when you hear Mary crying for her son. It's time we get back on our knees and go back to the cross. It's time we look up to the Savior and stand in awe of his presence before us (Heb. 12:2).

The Great Resurrection

As they take the body of Jesus off the cross and lay him in the tomb, I often wonder what went through the minds of his disciples. Maybe they thought hope was lost. Maybe they thought the devil had finally won. But Sunday is coming! Matthew records, “And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay” (Mt. 28:5-6).

Our Lord went through the most horrific death one could go through. The love he has for us should lead us to serve and follow him. John records, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (Jn. 3:16). Robert Lowry so beautifully stated, “Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!”



Easter Egg Hunt 2022

Thank you to the Sheumakers
for an egg-cellent time



SFA FAMILY MATTERS

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health
 Jim Turner - health, tests
 Bernetta Green - health & strength
 Bobby Simpson - health
 Margaret Coone
 Annett Phillip - health
 Vanessa Palmer - health
 Janie Wise - health
 Wayne Shearer - health
 Darlene Thompson - bad cold

PRAYER LIST

Ron & Judy Ford - health
 Charles Paulin - health
 Brian Smith - heart
 Debbie Bush - health
 Sharon M. Washington - health
 Antoine & Marcella Swain - health
 Stacey Paulin - health
 Bill Long - health
 Toney Wilson - health

(Please update the office of any changes)

The **EXTENDED FAMILY** and **FRIENDS** prayer requests are emailed every week and posted on the bulletin board

Pray for our Shut-ins

Joyce Burbage Carol Eason Ellen Shearer
Have you visited?

Updates & Prayer requests

Jessica Palmer has been struggling with many problems.



Several of our young people and their families will be traveling to the Lads 2 Leaders convention. Please pray for safe travels and many fun experiences with other Christian families.

There are several opportunities to do some outreach in the community and within SFA. Please ask Rick Kenyon how you can fulfill the "great commission."

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Take a baby bottle bank change inside
Help a baby to be born **Save your**
Bottle banks are on the table in back hall



Sundays at 5:45 pm - Prayer time for evangelism efforts
 Sundays at 5:45 pm - Pew packers in auditorium
 Wednesdays at 10:00 am - Ladies' class
 Thursdays at 7:00 pm - Ladies Bible class

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

April

Designated Elder - Bobby Sheumaker

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 Song Leader/prayer Andre Medley
 Devo Stacey Paulin
 Closing Prayer David Deal

Sunday, April 17, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Sermon Brian Kenyon
 Proof Positive
Romans 1:4

6:00 P.M.

Sermon Brian Kenyon
 Can Culture Be Tamed?
1 Corinthians 6:18-20

10:30 A.M.

Open/Close bldg (both) Brian Kenyon
 Greeters Paulin
 Song/prayer before class Stacey Paulin
 Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 A.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Wesley Brunson
 Lord's Table George Davis
 Closing Prayer Jeff Bingle

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Kyle Bingle
 Lord's Table George Davis
 Closing Prayer Kyle Faneuf
 Greeters Brunson

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Announcements Rick Kenyon
 Song Leader/Prayer Vince Daugherty
 Devo Brian Kenyon
 Closing Prayer Josh Potvin

Upcoming Events

April

16 - Men's breakfast, 9a
 Eagle Lake
 22 - Fiesta Friday, 6p
 Andersons' home
 24 - Fellowship in-service
 26 - Ladies' Night Out
 29-May 1 - WWCC Youth Retreat, Tagtow

May

8 - Mother's Day
 10 - SFA Men's breakfast
 14 - Ladies' Swap
 14 - SFA graduation fellowship
 15 - FSOP graduation
 20 - Fiesta Friday
 21 - Men's breakfast, N. Lakeland

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Mar 27	\$7,359.00
Apr 3	\$6,358.00
Apr 10	\$6,026.00
Contribution Average	\$6,623.27
Weekly budget	\$7,663.43

When we sin we desire what is best for us, what pleases us or feels good at the time.

Galatians 2:20 teaches us that living by faith in Christ means you no longer live for yourself but for Jesus.

S- Sin is in every form of selfishness. "And he said to all 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.' " Luke 9:23

E- Everything is about me! "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3-4

L- Lust is selfish desire. "So I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." Galatians 5:16

F- Foolishness is a selfish sin. "The way of the fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice." Proverbs 12:15

I- Insensitive is showing no feeling or concern about others. "Be kind, compassionate and forgiving to one another." Ephesians 4:32

S- Self-seeking. We should never be self-seeking but God-seeking. "But seek ye the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

H- Haughty is putting yourself above others. "A haughty look, a proud heart and the plowing of the wicked are sin." Proverbs 21:4

Many sins that a person commits are the direct result of selfishness.



Rejoicing in hope

Romans 12:12

God's providence has resulted in the angels' and His kingdom's rejoicing that another soul has been baptized into Christ and added to His church (Acts 2:38, 47; 1 Corinthians 12:13)!

Welcome, Eyizeem Mitchell
(right side, stripped shirt, and big smile),
our new brother in Christ!

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**through [Jesus Christ] also
we have access by faith
into this grace in which
we stand, and rejoice in
hope of the glory of God.**

Romans 5:2



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