



FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

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“EASTER EASES ALL FEARS WITH RESURRECTION”

By Dr. Rodney Kennedy

Easter Sunday and April's Fool Day are on the same day. One is the Christian message; the other is a secular prank and comedy day for those with sick senses of humor.

Some folks take delight in scaring loved ones with April Fool's jokes. Christians answer fear with Easter. Begin with the fact of fear. Fear fills our world. Political fear is rampant. The fear of war. The fear of economic collapse. The fear of death. Fear is so dominant that we make lists of the top 10 fears among Americans. Did you know that fear of speaking in public was our number one fear and that number nine is fear of clowns? And did you know that Democrats are much more likely to be afraid of clowns than Republicans? Draw your own conclusions. Fear around us, yes, and fear in us all.

We're paralyzed by our fears. Fear crowds us in and constricts life. I knew a woman so afraid that she would not leave her house. It was considered a victory by her therapist if she would come outside and sit on the porch for a minute. Her situation is a parable of how fear grips our lives. The news stokes our fears. When the news spread across the world that a pilot had deliberately crashed a plane with 150 passengers into a mountain, everybody felt fear. Passengers boarding planes the next day were asking pilots: "You feeling OK? Taking your meds? Seen your therapist? Have any residual anger issues? Did you have a fight with your spouse this morning?" Fear paralyzes so many. We are helpless.

But hear the good news! Christ has been raised from the dead! This is our story. This is our song. We don't have another message or another Savior. We don't have a slick marketing campaign or some magical formula for meeting all your superficial needs. WE GOT RESURRECTION! Death is cut down to size with our praise, "Christ the Lord is risen today!" We sing it in our hymns, and Christianity is such a grand singing faith. We recite it in our creeds; we tell it to our children in Bible stories. Our early liturgy from the first century on: Christ is risen/He is risen indeed!

We are talking about the power of God to calm all our fears. All of them! Though we might be scared to death, shaking in our boots over the uncertainties of life, God overcomes fear and the forces of evil and death. God gives life in abundance, life bigger than our fears of scarcity. The power of fear, the reality of fear, all are overthrown by a God who shouts, "Do not be afraid!"

At FBC Peoria we will be singing, praying, and preaching resurrection on Easter Sunday!

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WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SS
11:00 A.M. FELLOWSHIP TIME ■ 11:15 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

MARCH 25, 2018, PALM SUNDAY

“THE STORY OF THE CROSS ”

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11, MARK 15:1-39

In a short story, a wrecker is moving slowly with its red lights down the road. Doves cry in the trees. And down the road in a field where someone has placed them stand three giant wooden crosses, their colors rising in the falling sunlight, yellow, and blue, and tan.

I have often seen those crosses. Nobody knows where they come from. Nobody ever sees them being put up. You come around a bend, and there on a hillside – three crosses. They always take my breath away, and I respect their presence and their unknown makers. To my mind, there are no wasted crosses. Let those roadside crosses stand at attention to honor the king of glory. Disturb the currents of our mad world with the sign of the cross. Let your life be an icon of God, a sign of the cross. In a bent world the cross reminds us that only Jesus can put it straight again.

Music: *"Who Am I"* — Chancel Choir

MARCH 29, 2018 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

As part of Holy Week worship we will gather for Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. We will observe the Lord's Supper and read Scripture and prepare our hearts for the Easter Vigil. Please join us as we journey toward the light of the resurrection.

APRIL 1, 2018, EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. EASTER BREAKFAST, FELLOWSHIP HALL

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE:

“EASTER POWER IS ‘BIG BANG’ POWER ”

Acts 10:34-43, I Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

We are talking about the power of God to calm all our fears. All of them! This is the same power that created the universe. Easter is God's "second Big Bang!" Though we might be scared to death, shaking in our boots over the uncertainties of life, God overcomes fear and the forces of evil and death. God gives life in abundance, life bigger than our fears of scarcity. The power of fear, the reality of fear, all are overthrown by a God who shouts, "Do not be afraid!"

Music: *"Christ Arose"* — Brass

"Have You Not Known?" — vocal quartet

"All Creatures of Our God and King" — Chancel Bells

"Endless Alleluia" — Youth Band, Higher Ground, & Chancel Choir

11:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt, Church Lawn



HEALTH TIPS

(Dr. Darrel Gumm,
HeartCare Midwest Cardiologists)

Is Margarine or Butter Okay to Eat?

Butter in limited quantities is okay. A better choice is to have good fats in your diet. Avocados are considered a source of "good fat."

Eggs or No Eggs?

Eggs are a good source of protein and in moderation should be fine. The yolk is the source of cholesterol.

How Women are Different When it Comes to Heart Attacks and Heart Disease.

Women are known to experience the symptoms of a heart attack and heart disease differently than what is typically expected. The symptoms may be more vague and may or may not include chest discomfort. Such symptoms are:

- ⇒ Nausea
- ⇒ A cold and clammy sensation
- ⇒ Shortness of breath

Lurene Ladd
Parish Nurse

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Sunday, April 15th, 11:30 a.m.

Following coffee fellowship time, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Chapel located in the South wing of the church. A service of prayer for healing will also be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

AREA III ANNUAL MEETING

The Great Rivers Region Area III Annual Meeting will be held on April 14th, here at First Baptist Church. This is a perfect opportunity for us to learn more about our area and region. There will also be an opportunity to meet with our area leaders and discuss the exciting new things we are doing here at First Baptist Church. The keynote speaker will be Judson University President, Dr. Gene Crume, and the worship leader will be the nationally recognized musician Huntley Brown. I hope you will seriously consider coming on Saturday and participating in this event.

Marti Atwater, FBC Social Activities Committee

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER  8:30AM Breakfast 9AM Music Reh. 10AM Worship Srv. 11AM Fellowship & Easter Egg Hunt	2 10AM MUGS 2 (Panera's)	3 <i>Newsletter</i> 8AM FBC Exer. Group (Chapel) 10AM MUGS (Parlor)	4 5:15PM Guitar Reh. 6PM Bell Reh. 6:45PM Choir Reh.	5 8AM FBC Exer. Group (Chapel)	6	7 8AM Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall)
8 9AM Music Reh. 10AM Worship Srv. 11AM Fellowship	9 10AM MUGS 2 (Panera's) 11AM Heart Wrng. Hats	10 8AM FBC Exer. Group (Chapel) 10AM MUGS (Parlor) 6PM Brd. Mtgs.	11 5:15PM Guitar Reh. 6PM Bell Reh. 6:45PM Choir Reh.	12 8AM FBC Exer. Group (Chapel)	13 6:30 PM Gourmet Group (Var. Loc.)	14 9AM-3PM Reg. III Annual Mtg. In Fell. Hall
15 9AM Music Reh. 10AM Worship Srv. 11AM Fellowship 11:15AM Exec. Mtg. 11:30AM Service of Healing (Chapel)	16 10AM MUGS 2 (Panera's)	17 <i>Newsletter</i> 8AM FBC Exer. Group (Chapel) 10AM MUGS (Library) 12PM Circle of Friends (Parlor)	18 5:15PM Guitar Reh. 6PM Bell Reh. 6:45PM Choir Reh.	19 8AM FBC Exer. Group (Chapel)	20	21
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THE MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO MINISTER TO OUR CONGREGATION, THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD, SO THAT ALL MAY EXPERIENCE THE LOVE AND GRACE OF GOD.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barb Petroski	Patricia Lang	Rose Kimpling
Ruth Turner	Pam Orrill	Jim Ashton
Marvin Olson	Rosemary Walk	Alyssa Russell
Wally Webber	Dorothy Cumming	Mary Hinch
Ruth Collins	Jacquelyn Kellogg	
	Dick Sternberg (Jo Sternberg's husband)	
	Peter (Grandson of Brenda Shay)	
	Stephanie George (Brenda Shay's daughter)	
Charles Baker (brother of Eleanor Shelton & Ellen Woods)		
Don Middleton (son of Rev. Middleton, brother of Janet Middleton)		

SPRING CLEAN-UP

SAT., APR. 7TH, 9:00 A.M. AT FBC

BREAKFAST AT 8:00 A.M., EVERYONE WELCOME!

FOR RESERVATIONS: RON JACOBS, 232-7023

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Early donations may be left at FBC in room 220,

 in boxes if possible.

No computer monitors or old TV's, please.



EASTER EGG HUNTS

FBC will host a **Community Easter Egg Hunt** on

 the church lawn on Saturday, March 31st, from

 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A second Easter Egg Hunt for the children of

 FBC will be held on the church lawn after

 worship on Easter Sunday, April 1st.



HELP DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY FOR EASTER SUNDAY

GERANIUM PLANTS \$15 EACH

ORDER NOW THROUGH MARCH

25TH IN THE WARM ROOM OR

THE CHURCH OFFICE.

