

Family & Friends..... March 27, 2024

“Happy Easter Sunday” to all of our Family & Friends!

Our Savior’s resurrection
Was God’s way of telling men
That in Christ we are eternal
and in Him we live again...
And to know life is unending
and God’s love is endless, too,
Makes our daily tasks
And burdens so much easier to do.

By: Helen Steiner Rice

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me will live even if he dies.’ John 11:25

Always blessed with all our visitors: Ben Waldron (Owasso, OK), Kirby and Rosie Waldron (Collinsville, OK), Kapten and Ashley Kasischke (Rocky Comfort, MO), Robert & Teresa Williams (Vilonia, AR), Brad and Kasey Bryant (Gravette), Jennifer Huffaker (Bella Vista), Ted Irby (Bella Vista), Jeanna Melton (Bentonville), Hannah Coalson, and Corbin Mabry.

Those on our prayer list: Our heartfelt sympathies go to Zeb Sailors in the loss of his wife Ava. Please keep Zeb and the family in your prayers. Roy Fanning is recovering from gallbladder surgery. Bill Evans will have surgery on Wednesday. Bob Alberson will also have surgery. Susan Duffy is home resting after her stimulator surgery. I will be having an ablation on April 9th in Tulsa. Continue to remember and pray for Amy Rooney, Monica Klingman’s step-mother, and our missionaries.

Congratulations to Tyler and Kacie White on the birth of their son Callen. We are so happy for you and your new love!

We have two beautiful ladies fixing to get married soon. There will be a shower for Alana Tucker and Ben Waldron on April 7th at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. Abby McSweeny and Jacob McCoy’s shower will be at 3:30 pm on April 14th.

Items for Children’s home: tuna, pork & beans, soups, spam, and hand soap. Food pantry: diced tomatoes, muffin mixes, spam, tuna, canned potatoes, and large canned soups.

Even on the cross, Jesus forgave those who hurt Him. Love you. Stay safe.

Karen

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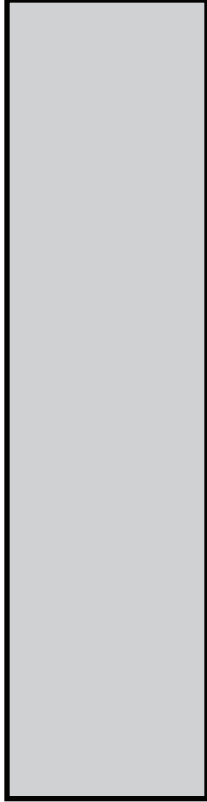
SUNDAY

Early Worship 8:15 AM
Bible Class (Livestreamed) 9:30 AM
Worship (Livestreamed) 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Class 9:45 AM
Bible Classes (Livestreamed) 7:00 PM

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Two Little Words

The final week of the life of Jesus here on earth began with the triumphant entry as Jesus made his way into the Holy City. The crowds were shouting his praises and spreading palm branches on the ground as the King made his way into the city. The week continued with Jesus cleansing the temple and then continuing to teach day by day about the coming Kingdom of God.

As the religious leaders continued to challenge his authority and looked for ways to discredit him, the tension intensified. Finally, it all came to a head as the Jewish leadership executed their plan to get rid of this troublemaking rabbi once and for all. It all seemed to be working in their favor. It was Passover and having such a large crowd in the city to witness him being convicted as a criminal and to get rid of him in one great act was too good an opportunity to pass up. They had one of his followers who agreed to lead the officers and soldiers to arrest him away from the plain view of those who thought well of him. The trials which were all rigged by the leadership that wanted Jesus gone went as planned. The Roman governor who wanted to keep peace could and would be willing to go along with the wishes of the Jewish leadership. The crowd was easily manipulated

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into calling for the release of a real criminal and for the crucifixion of Jesus.

It all seemed to go just the way they planned. By the end of the week, just prior to the Passover Sabbath, the body of Jesus was taken down from a Roman cross and laid in a nearby tomb. They had gotten what they wanted. *But God.....* Those two little words make all the difference.



Weeks later in that same city, in a sermon likely addressing many of the same people who had been in Jerusalem during the crucifixion, Peter used those two little words. “Men of Israel, listen to this Jesus of Nazareth, was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. *But God* raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.” (Acts 2:22-24)

When we stop and think about it, it is amazing how powerful those two little words are. It is incredible how much hope, mercy, grace, and love can be packaged in just two little words: *but God*. It is a theme that we find over and over in Scripture.

- Adam and Eve choose to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and as a result are banished from Eden where God comes to dwell with them. *But God* makes a way for people to return to him.

- During the days of Noah, every thought of humanity was on evil continually so that every living thing was going to be destroyed. *But God* called Noah and saved him and his family.

- Israel was enslaved in Egypt with no hope and no way to free themselves. *But God* called Moses, executed plagues, led Israel out, parted the sea, and destroyed their enemies.

These two little words are incredibly important and the only thing that brings us hope.

Paul in writing to the church in Ephesus uses those same two little words. “*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of*



this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and

were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (Ephesians 2:1-6)

As we find ourselves reflecting on the final week of the life, and particularly focus on the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, let’s remember these two little words, “*But God...*” Let’s remember to thank him for all he has done and think of where each of us would be if not for what he has done for us.



SUNDAY SERVANTS March 31, 2024

First Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture Bill Alumbaugh Song Leader Anthony Christiano
 Greeters Josh Porter, Roy Barnica, Gary McCool Communion Scripture & Prayer Randall Hunt
 Closing Prayer Nathanael Green
 Nursery Workers Janet Alumbaugh, Shannon Hubanks

Second Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture Jack Johnson Song Leader Lee McCain
 Greeters Josh Porter, Bill Evans, Bob Spaw Communion Scripture & Prayer Mitchell Whittington
 Closing Prayer Mike Spencer
 Nursery Workers Lyndsay White, Andrea Wald Van Driver Bryan Busbee

March Worship Coordinators

Worship Coordinator Mike York Streaming Coordinator James Beaty
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