

## AN ACORN FROM THE PASTOR

## A FACT TO BE RECKONED WITH

Later this month we celebrate the "Superbowl" of the Christian faith: Easter.

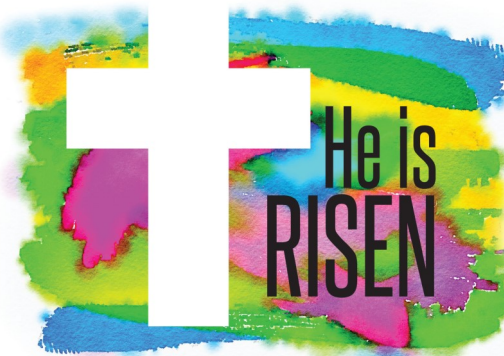
On this Sunday we affirm and celebrate the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ miraculously came back to life after enduring a gruel-

ing, tortuous death. As believers we accept this by faith. But at the same time, history and archeology continue to confirm what we know by faith is true.

Van Morris wrote about an illustration of the resurrection he came across in a book by Jonathan Dodson titled, *"Raised? Finding Jesus by Doubting the Resurrection"*. In it, the author writes, "The resurrection is a dividing line—a parting claim." Here's how he illustrates that "dividing line":

"The resurrection is like a river that parts a road. People are on the road approaching the river. Arriving at the river of the resurrection, you look across it to where the road continues and see quite a few cars are there. In your doubt, you can't imagine how people got to the other side of the river. How did they get across? How can rational people come to the belief that Jesus died and rose from the dead?

Faith is the unnoticed ferry, lying hidden near the bank of the river that can take us from the riverbank of doubt ... to the other side of belief in the resurrection. [But] it's not blind faith ... You don't cross by closing your eyes and wishing Jesus' resurrection was true. No. You cross with your eyes wide open. This is an informed faith, faith in a historical plausible resurrection, attested by hundreds of witnesses, one proven to be worth believing."



## THE OAKLEAVES

OAK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
BURLINGTON, IOWA



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Dr. Luke, who wrote a Gospel and a history book known as the Acts of the Apostles was alive at the time of Jesus resurrection. He did some extensive research and turned up a body of evidence that confirmed the fact that our Savior did rise alive and well from the grave. Luke reported that:

Acts 1:3 "After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." NIV

Another who lived during the time when these events unfolded recorded some of these convincing truths:

1 Cor 15:3-8 "3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born." NIV

This is just "scratching the surface" as to the evidence that Jesus did miraculously rise from the dead. Those of us that are convinced that Jesus rose again do indeed accept this on the basis of faith. But our faith is not a "blind" conviction. Rather, it is a faith that is reinforced by accepted

facts from history. Praise God for the "trail of breadcrumbs" that He left for future generations to see that His Son is all that he claimed to be!

**May you and your family celebrate our risen, living Savior's resurrection this Easter!**

**-Pastor Gary**



-Pastor Gerald Dzawo

### How to teach your kids healthy sexuality

A vast majority of kids say they receive more information about sexuality from their friends, media, and school than from their own home. This is not good news because a parent is almost always the person who has the best interest of their child in mind when it comes to sexuality. We need to face the facts and deal with the issues in a healthy and beneficial way. It won't always be easy or comfortable, but the results will definitely be worth it.

Here are four critical areas parents bring to the table to help their kids develop a healthy view of their sexuality.

**Talk.** Communication is a key to developing healthy sexuality. Don't lecture your kids, but engage them in dialogue. Teach healthy sexual values as normal and natural as possible. Make your conversations age-appropriate, and talk about all aspects of sexuality over a period of time. Your ultimate goal is to bring meaning and value to their sexuality that will help them decide to live a life of God-honoring sexual integrity.

**Role Models With Honesty and Integrity.** Some of us didn't handle our hormones very well when we were young. No matter what our situation, dealing with issues honestly is the healthiest approach. You don't have to share all your "dirty laundry," but you can say that the reason you have concerns for your children is because you didn't get this kind of healthy conversation, and it affected you. Your own sexual integrity also plays a major factor. Let's face it: You can't ask your kids to live out a way of life that you aren't living yourself.

**Grace and Forgiveness.** As you talk with your children about healthy sexuality, make sure there is plenty of positive talk about grace and forgiveness. Some families mean well, but in their desperation to teach their kids values, they turn sexuality into something dirty. Don't be one of those parents. Kids need help in setting healthy, positive standards for their sexuality and relationships, and it is always more effective when surrounded with grace and forgiveness.

**Something Is Better Than Nothing.** In a world where most kids do not receive much input about sexuality from their parents, never forget the old adage, "Something is better than nothing." It is never too early to begin and never too late to start talking about this most important subject.

As parents, let's be diligent in talking to our children about what healthy sexuality looks like so that we do not have to relegate our God given responsibilities to the schools, their friends or the internet.



**youth Group—Wednesday 6:30**

**Parents**





# Reenactment of Holy Week

From Palm Sunday to Good Friday

Starting Sunday, March 12



6:30 PM

Sanctuary

Oak Street

Baptist church

Please join us on each of these important days as we go through this timeline of Jesus last week before he was crucified.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12—THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

MONDAY, MARCH 20—CLEARING OF THE TEMPLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 28—DAY OF CONTROVERSY & PARABLES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5—DAY OF REST

THURSDAY, APRIL 13—PASSOVER AND LAST SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 14—CRUCIFIXION

## **Advisory Meeting Monday, March 20, 2017**

Present – Allen Twedt, Chris Giffin, O’Kemm Dixon, Stacey Giffin, Craig Williams, Linda Williams, Bob Gerdes

Absent – Pastor Gary & Pastor Gerald

Allen opened with devotional & prayer.

Mission/Outreach: The Ruiz’s will be with us April 21-24. There will be a potluck on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> following the Sunday School hour.

Trustees – Discussed copier. Advisory approved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to go ahead with a different copier. There will be a work day on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Several items are on the agenda to do. Have new lights for the chapel room that Jack bought for \$10 apiece. The bell tower needs to be checked to make sure the screen is on to keep the pigeons out.

Deaconess – The Deaconess will be doing the lilies for Easter this year. Flowers will be \$5.00 and Deaconess will cover the rest. Would like to see a full flower garden this year up front. Several people have been making phone calls to Kathy Meyer. This has helped Kathy and will continue to do this.

C.E. – A committee meeting was on March 12<sup>th</sup>. VBS will be July 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> with a fiesta missions theme. Pastor Gerald is looking at a service weekend.

Ushers – Nothing new.

Finance – March will be the beginning month with reduced staff salaries.

## **PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HOST MISSIONARIES**

### **MOISES AND CAROLYN RUIZ**

**APRIL 21-24**



**The couple will talk and answer questions during Bible Fellowship/Sunday School on the 23rd and A Missionary Pot Luck will be held right after Church at 11:30. Please bring a covered dish or salad to share.**

**Moises and Carolyn will be back to talk about their missionary calling to the kids at Awana that afternoon.**

**See a member of the Missions Commission  
with any questions.**






JESUS IS **RISEN!**

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

### What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
  - Scissors
  - Pencil
  - Glue stick
  - Brad fastener
  - Marker
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**What you do:**

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



**!stop!**

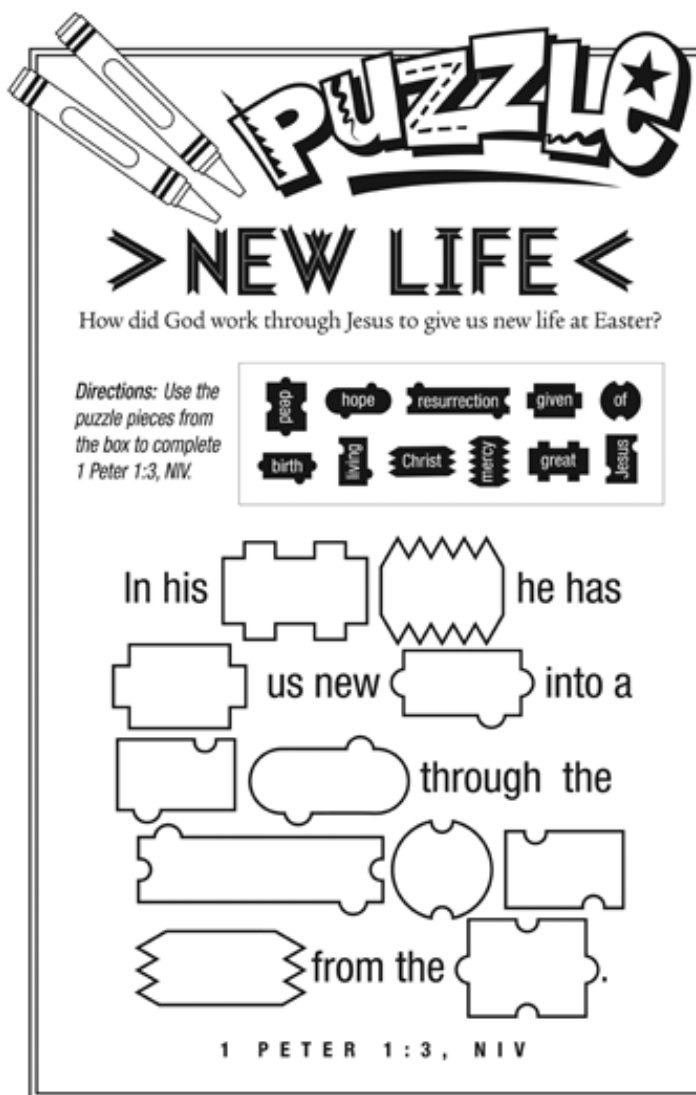
From a church newsletter:

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Children can help on Pam Sunday!

We need inductors to have branches

This made us put *palm* to forehead!

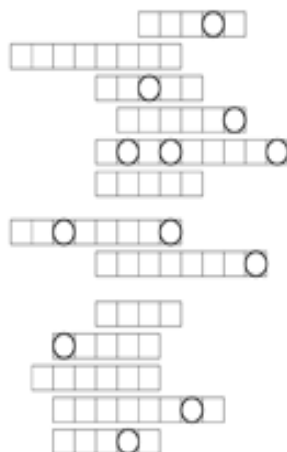


Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

# Puzzle!

After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:

1. What Jesus was wrapped in
2. The site of Jesus' crucifixion
3. One of the rulers who questioned Jesus
4. He washed his hands of Jesus
5. Followers of Jesus
6. He denied Christ
7. A large hill
8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
9. Jesus' mother
10. A Jewish teacher
11. The doubting disciple
12. Jesus was mistaken for this
13. One of Peter's other names



Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simony resurrection



**Saturday, April 1**

**8 AM**

*Bring a Friend, Encourage a brother in Christ to attend Questions? contact the church or Ron Siegel*

**WMF Ladies**



**LOIS CIRCLE**

**Thurs, April 20**

(change due to Easter)

**5:30 PM**

Shirley -main dish

Donna—devotion

**SARAH CIRCLE**

**Thurs, April 20**

**5:30 PM**

**See O'Kemm Dixon for specifics**



- 4/2 Jane Hummell**
- 4/9 Christopher Giffin**
- 4/12 Samuel Dzawo**
- 4/16 Bob Gerdes**  
**Judy Darnell**
- 4/18 Pat Poggemiller**
- 4/19 Nicole Matteson**  
**Sharon Parker**
- 4/20 Adam Casias**
- 4/24 Betty McPherson**
- 4/26 Frances Morris**



**April 11**

**Gerald & Leah Mattox**

**April 15**

**Don & Lois Traman**



**Rides Available**

*To get a ride in the van to church service or Awana clubs: Call 753-3681*

*Between 8 am-4 pm Friday*

*Adults only to call, please be ready 10 minutes before you expect the van so others do not have to wait.*



***BIGGEST NEED: New-born & Premie size onesies & sleepers .***

*New 10 gallon lidded plastic tubs (used to deliver a complete layette for new mothers)*

*Diapers, baby body wash, shampoo and new mom's toiletry items. Bring to church and place in bassinet in the foyer, (2nd floor)*



**Good Friday**

**April 14 at 11:30 AM**


***Begin at the Port of Burlington and walkthrough the downtown community and ending back at the Port.***

***The Burlington Area council of Churches invites you to carry the cross and participate in scripture readings and prayer at 14 stations along the route.***

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## Oak Street Baptist Church



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The best way to register is online @ [villagecreek.net](http://villagecreek.net)

## AMAZING PLACE • AMAZING GOD VILLAGE CREEK BIBLE CAMP

SUMMER 2017

NEW THIS YEAR!

EVERY YOUTH CAMPER GETS A T-SHIRT!

REGISTER BY **MARCH 9** FOR THE BEST PRICE!

SELECT YOUR WEEK AND INVITE A FRIEND OR TWO!

	Week Attending (please fill circle)	Grade Entering in Fall	Registration Postmarked		
			By March 9	By May 1	After May 1
<input type="radio"/>	June 4-10	Junior Camp 1 (3rd- 6th)	\$316	\$336	\$356
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### OTHER RETREATS / CAMPING

**April 21-23—Men’s retreat with Terry Baxter**

**April 28-30—Women and Girl’s Retreat with Mandy Desilets**

**May 5-7—Men and Boy’s Retreat (think: games/adventure)**