

From the Pastor's desk

The Christian Calendar tells us that it is almost time for Easter. Many consider it to be just a long weekend, a time to get away, time off from work. However the Easter weekend is a very special time for us as Christians, especially for believers as we remember God's great act of love towards mankind. It is also the greatest act of obedience and sacrifice by Christ Jesus, laying down His life for all mankind as He died on the cross of Calvary. Praise God it is also a time of celebration as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. His victory over sin and death affords us the privilege to walk in victory and to live in the hope of eternity with Christ Jesus.

Easter is also a time of singing the old classic Hymns and songs such as the 'Old Rugged Cross', 'I Believe In A Hill Called Mount Calvary', 'Up From The Grave He Arose' and 'He Is Risen, He is Alive'. We enjoy pickled fish and hot-cross buns. Children look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt. Families spend solemn moments at the grave sides of loved ones who passed on.

The message of the angel at the tomb was certainly the greatest news to the disciples that eventful weekend. "...they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" Luke 24:5,6
"... You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here...But go tell His disciples..."

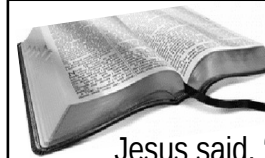
May the message of Easter compel us to tell our spouses, children, families and friends that Jesus is ALIVE. He was crucified, died, was buried and rose from the dead. The tomb is empty and that we serve a God, Who is Alive forever.

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God's word says...

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

For three days they though they had made it. His quiet, unbroken strength (almighty meekness) fanned their fury as they stood watching the heavy nails pierce his hands and feet, when the Roman soldiers secured him to his cross. He was taking into his heart the very sin that motivated this. Their hearts and minds were blinded by that sin. The same dark, inner drive which prodded the first man and woman toward the forbidden tree to satisfy their desire to know as much as God knew. In the heart of each man who plotted his death, there twisted the tormentor whom God hated. He did not hate these murderers, he hated the disease that had made them murderers. As the God Man hung above them, praying for them, he loved them with the kind of love that could have healed them on the spot.

Down from his cross poured redemptive love in quantity enough for the whole human race. Enough for you. Enough for me. Far from decreasing because of our behaviour against him, it seemed rather to increase. The same situation still exists today and will exist as long as the earth stands.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

God's richest blessing on those celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Birthdays

Joyal Bastian 16/4
Jodi Waggenstroom 25/4
Paulene Solomon 24/4

Anniversaries

Michael and Charmaine Petersen 02/04
David and Bernie Jason 05/04

Prayer & Fasting

Please remember that every Wednesday is our prayer & fasting day.

Please forward any praise or prayer items to Vanessa.

Pastor James and Portia will be doing home visitation on Wednesday evenings.

Family Focus bible study, prayer and communion also on Wednesday evenings.

"My house will be called a house of prayer" Matthew 21:13

- Gillian Amansure (pancreatic cancer)
- Roger Hendricks (cancer)
- Garth Lamb (looking for a job)
- Stacey Lamb (pregnancy)
- Debbie Singh (full recovery of broken arm)
- Learners & Youth (Bible Challenge Exam)

Weekly Church Activities

Sat	01/04	Intercessory Prayer at 8am
Sun	02/04	Communion Service
Fri	07/04	Youth at 7pm
Sat	08/04	Intercessory Prayer at 8am
Sat	08/04	Easter Present. Love Ran Red at 6:30pm
Sun	09/04	Easter Present. Love Ran Red at 6:30pm
Wed	12/04	Pastoral Visit/ Family Focus
Thur	13/04	Worship Team Practice
Fri	14/04	Good Friday Service at 9am

Weekly Church Activities

Sun	16/04	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6:30am
Mon	17/04	Family Day
Wed	19/04	Pastoral Visit/ Family Focus
Fri	21/04	Youth at 7pm
Sat	22/04	Intercessory Prayer at 8am
Sat	22/04	Ladies at 3pm
Sun	23/04	Worship Service at 9am
Wed	26/04	Pastoral Visit/ Family Focus
Thur	27/04	Freedom Day
Sun	30/04	Service at 9am

Pray for the meetings.

Door Duty for April

Sat	08/04	Vanessa	Sun	16/04	Colleen
Sun	09/04	Felicia & Gilbert	Sun	23/04	Paulene & Shane
Fri	14/04	Carol & Chris	Sun	30/04	Julia & Douglas