



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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Wednesday, March 31, 2021

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After Jesus died on the cross for our sins, the Scripture tells us that Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy Pharisee, made arrangements to bury the body of Jesus in his own tomb (Mt. 27:57-60; Mk. 15:42-46; Lk. 23:50-53; and Jn. 19:38-42). The Gospel of John also records that Nicodemus, another prominent Pharisee, was with him, and this was the same Nicodemus who previously came to Jesus "by night" (Jn. 3).

Although Joseph and Nicodemus probably didn't realize it at the time, their actions were actually fulfilling the words of the ancient prophet Isaiah, who foretold that Jesus would be "buried with the rich" after His death (Is. 53:9).

Now why did God ordain for His Son to be buried in someone else's tomb? Why did He not provide His Son with His own tomb?

Perhaps God wanted to highlight the fact that His Son lived a simple life while He was on the earth. He had no great wealth, not even a burial plot to call His own. For our sakes, He became poor that we might be made rich (2 Cor. 8.9).

Maybe also God was telling us that the tomb would not be the final resting place of His Son. It was only a temporary place for His body, and He wasn't going to need it very long. God would raise Him up from the dead, and Joseph could have his tomb back.

Besides this, I believe God also wanted us to understand that if we believe in His Son, then our graves are only temporary resting places too! For one day, the graves will hear His voice, and we will be called to our eternal home with Christ! (Jn. 5.28-29)

This Easter, we rejoice in truth of our Risen Lord, and we thank Him for His love!

In His service,
Bro. Chad

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 04-04-21

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary 10:45 a.m.
Children's Church
Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 04-05-21

Ladies Bible Study & Fitness Class 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 04-06-21

Prime Time Luncheon Resumes 12:00 noon

Wednesday, 04-07-21

Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 p.m.
Mid Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
Youth IMPACT and TeamKID 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 31, immediately following the
Prayer Service
(Will vote on the 2021 Budget)



GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

April 2, 6:30 PM

Make your plans now to join for this special time of worship and remembrance as we reflect on our Savior's love at the cross.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING North American Missions

Goal: \$7,000.00

Received to Date: \$ 4,575.00

Budget Statistical Report - As of March 21

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| Budget Receipts This Week | \$ 9,919.01 |
| Budget Needed Weekly | \$ 11,754.85 |
| Budget Received to Date | \$ 126,836.01 |
| Budget Needed to Date | \$ 141,058.20 |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. / TeamKID.

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

1st Sunday, April 7

Darlene Causey, Carole Pacheco

2nd Sunday, April 11

Alda Sayles



Thursday, April 1, '21

Judges 1-3; Luke 1:1-25

Friday, 2, '21

Judges 4-5; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, April 3, '21

Judges 6; Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, April 4, '21

Judges 7-8; Luke 1:57-80

Monday, April 5, '21

Judges 9; Luke 2:1-20

Tuesday, April 6, '21

Judges 10-12; Luke 2:21-40

Wednesday, April 7, '21

Judges 13-15; Luke 2:41-52

PARKING LOT SECURITY

1st Sunday, April 4

Morning - Gary Bailes, Dave Linn

Evening - Donnie McCaa

2nd Sunday, April 11

Morning - Lonnie Gilley

Evening - Dave Linn

MEMORIALS

Fund: Annie Armstrong

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: DeWayne & Grace Kelly

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: George & Laverne
Smith & Family

In Memory of:

Ruth Alane Frey

By: Doug & Debbie Frey

Fund: Flag Pole

In Memory of:

Windom W. Wilson

By: Billie Martin

MEMORIALS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Cinnamon Square

In Memory of:

**Juanita Blackwell,
Mary Jo McClusky,
Myrna Rhodes**

By: Floyd & Phail Dean
Jones

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Budget

In Honor of:

Patty Stowell

By: Bo & Judy Worley

Fund: Annie Armstrong

In Honor of:

**Bro. Chad & Marsha
Hardbarger**

By: Rose Turner

Hospital List

WK North

Larry Savell

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town

Prayer List

Charles Goodwin
Edie Goodwin

Prayer List Home

Margaret Alexander
Ruth & Lloyd Rainer

**Special Prayer
Needs**

Janine Dunlap
Richard Hadwin
Sandra Hadwin
Cheryl Jones
Michelle Oney
Clair Pittman
Bo Shackelford



CHOIR MEETING

As a church, we have the goal to start up our Sanctuary Choir practices on Wednesdays, beginning May 5 and our Prime Time Choir practices on Tuesdays, beginning August 3. If you are interested and able to participate in one or both of these choirs, please plan to meet with us on Sunday, April 11, at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of our Education Building. Hope to see you then!

FAITH & FITNESS CLASS

"Stronger: Finding Hope in Fragile Places"

Ladies Bible Study and Fitness Class,
led by Brandy Cumberland.

Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center
Childcare will be provided.

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
RETURNS**

Tuesday, April 6th / 12:00 noon