

His 4 Souls

WITH BROTHER TOM

Dear Church Family,

Probably the most debated event in human history is the resurrection of Jesus. Many people call Jesus a great man, others call Him a great teacher, still others call Him a great philosopher and almost everyone agrees He was a great moral example. I contend He was none of the above, if He died and did not come back from the grave because He himself promised over and over that He would.

Two billion people in the world today have staked their eternal destiny and their entire lives on this one truth that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. Yet for four billion other people in the world the jury is still out.

Maybe you are still somewhat skeptical or know someone who is. Allow me to give you 4 reasons to believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

- 1. His body was buried** – To come back from the dead, Jesus obviously first had to be dead. Some suggest He didn't really die on the cross but was rather somewhat comatose. There are several problems with this: In John 19:34 we read that to make sure Jesus was dead a soldier thrust a spear in His side puncturing the sack around the heart. The American Medical Association states Jesus clearly was dead because the blood had begun to clot and separate from the water. The Jews would wrap dead bodies in grave clothes and use 100 pounds of spice between the folds. They would then seal those clothes around the corpse like a mummy. The head would be wrapped. The mouth and nose would be filled with spices and cloth. The body would have been placed in a relatively air-tight tomb with little fresh air available to breathe. Yes, He died and His body was buried.

- 2. The tomb was empty** – For 2,000 years now no one has debated the fact the tomb was empty dawn of that 3rd day. How it became empty is what people debate. The Pharisees wanted the soldiers to say the disciples stole the body while the soldiers guarding the tomb slept. It would have been a capital offense to sleep while on duty like that. And if they were asleep, how would they have known who it was that 'stole' the body? If it were not Jesus' friends who took His body, maybe it was His foes. If this were the case, when the disciples started preaching the resurrection they would have merely produced the body.
- 3. Lives were and still are being changed** – If you add up the gospel account witnesses of the resurrected Jesus you come to at least 516. Many of these witnesses sealed their testimony with their own blood being beheaded, thrust through with a spear, fed to lions, etc. Do we really believe all these people would have given their life for a lie?
- 4. The Church was born** – There is no other explanation of the church than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no other explanation that Christians uniquely worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, than the resurrection. There is no other explanation that before you can join a true New Testament church, you must confess that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord and accept the resurrection.

You don't have to believe in the resurrection, but you do have to deny overwhelming evidence to the contrary to reject it.

His,

Bro Tom

YOUNG ADULTS

WITH MARK WHITAKER

Do You Love the Lord?

I was reading in my devotion out of Deuteronomy 6, which is a passage sometimes referred to as the *Shema* (meaning "hear, " as in "hear O Israel") and is one of the most important texts in the entire Old Testament for the people of Israel. In verse 5 we find the original command to "love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." It is summarized in several places in Scripture, most notably when Jesus quotes it, referring to it as "the greatest commandment." In Daniel Block's commentary on Deuteronomy, he gives some interesting insight. He makes note that never in all of the Bible does it ever say that someone loved (Hebrew *ahav*) the LORD that way. That Hebrew word means to remain faithful to a covenant, and it's interesting when Jesus quotes it, because the truth is that He is the only one to have ever been obedient to it. Jesus showed His covenant faithfulness to God through His life of obedience, as well as through His death of substitutionary satisfaction. The prophet Isaiah says that even though He had never sinned, "he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities." The beauty of the Gospel is that when you look at yourself and you realize that you have not loved the LORD like He deserves, there is one who has loved God with His whole being on your behalf! Then, knowing that Christ loved the Father perfectly with heart, soul, and might, we are gripped by the love shown to us on the cross and we are equipped by the Holy Spirit to indeed, for the first time, love the LORD, who is now *your* God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Do you love the LORD?

SENIOR ADULTS WITH GREG SWACK

PrimeTimers Potluck

Thursday, August 17 at 11:45am

East Campus Fellowship Center

Music and Program by "Minnie Pearl" (as featured at Opryland Theme Park).

Bring a dish and enjoy a fun time with door prizes and a devotional too!

PrimeTimers Lunch at Watermill Restaurant

Travel with us to Cave City for a buffet lunch.

Cost: \$12.00 (includes meal, drink, tip, and transportation)

Leave at 11:30am and return by 2:00pm. Register by using a green envelope in the offering plate or black deposit box.

Promotion Sunday

August 6 is promotion Sunday. Children will move up a grade. If your child is in Kindergarten-6th grade, he or she needs to choose either the 9:30 hour or 11:00 hour at East Campus to attend Bible Fellowship classes. Children will attend worship with their parents the opposite hour of Bible Fellowship. The entry date to promote to the next age group has changed from October 1 to August 1. This will help us stay aligned with the local schools' policy.

Wednesday night activities

Wednesday night activities will start on August 16. Children ages 4 years old through 6th grade will spend an hour in Team Kid from 6:30pm-7:30pm during the Point service. They will have 20 minute rotations in the following classes: Recreation, Bible Study, and Missions. I am still in need of some volunteers to help teach every other Wednesday evening. If you are interested in teaching a TeamKid Bible Study class, Recreation or a Mission's class at either campus, please contact Megan Woods @ megan@eastwoodbc.org or 270-991-1498.

GAME DAY

1st-6th graders will help pack backpacks with the mission items we collected during VBS at East Campus. Please have your 1st-6th grader pick up an extra backpack while shopping for back-to-school items. We need **A LOT** of backpacks! These are "Christmas Backpacks" that the KBC is collecting to give to children living in poverty in Kentucky. We will do this service project on Saturday, August 26 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Have your child wear their bathing suit under shorts and a t-shirt. We will eat pizza and play water games. I hope to see your child there so

we can help share the gift of love and the Gospel with a child in need this Christmas!

Volunteer Job Openings

Immediate Needs:

South:

Bed Babies during 10:30 hour (4th Sunday of the month)

Teacher for 1s/2s at the 10:30 hour (1st Sunday of the month)

Assistant for 1s/2s at the 9:00 hour (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month)

East:

Twos' class:

2 teachers every other Sunday at 11:00am

Twos' class:

Assistant every other Sunday at 9:30am

Threes' class:

2 teachers every other Sunday at 11:00am

Threes' class:

One teacher every Sunday for 6 weeks, then every other Sunday at 9:30am

5th/6th grade: Teachers every other Sunday at 11:00am

SOUTH CAMPUS WITH BEN SIMPSON

The Canada Team had an amazing trip! Travel was smooth and uneventful, which is always a blessing, and when we arrived on the field, we joined together with four churches from Texas for a week of Gospel impact with First Nations peoples around the Prince Albert, Saskatchewan area of Canada along with our North American Mission Board church planter Jason Johnson.

Each church focused on a different ministry site. Our team from Eastwood ministered on the Muskoday First Nation Reservation. "Muskoday" is a native word for "bear." This reservation has a Baptist church on it, but it is very weak and sparsely attended. However, we were blessed to minister to over 30 different children throughout our week of VBS-like ministry. The main truth for the week was the foundational truth that God made us for a purpose, which these people need to hear over and over again because so many see no purpose in life. We shared Jesus like crazy!

I have only one regret. We had planned and prayed to engage adults during the week, but none of the adults would engage us in any meaningful conversation. They just kept us at arm's length. However, they gladly let us share the love of Jesus with their children, which gives me great hope.

We had a strong team, and I'm so thankful that God called Bill Vonnahme, Debbie Puryear, Jeanette Gullett, Matthew Peterson, Paul Meyers, and Stein Prichard to go with me. Each person was an indispensable part of the team and left a part of their heart in Canada!

Thank you for all the prayer beforehand and during! Please continue to pray that the Gospel seeds we sowed produce a harvest!

Living because of Jesus,

Pastor Ben

KINGDOM CONTRIBUTIONS

May Monthly Report:

Tithes and Offerings	\$163,874.06
Tithes & Offerings thru 5/31/17	\$1,695,522.58
Tithes & Offerings thru 5/31/16	\$1,632,241.52
His Vision Our Faith	\$32,463.00

June 2017 through 6/19/17:

Tithes & Offerings	\$123,870.85
Tithes & Offerings YTD 6/19/2017	\$1,819,393.43
Tithes & Offerings (same period 2016)	\$1,784,535.94
His Vision Our Faith	\$12,173.00
His Vision Our Faith YTD	\$983,899.71

*Fiscal year Sept. 2016—August 2017

EBC STAFF

Rev. Thomas R. James, Lead Pastor
 Rev. Ed Jent, Associate Pastor of Education
 Rev. Dana Ellis, Associate Pastor of Music/Worship
 Rev. Greg Swack, Associate Pastor of Senior Adults & Pastoral Care
 Rev. Justin McClure, Associate Pastor of Students
 Megan Woods, Director of Preschool and Children's Ministries
 Rev. Ben Simpson, South Campus Pastor
 Rev. Mark Whitaker, Associate Pastor of Young Adults/South Worship
 Dr. Don Mathis, Staff Evangelist
 Sandy Enlow, Business Administrator
 Lisa Keen, Education/Children's Ministry Assistant
 Erin Reynolds, Senior Adult/Student Ministry Assistant
 Natalie Martin, Publications/Worship Ministry Assistant
 David Owens, Facilities Manager

2017 BIBLE READING -AUGUST

8/1 - 2 Kings 11-15	8/12 - Luke 23-24	8/23 - Psalm 93-95
8/2 - Psalm 84-86	8/13 - 1 Thessalonians 4-5	8/24 - Proverbs 16
8/3 - Proverbs 11-12	8/14 - Leviticus 22-24	8/25 - Daniel 1-6
8/4 - Ezekiel 31-36	8/15 - 2 Kings 21-25	8/26 - John 3-4
8/5 - Luke 21-22	8/16 - Psalm 90-92	8/27 - 1 Timothy 1-3
8/6 - 1 Thessalonians 1-3	8/17 - Proverbs 14-15	8/28 - Numbers 1-4
8/7 - Leviticus 19-21	8/18 - Ezekiel 43-48	8/29 - 1 Chronicles 5-9
8/8 - 2 Kings 16-20	8/19 - John 1-2	8/30 - Psalm 96-98
8/9 - Psalm 87-89	8/20 - 2 Thessalonians	8/31 - Proverbs 17-18
8/10 - Proverbs 13	8/21 - Leviticus 25-27	
8/11 - Ezekiel 37-42	8/22 - 1 Chronicles 1-4	

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GIFTS WERE GIVEN . . .

In memory of Jamie Shaw*
 (Patsy Smith's mother) by
 Ricky & Elaine Powell

In memory of Jan August by
 Anonymous
 Thomas & Jill Klusman
 Ben & Lois Basye
 Stephen & Carol Bahn
 Legacy Farmers Coop.
 Jeff & Alice Hailey
 Connie Klinger
 Thomas & Mary Klein
 Tom & Gail Evans
 Mary J. Williams
 Wright Implement
 Tony & Shari Schwab
 Vincent & Francis Feldman
 Michael & Bobbie Hays
 Janet & Merle McDaniel
 Donald & Bonnie Smith
 Timothy & Barbara Poole
 Joe & Nancy Bryan
 Dorothy & William Oldham
 Paula Klusman

In memory of LeAnne Faxon Martin by
 Anonymous
 Romanza Johnson

In memory of Charles Chandler by
 Nancy Chandler

EASTWOOD EVENTS:

- 8/1 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/1 - 9:30am ESL Classes
- 8/2 - 5:45pm Huddle (Both Locations)
- 8/2 - 6:30pm The Point (Both Locations)
- 8/3 - 12:00pm Student Lunch
- 8/4-8/6 - Camp Agape
- 8/6 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 8/6 - 6:00pm Adult Worship Choir
- 8/8 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/8 - 9:30am ESL Classes
- 8/8 - 12:00pm ALZ Support Group
- 8/9 - 5:30pm Stewardship Committee Mtg
- 8/9 - 5:45pm Huddle (Both Locations)
- 8/9 - 6:30pm The Point (Both Locations)
- 8/13 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 8/13 - 4:00pm Adult Worship Choir
- 8/13 - 4:00pm Student Ministry Parent Mtg.
- 8/15 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/15 - 9:30am ESL Classes
- 8/16 - 5:45pm Huddle (Both Locations)
- 8/16 - 6:30pm The Point (Both Locations)
- 8/16 - 6:30pm TeamKID (Both Locations)
- 8/16 - 6:30pm APEX (Both Locations)
- 8/17 - 11:45am PrimeTimer's Potluck
- Regular Sunday Worship
- 8/20 - 6:00pm Gospel Homecoming
- 8/22 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/22 - 9:30am ESL Classes
- 8/23 - 5:45pm Huddle (Both Locations)
- 8/23 - 6:30pm The Point (Both Locations)
- 8/26 - 10:00am G.A.M.E Day
- 8/27 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 8/27 - 4:30pm Business Meeting
- 8/27 - 5:00pm One Church Celebration
- 8/29 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/29 - 9:30am ESL Classes
- 8/29 - 11:30am PrimeTimer's to Watermill
- 8/31 - Red Mountain Team Departs