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## **Easter Baskets or Empty Tombs**

By: Martha Noebel

I was living up North several years ago when I first heard the phrase, "He Is Risen; He Is Risen Indeed!" The pastor loved to say the first part, He Is Risen, and wait with a big smile on his face for the congregation to finish the statement. (He Is Risen Indeed.) This was a favorite ritual every Easter Sunday morning.

Why did the pastor like saying it? I guess He knew it would fit with the sermon that day. He was sort of priming the pump, so to speak, for what was to come. Then a wonderfully, well organized, properly prepared sermon on the death and resurrection of Christ would soon follow. Previous to this were three or four songs from the hymnal such as *He Lives*, *He Arose*, *At Calvary*, and *At The Cross*. It was the only Sunday we would sing these songs, so sing we did. We sang loudly and with a lot of heart.

I remember as a child that everyone wore fancy clothes on that day. It was the only Sunday that all the kids had new white shoes and pretty hats. Some of the girls even wore white gloves. Several of the moms and dads had a flower on their suits or dresses. An excitement was in the atmosphere. We knew an Easter egg hunt for all the children would begin after the service. There would be lots of beautifully colored hard boiled eggs, jelly beans inside plastic eggs, hard candy coated marshmallow eggs, and a very special large chocolate covered candy egg. At home I had a wonderful Easter basket filled with lots of candy and gum waiting for me too.

It marked the coming of spring. Pastel colors were everywhere. Flowers were blooming and the air was much warmer than a few weeks ago. It was such a happy time.

Now, I am older and I know Easter Sunday in a much different way. I now realize Easter is about death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus the Son of God was born so that one day He would die. He chose to become the sacrifice for your sins and mine.

The Bible says,

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" ([John 3:16](#) NIV).

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." ([Romans 3:23](#) NIV).

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Romans 6:23](#) NIV).

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" ([1 John 1:9](#) NIV).

It's so wonderful. By faith we simply believe in the great price that was paid for us. We sinned, Jesus died on a cross to pay for our sins, and on the third day rose from the grave. He is seated at the right hand of God making intercession for us.

He paid a very high price. He gave His life. He suffered so that we can live forever with God. If we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, we are saved. There is no condemnation for the things we have done. And with each mistake we now make, forgiveness is still ours to receive.

The tomb where Jesus was buried and from where He rose was left empty. Only the grave clothes were left behind. Because of His great love for us, and the power of God living in us, we too will one day be caught up with Him in the air.

"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever" ([1 Thessalonians 4: 17](#)).

Jesus is coming again for those of us who have asked Him to forgive us our sins. We are waiting for that day when the heavens will open and we will meet Him in the skies.

So you see, Easter isn't at all about Easter baskets full of candy, pretty clothes, or spring flowers. It's about an empty tomb. He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!



## **Prayer Concerns**

**For our national leaders and world leaders** as they lead their respective nations.

**For our troops** in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

**For the "people in the box"-- the lost in** our families and community.

**For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ** in our own time

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor**

**For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel**

**Al Graff** home now but still having some difficulty with heart rhythm

**Norm McGinnis** wearing a heavy duty back brace for next 3-6 months

**Teresa Hayward** recuperating at home from a knee surgery on Friday

**Garnet Lindeman** having problems with nerve pain in her facial muscles

**Henry Mason** home now but still very weak

**Dick Havens** now at Heartland for rehab

**Shane Mougey** home now after knee surgery, expecting a recuperation of about 2 or 3 months

**Angela Eckhart** (Price Gammon's sister in S Carolina) successful surgery to remove aneurysm in brain recently. Cards to 121 Rolling Rock Rd , Aiken, SC 29803

**Martha Oberly** is now at home on Salem Road continuing treatment and therapy on her burns from there.

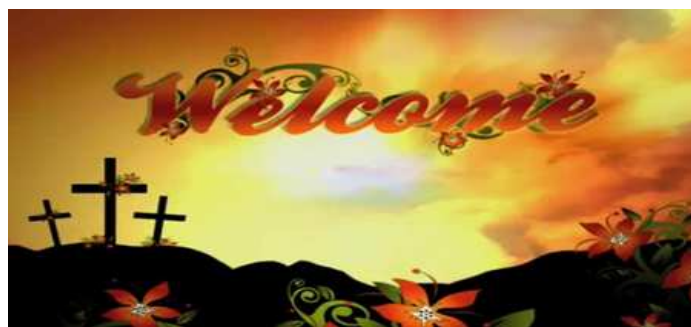
**Joe Nelson** had open heart surgery at OSU on Wednesday.

## **Looking Ahead at Sunshine**

4/3-24 Battlefield of the Mind Class for Ladies  
4/8-10 Empowered to Connect Conference  
4/10-13 Bob Harper at Elm Grove church  
4/10-13 Phil Sanders at the Flatwoods church  
4/16 Hope for Haiti's Children Breakfast  
4/22-24 Youth Rally at Fort Hill  
6/12-18 Teen Mission Trip  
6/20-24 VBS for 2016

## **Sympathy Extended**

To the family of **Otha Goodwin** (brother to Esther Crisp) who passed on Friday. Visitation is Tuesday from 11-2 at the Gaydos Funeral Home in Vanceburg. The funeral service is at 2 pm immediately following the visitation.



## **Welcome To All of Our Guests**

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us this year, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, sign our guest register and pick up your gift for being one of our guests today.

## **A Gift for Every Child/Young Person**

Because today is Easter Sunday we have a gift for every child/young person who is in attendance with us today either at the morning or evening services. On your way out through the foyer, get your copy of **The Very First Easter**. If we have copies left over at the end of services this evening, please feel free to take a copy to a relative or neighbor who was unable to come.

## **No Children's Bible Time Today**

Since the lesson this morning in the auditorium is geared toward children, we will not be having Children's Bible Time. All of us will stay in the auditorium for the full service. Next week we go back to our normal arrangement.

## **Regular Sunday PM Services Resume**

Sunday PM home groups have concluded. This evening we go back to our regular Sunday pm schedule.

## **Childcare Help Needed for the Conference**

The parenting /adoption Conference is coming up quickly. We have families coming but not enough people to help with childcare! Childcare workers will need to arrive at 9:30 am. The conference is over at 6 pm. If you are age 14 and up please consider signing up to help on Friday, April 8 and/or Saturday, April 9. If you can only come for part of a day please make note of that on the sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see Kim McCray or Sharon Hallam.



### **Egg Hunt for Teens? Tonight.**

The youth group will be staying after church tonight (Sunday March 27) for Pizza and an egg hunt. Please bring a few dollars for the pizza, chips, and pop. Please bring a flashlight, the egg hunt will be after dark.

### **Youth Retreat at Fort Hill**

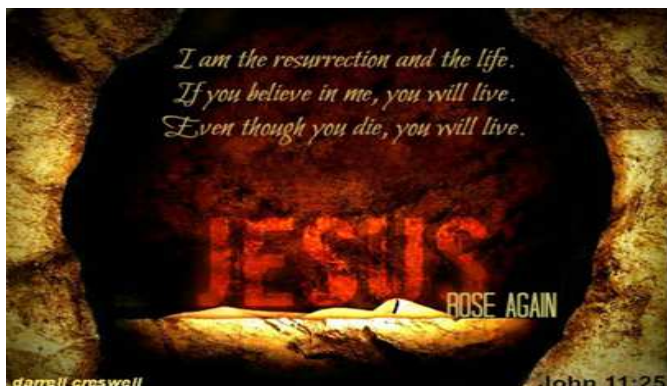
The sunshine youth retreat will be April 22-24. Anyone planning to attend needs to sign up in the foyer. The location for the retreat is at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. The event is free and includes all food and lodging. Registration starts Friday evening at 5:00 and the retreat ends Sunday morning at 11:00. Attendees are encouraged to bring friends. If you have any questions please see Tim.

### **In the News**

**Jay Coriell** (son of Mike and Joan) placed among the top 5 in C++ Programming at the state in the BPA competition. This means that next month he will be going to Boston to represent Ohio in the national competition. Congratulations, Jay, on your outstanding work in computer programming, and may you do well at the competition in Boston.

### **Directory Update**

**Jerrad and Amanda Nickells** moved recently to South Shore, Ky. This is their new address: 697 Mile High Drive, South Shore, KY 41175, Their plans are to attend the Flatwoods church.



### **Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders**

The Flatwoods church of Christ will be having Phil Sanders (the regular speaker for the TV program, In Search of the Lord's Way) to be their speaker in a gospel meeting set for April 10-13 at the Flatwoods church. See the bulletin board for details.

### **Battlefield of the Mind Coming**

On Sunday evenings beginning April 4 and continuing through all of April, the ladies are invited for a class in the annex based on the DVD series by Joyce Meyers, Battlefield of the Mind. The class will be a combination of the DVD, bible study and some discussion. See Judi Allison or Serena Miller for details.

# LADIES!!

Ever wonder why it took the people  
of Israel 40 years to make an  
eleven day trip?

Joyce Meyer explains it as  
"wilderness mentality"

Join us each Sunday evening in  
April for a series of videos by  
Joyce to find out WHY and just  
exactly WHAT it is and if  
YOU have it!!

# Those Who Serve

| Sun. Morning      | 3/27/2016    | 4/3/2016     | 4/10/2016      |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Welcome           | Jon Coriell  | Wayne Gampp  | Tom Kelley     |
| Reading           | Tim Gampp    | Pete Kouns   | Jared McCray   |
| Midservice Prayer | Tom Kelley   | Shaun McCray | Spike Ferrell  |
| Communion         | Mark Risner  | Dewey Cordle | Gabe Coriell   |
| Sermon            | Steve Miller | Steve Miller | Steve Miller   |
| Closing Prayer    | Dale Kuhn    | Price Gammon | Wesley Book    |
| Sun. Evening      | 3/27/2016    | 4/3/2016     | 4/10/2016      |
| Song Leader       | Shawn Gragg  | Rich Book    | Shaun McCray   |
| Reading           | Jordan Book  | Dusty Henry  | Steve Williams |
| Communion         | Mike Gampp   | Derek Miller | Dale Kuhn      |
| Assist            | Dale Gampp   | Ryan Coriell | Jay Coriell    |
| Prayer            | Sam Williams | Roger Cooper | Josh Coriell   |
| Wed. Evening      | 3/30/2016    | 4/6/2016     | 4/13/2016      |
| Song Leader       | Jacob Miller | Aaron McCray | Zach Coriell   |
| Prayer            | Derek Miller | Don Ramey    | Mike Gampp     |

## Regular Service Times

### Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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