

RESURRECTIONLESS CHRISTIANS

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Paul writes to Christians who are going to the stake, the lion's den, the stadium, or the tar pits. He says to them not to be surprised at the fact that the Romans would want evil done to them. The Romans could not comprehend that these people would not cry or scream or curse their captors even as the fire around their bodies would creep higher and higher or the tigers would rip into their flesh. Paul says, "REJOICE!" when this happens.

"Right, Paul!" We don't put up with much suffering, if any, do we? Our suffering is too often just putting up with pitiful inconveniences of life. Discomfort is usually our worst hazard.

What was this "glory" to which Paul refers? None other than the resurrection and the vindication of Christ Jesus at His coming. Jesus bore our sins on the cross. The horribleness of His death was only matched by the glory of His resurrection! His glory was his bodily appearances to his disciples – not the empty tomb! We, the church, are the embodiment of the glory of the resurrection of Christ to a fallen world.

Jim McGuiggan, in his precious book *The Dragon Slayer* writes,

I haven't been able to trace where, but somewhere, Bertrand Russell, the British mathematician, agnostic and philosopher, told of a sad reality he was sure he observed. He took notice of apes in a zoo and observed, he thought, that when they were not cracking nuts or doing their gymnastic feats that they had a strange, strained sadness in their eyes. It seemed like to him, Russell said, that these creatures felt left behind, that their human cousins had gone another direction and that they had gone down a dead end. He imagined that they knew there was a way to a higher and better life but they didn't know how to find it.

And then he remarked wistfully that he thought he saw the same strange sadness in the eyes of people when they weren't filling their days with the superficial things they do. He thought that like the apes they too were sure there was a way to a higher and better life but they didn't know how to get there (p. 177).

How sad that often we see Christians with that same sad look in their eyes. I am always amazed what little our fellow Christians will "put up with" while they set aside the resurrection and the glories that are to come. What torture have we faced that even comes close to the stake, the lion, the fire? Like God asked Jeremiah, *"If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?"* (12:5) yc

PRAYER LIST

- ♥Olivia DeWolfe, Helen Blevins' mother, will have one more surgery due to lung cancer.
- ♥Geraldine Blevins, David Blevins' mother, needs surgery to rebuild stomach wall to support the bladder.
- ♥Jill Sessums, David Blevins' friend, is having cancer removed from her neck.
- ♥*Beverly Huffstetler, Jennie Miller's mother, has torn rotator cuff.
- ♥*Linda Anderson, Monte Young's aunt, has breathing problems due to a benign tumors near or on her spine.
- ♥*Lois Gabbert, Arlice Bridges' sister, is in rehab regaining strength.
- ♥*James Adams, Ryan Hamrick's neighbor, has severe hip pain.
- ♥*Raymond Gardner, a friend of Joey Sanderford, will have surgery around May 1 for an aneurysm.
- ♥*Genie Rogers father, Gene, is recovering from by-pass surgery.
- ♥Rudy Staggs, Ashley Nowlen's father, diagnosed with lung cancer.
- ♥*Lynn Snellgrove, a friend of Barry Rhodes, has Sceroderma.
- ♥*David Lynn Taylor, Lena Price's brother, needs prayer to find peace.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Betsy Canfield, Tony Dority, Howard Farrar, Mary Louise Gipson, Beverly Graham, Charlotte Hunter, Larry Mittlestat, Joe Saia, Mart Salley and Joey Sanderford

All names with an * before their request will be removed next week unless an update is received before noon on April 10.

HEALTH FAIR

We will host a Health Fair May 19 from 9am-4pm. If you have suggestions for exhibitors see Jennie Miller. Volunteers **are** needed to help in many areas. See Jennie and let her know where you can help. ASAP

SUPPER CLUB

Here are the dates for the next few Supper Clubs. **April 21, and May 18.** All of these will be held at Allen and Genie Rogers' home. Watch each month for menu suggestion.

FACING THE GIANTS

Jason McLeod from the movie *Facing the Giants* will be with us April 29 to speak to us about the movie. We will show the movie again April 28 at 7:30.

VBS

VBS will be June 18-22. The theme is SonForce Kids Special Agents. Help is needed with set-up, decorating, advertising, etc. See Genie to help.

LIFE GROUPS

The Life Group that meets at the building is studying Proverbs. If you are not involved with a group, come and join them.

GRAD SUNDAY

Grad Sunday will be May 6. Invite your friends and relatives for this day of celebration.

FREE INDEED

Free Indeed will be with us **August 11-12**. They will perform in concert Saturday evening and will lead us in worship Sunday morning.

EASTER SONRISE SERVICE

We will host Easter Sunrise Service in the Pearl Park on April 8. We will need help with set-up and "breakfast" at 6:00 am. See Yale if you can help.

LADIES MINISTRY

The next gathering will be a ladies Lunch-In celebrating Spring. Come and invite your friends. We will meet Saturday, April 28 from 11:00-1:00 in the Women's Ministry room. Please bring a salad.

SILVER HATTER'S

The Silver Hatter's will meet April 21, not April 28. For more details, see Wayne Bridges.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 17 we will have a luncheon at 12:00 in the Ladies Ministry room. Bring you mother/daughter or in-laws. If you don't have one, you may adopt one from the church or outside. See Kim McDaniel for more details.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Contact Tim Nelson if unable to serve at 601-853-3704.

4/8/07

Greeters Rogers Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Farrar
 Call to Worship Dusty Reynolds
 Prayer Lonnie Livingston
 Presiding Jerry Mitchell
 Closing Prayer Al Garner

Serving

LaRan Kilpatrick	Todd Lott
Bobby Stewart	Allen Rogers
Rvan Hamrick	Al Garner

Evening Worship Life Groups
 Nursery Earlene McMillen
 Children's Worship Justin McCoy
Bryan Farrar

4/15/07

Greeters McManaway Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Farrar
 Call to Worship Ken Salley
 Prayer Rocky Barnette
 Presiding Glynn McMillen
 Closing Prayer Ryan Hamrick

Serving

Paul McManaway	Mike Babin
Lamar Kilpatrick	Dan Ellis
Keaton Sweeney	George Miller

Evening Worship Life Groups
 Nursery Betsy Canfield
 Children's Worship.....Jennie Miller

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Apr. 8–Ruth 1-4; Luke 11:29-54
 Apr. 9–1 Sam. 1-3; Luke 12:1-34
 Apr. 10– 1 Sam. 4-6; Luke 12:35-59
 Apr. 11– 1 Sam. 7-9; Luke 13:1-21
 Apr. 12– 1 Sam. 10-12; Luke 13:22-35
 Apr. 13– 1 Sam. 13-14; Luke 14:1-24
 Apr. 14–1 Sam. 15-16; Luke 14:25-35

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service
 April 15 – Nursing Home Devotional
 April 21 – Supper Club
 April 21 – Silver Hatter's meeting
 April 28 – Spring Ladies Luncheon
 May 6 – Grad Sunday
 May 17 – Mother's Day Luncheon
 May 18 – Supper Club
 May 19 – Health Fair
 June 18-22 – VBS

LIFE GROUPS		
Area	Location	Leaders
South Brandon	Rotated	Paul McManaway
		Glynn McMillen
Pearl	Building	David Blevins
		Lonnie Livingston
Florence/Star	Rotated	Yale Canfield
		Allen McDaniel
Brandon	Sweeney Home	Jeff Sweeney
		Tim Farrar
Reservoir	Rogers Home	Jim Head
		Allen Rogers
Teens	Varies	Ken Salley

Mission Statement for Heart Matters
 To enhance the mission of the Skyway Hills church of Christ and to build a sense of community among the members of the body of Christ through an accurate and quality communication of 1) ministries and activities of the church 2) the opportunities for each member to find fulfillment as disciples of Jesus and 3) the scriptural application of God's Word to life relevant issues today.

Heart Matters

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Schedule of Service
 Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

*"Since then,
 you have
 been raised
 with
 Christ,
 set your
 hearts
 on things
 above."
 Colossians 3:1*

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 Youth Minister – Ken Salley

April 8, 2007

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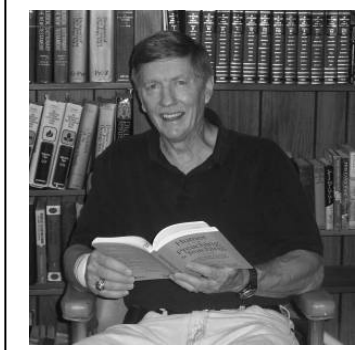
**See Linda if you
 can help with
 VBS.**

**Watch for more
 upcoming events.**

YAKS

**VBS
 June 18-22
 SonForce Kids
 Special Agents**

**Plan now
 to
 attend.**



Heartbeat

This is a sweet congregation. There is so much love here for the Lord's church, His word, and the dream of really being a church that cares about the lost. As we reach out to the unchurched, we realize the great love demonstrated by your willingness to stretch your comfort zones for wandering souls.

What a great evening gathering we had Sunday night. Please plan to attend the next Sunday evening break from Life Groups. It is a warm and wonderful time together. Several of our men led singing, read scripture, and encouraged us all. These times together are great for the church.

SONRISE IN THE PARK is this Sunday morning at 7:00. Scripture tells us of several times Jesus was in communion with the father or teaching the people "early in the morning." Let's be with the Lord on traditional Easter morning as we sing praises and share communion in the Pearl Park. If you can, be at the building early to help carry chairs to the park.

We are proud of Donna Mabus who is in Seattle taking part in presenting an educational seminar. Donna has recently completed her school administration degree. Congratulations.

Remember to pray in your appointed time 24 hour time slot beginning Saturday. This is for a great SONRISE service in the park, our FRIEND DAY at normal worship hour, and a great follow up of visitors we contact.

Jenny Miller and I solicit your help to fill the following spots in our FIRST ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR. Committee heads are needed to:

- PR chairperson. Contact the free television and radio spots advertising our Health Fair day.
- Volunteer for errands. Coordinator will see that lunch is prepared and ready, water is distributed, and our "worker bees" are on assignment.
- Exhibitor Coordinator. See that the exhibitors have tables, chairs, etc.
- Stage "show" Coordinator. One of the most important roles. See that presenters have microphones if needed, award door prizes, announcements, and A/V equipment.
- Assistants needed to help coordinators.

This may be the greatest outreach of our year. We really need your help to make it the success it can be. SATURDAY MAY 19. Plan to be there.

SIGN UP FOR THE BLOOD MOBILE WHICH WILL BE HERE ON HEALTH FAIR DAY. WE NEED 25 AT LEAST.

- Deacons**
- David Blevins,
 Education
- Tony Dority,
 Building
- Tim Nelson,
 Calls/Visitor/
 Greeters
- Jim Head,
 Life Groups
- George Miller
- Allen Rogers,
 YAKS