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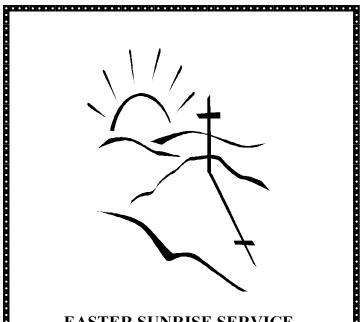
With Lympathy



Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Faye Boley in the loss of her brother, Henry Coleman Williams. To David Kinser in the loss of his father, Dorris Kinser.

To Angie Graham in the loss of her grandmother, Dorothy Croft. To the family in the loss of their loved one, Scottie White. To Dewey Wood in the loss of his brother, Royce Wood. To the family in the loss of their loved one, Daphne Clark.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, March 27th, 7:00 A.M. Home of Randy & Annette Whitley Everyone welcome!



KIDS KORNER

In this age of social media, handwriting seems to have become a thing of the past. So, it is probably hard to believe that our Easter Offering namesake, Annie Armstrong, once wrote more than 18,000 letters in one year. As one of the founding members of WMU (Woman's Missionary Union), she had a part in raising money for foreign missions, championing home missions and advocating a Southern Baptist Sunday School ministry. She worked tirelessly to see that missionaries were on the field, even making several trips herself to minister to Native Americans in the West. This month, you will meet 6 North American missionary couples serving in Indianapolis; Montreal, Quebec, Canada, New Orleans, San Diego, Portland and Washington DC. The children will be learning about the mission-arities serving in Canada. Our Scripture and Bible study will come from 1 Corinthians 3:5-15 emphasizing that all Christians are responsible in part for the task of sharing the gospel. The goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions is \$5,000.

As we celebrate this Easter season, the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 26, beginning at 10 AM. It is always a great time of fun and fellowship for children and adults. More info will be provided closer to the date. Children's Ministry Day was a great success as 35 children and 21 adults representing 4 churches participated at the "Paws and Claws Bakery"making animal treats for the Logan Co Humane Society Animal Shelter. Participants were encouraged to take what they learned back to their churches and neighborhoods, as a way to minister to others. Attending from SBC were: Savannah Mills, Brissa & Sofia Jones, Kassidy & Kaelyn Reynolds, Crystal, Konnie and Jan. The event was sponsored by our Logan Todd Association.



Pastor Michael's Heart..

"The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference" Please read John 19:16-37

This is a very special time of year for those of us who know the Lord Jesus Christ. To me, it is far more special than Christmas. As we approach the time when we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, it is a time for believers to think about the things that really matter in life. The things that make life worth living and the things that have shaped us into what we are today.

Easter is a time to remember the cross. It is a time to remember that over 2000 years ago, God loved me so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on a cross so that I might be saved. It is a time for me to remember that, while my upbringing, my education, and my experiences have contributed to who I am, it was the cross of Calvary that made the difference in my life. Let's look at the Cross of Calvary for a moment:

I. The Trip To The Cross: 16-18

Pilate delivered his prisoner to the cross, but God was fulfilling a prophesy. Calvary was not an accident, it was a divine assignment designed to purchase salvation for sinners. Jesus was delivered to a place called, "*The place of a skull.*" It was a place associated with death in the minds of the people of Jerusalem. Yet it was a place prepared by God. Jesus carrying His own cross symbolizes that He was bearing upon Himself the sins of the world. The cross was more than wood, it represented the heartbreak, the pain, the slavery and the debt of sin. That's what Jesus was carrying that day! When He arrived at Calvary, He was crucified. They nailed our Lord to the cross with spikes through His hands and feet. Verse 18 says "in the midst," When Jesus is in the midst things happen. One of the thieves came to faith in Jesus that day and was saved. When Jesus is in the midst a person will make decisions. Jesus cannot be evaded or

avoided.

П. The Testimony of the Cross: 19-24

Two events occurred at Calvary that day that gave loud testimony to what was taking place: First, The testimony of writing. The Sign, *"King of the Jews"* The sign became a giant tract for all who were passing by. Jesus is pictured as a universal Savior. That does not mean that He automatically saves everybody, but will save anyone who will come to Him regardless of their social standing or background. Second, The testimony of the Wager. The soldiers gambled for the garment. This garment was worn by the High Priest. He alone is qualified for the job! He is in Heaven today carrying out the job for each one of us.

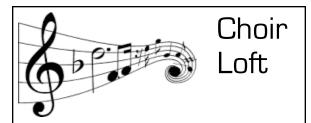
III. The Triumph of the Cross: 25-37

There are three statements in these verses that teaches us the truth that Calvary was a place of triumph. First, Compassion: While dying, Jesus did not forget to take care of His people. He made sure that Mary, His mother was taken care of for the rest of her life. His actions are symbolic of the fact that He will take care of us. Second, Connection: The statement "I thirst" describes for us a clear picture that Jesus was enduring great pain. He went through "pain" for you and for me. He was suffering our pain so that we might enjoy His Heaven. Third, Completion: "It is Finished." Jesus is saying, "It is Done." Jesus was looking at His Father and saying, "Father, I have finished my assignment." Our salvation rests upon the finished work of Jesus on the cross. There is nothing left to do but receive His salvation. Can I ask you a couple of questions? Does the truth that Jesus did all of this for you move your heart? Are you aware that He did it all for me and for you? The old rugged cross can make a difference in this world. But only if one will receive the finished work of Jesus as their own. Take a few minutes right now "to worship" our Lord for the old rugged cross.

> Halleluiah, He is Alive Pastor Michael & Terri

Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be accept-

able in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer



As I write this article, I'm convinced that it should be called "*Open* Mike" instead of "The Choir Loft." I find myself sometimes writing on subjects that lean more toward my personal views than pertaining to music/youth.

Over the past couple of months, I along with our youth, have been studying, verse by verse, the book of Philippians on Wednesday nights. We have one more chapter and then we will take a look at our spiritual gifts for a while.

In my personal Bible study time, I have been studying Ezra. I have this thing about Ezra. The more I learn about him, the more I like him.

If you're like I was before becoming a serious student of the Word, all you've known of Ezra is the book of the Bible with his name. Most likely, the only reason I knew that was because I had a Sunday school teacher that wanted us to learn the books of the Bible. If we could do that, then we got an extra cookie, and I never missed an opportunity for an extra cookie.

But Ezra did a whole lot more than merely lend his name to a book in the Bible. He's known in the Jewish tradition as "The Chronicler," and is commonly credited with writing 1 and 2 Chronicles. Ezra wore many different hats as a contributor of Scripture. Sometimes he was a historian, sometimes preacher, sometimes lawyer, sometimes leader, and always a scribe and priest. To me, he sounds like a small church pastor.

What was it about this man of God that made him uniquely qualified to be used by the Lord in such diverse and profound ways?

The answer is simple and found in a single verse in Ezra 7. Verse 9 states the fact that the "gracious hand of the Lord was on him," because in verse 10, "Ezra had determined in his heart to study the law of the Lord, obey it, and teach it in Israel." It's that simple. And that hard.

If we will study God's Word, obey what it says, and teach it to the people around us, we will have God's hand on our lives.

> Serving together, Mike

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Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., March 26th, 10:00 am Home of Jimmy & Lois Prince 757 N. Main Street See weekly bulletins for more information.





- 01 Shelia Baugh, Breann Thomas
- 02 Dayna Greer
- 03 Billie Ruth Gilliam,
- 04 Bonnie Chambers, Jerry Smith, Seth Whittaker
- 05 Roger Belcher
- 06 Joe Reynolds
- 07 Shane Coles, Layla Torbett
- 08 Brenda Rigney, Robbie Matthews, Jasmine Riggs, Lucas Laird
- 09 Judy Risley
- 10 John Baugh
- 11 David Kinser, Savannah Mills
- 12 Harold Scott, Maxine Owens, Gaylen Baugh, Judith Thomas, Carly Yell
- 13 Art Hatfield, Debbie York, Kaelyn Reynolds
- 14 Pam Blackwell
- 15 Charlotte Appling
- 16 Betsy Reeves, Bryce Carter
- 17 Kelsey Gregory
- 18 Billy Bibb, Gina Utley
- 19 Dean Johnson
- 20 Mabel Dockery, George Bilyeu, Tracy Sprouse, Brandon Thornberry, Jacqueline Belcher, Addison Miller
- 21 Nell Skipworth, Jamie Norman
- 22 Seth Thomason, Brissa Jones
- 23 Doug Wright
- 25 Nealy Mullen, Danny Harris
- 26 Shea Costello, Leslie Giroir, Erik Greer, Hayden Blick
- 28 Jerry Holloway, Tonia Harper, Jimmy Cauley, Belinda Kinser
- 29 Lydia Davenport
- 30 Oma McIntyre, Mike Duncan
- 31 Carole Beasley, Ammy Christie, Cecily Christie



- 06 Gideon Sunday Bldg. & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 08 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 09 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 17 WMU, home of Virginia Wood, 6pm
- 26 Easter Egg Hunt, home of J. Prince, 10am
- 27 Easter Sunrise Service, home of R. Whitley, 7am
- 30 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

<u>Baptist Hour</u> – Each Monday following 12:20pm news on WRUS-AM

<u>GO Visitation & Meal</u> -Each Wed. night at 5:30pm, EXCEPT on Business Meeting night

<u>Brotherhood</u> – meets on Business Meeting night, 6-7pm

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



Happy Anniversary

Jimmy & Shirley Davenport	01
Kenneth & Barbara Shoemake	03
Jerrett & Amanda Dancer	07
Barry & Jan Mills	12
AK & Laura Burton	14
Jerry & Carol Holloway	18
Wallace & Brenda Whittaker	24
Dorris & Connie Blick	24
Bill & Maxine Owens	25
Earl & Mary Nell Brown	28
Bobby & Sandra Grayson	28
Pat & Sharon Kirkpatrick	29
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