



Proclaim and Live the Truth in Jesus' Name

Dr. Jim Howell, Pastor

Is Belief in the Resurrection "really" Necessary?

The Call to Worship had just been pronounced starting the Easter Sunday Morning service in an East Texas church. The choir started its processional, singing "Up from the Grave He Arose" as they marched in perfect step down the center aisle to the front of the church. The last lady was wearing shoes with very slender heels. Without a thought for her fancy heels, she marched toward the grating that covered that hot air register in the middle of the aisle. Suddenly, the heel of one shoe sank into the hole in the register grate. In a flash she realized her predicament. Not wishing to hold up the whole processional, without missing a step, she slipped her foot out of her shoe and continued marching down the aisle. There wasn't a hitch. The processional moved with clock-like precision. The first man after her spotted the situation and without losing a step, reached down and pulled up her shoe, but the entire grate came with it! Surprised, but still singing, the man kept on going down the aisle, holding in his hand the grate with the shoe attached. Everything still moved like clockwork. Still in tune and still in step, the next man in line stepped into the open register and disappeared from sight. The service took on a special meaning that Sunday, for just as the choir ended with "Allelujah! Christ arose!" a voice was heard under the church shouting..."I hope all of you are out of the way 'cause I'm coming out now!" The little girl closest to the aisle shouted, "Come on, Jesus! We'll stay out of the way."

Easter is about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In fact, many churches have started referring to Easter as Resurrection Day in order to place due emphasis upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now some will ask, "Is belief in the resurrection essential to our Christian faith? Now, how can I say this without being overly dramatic...**YES, YES, and again I say YES!**

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:17 "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile." Belief in the resurrection is the cornerstone of our Christian faith, so together with all of God's people we need to shout it from the housetops "Allelujah! Christ Arose!"

I look forward to seeing you on Resurrection Sunday, April 8.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jim".

Pastor Jim

Holy Week Events

 A decorative graphic of a crown of thorns, rendered in a golden-brown color, positioned behind the text "Holy Week Events".

- Holy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm..... Thursday, April 5
- Good Friday service at Powers Ferry UMC 12:00 noon April 6.
Jasmine will be preaching in "The Seven Last Words of Christ From the Cross" Service at 12:00 noon. Jasmine would love the support and you'll get to hear some other phenomenal seminarians preach. More importantly, come out and observe Good Friday - after all, there would be no Easter without Good Friday!
- Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am Sunday, April 8
Everyone is invited to breakfast, hosted by the Men's Club, immediately following the Sunrise Service at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Easter Day Services at 8:30 & 10:55 am..... Sunday, April 8

This Week's Sermon Titles

- Thursday, April 5
"Selfishness or Servanthood"
Philippians 2:3-5
- Sunday, April 8: Sunrise
"More than Enough"
John 20:1-18
- Sunday, April 8
"Who is This Man?"
1 Corinthians 15:19-26

SERVANTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Trustees

April 2 - 8..... Sandi Kessloff, 770.222.3184
 April 9 - 15..... Cindy Abbott, 770.439.7051
 April 16 - 22..... Scott Winn, 770.439.6367
 April 23 - 29..... Steve Piper, 678.613.2297
 April 30 - May 6..... Jane Meyer, 770.489.2048

Liturgist

April 1
 8:30 am..... Gay Lynn Toth
 10:55 am..... Bobby DeCoux

April 8
 Sunrise No Liturgist
 8:30 am..... Cassie Race
 10:55 am..... Jasmine Smothers

April 15
 8:30 am..... Tony Toth
 10:55 am..... Michael Laid

April 22
 8:30 am..... Gay Lynn Toth
 10:55 am..... Steve Standridge

April 29
 8:30 am..... Steve Standridge
 10:55 am..... Bobby DeCoux

Ushers

April 1
 8:30 am Jack Frady, Tom Vick
 10:55 am Steve Standridge, Jeff Oldham

April 8
 Sunrise No Ushers
 8:30 am Jack Frady, Carolyn Piper
 10:55 am Dale & Judy Westmoreland
 10:55 am Tony Toth, Todd Freeman

April 15
 8:30 am Jack Frady, Tom Vick
 10:55 am Mike & Kevin Dae
 10:55 am Grant Rainwater, Billy Dunn

April 22
 8:30 am Jack Frady, David Hodges
 10:55 am Matt Manley, David Beem
 10:55 am Charles Storrs

April 29
 8:30 am Jack Frady, George Cruselle
 10:55 am Youth

Heavenly Helpers

April 1 Joshilyn or Scott Winn
 April 8 Liz Mabry
 April 15 The Bailey Family
 April 22 Virginia Cauthen
 April 29 Kathryn Groover

Audio/Video

April 1
 8:30 am Ron Bennett
 10:55 am Gregg Kessloff, Matthew Cauthen

April 8
 Sunrise No Audio/ Video
 8:30 am Roxy Cupp
 10:55 am Dave Beem, Brandon Adams

April 15
 8:30 am Ron Bennett
 10:55 am Tom Adams, Matthew Cauthen

April 22
 8:30 am Scott Cupp
 10:55 am Dale Westmoreland
 10:55 am Brandon Adams

April 29
 8:30 am Roxy Cupp
 10:55 am Tom Adams, Matthew Cauthen

Youth Dinner Schedule

April 1 No Youth
 April 8 No Youth
 April 15 \$7 Sunday
 April 22 The Rainwater Family
 April 29 The Piper Family

Counters

April 1 June Rainwater, Anne Moore
 April 8 June Rainwater, Shelby Morris
 April 15 June Rainwater, Carolyn King
 April 22 June Rainwater, Lynda Buice
 April 29 June Rainwater, Susanne Collins

April 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3 • NO Cub Scouts • Finance meeting-7p	4 NO Wednesday Night Fellowship	5 • Holy Thursday	6 • Good Friday • Office Closed	7 • Men's Bible Study - 7:00a @ Antl. Bread Co.	8 • Easter Day • Confirmation
9 • Church Council Refreshments- 6:30 ppm Meeting - 7:00 ppm	10 • Club Scouts - 7 ppm • Genealogy - 7 ppm	11 Wednesday Night Fellowship	12 • Trustee Meeting - 7 pp	13 • Scrapbooking - 6 p	14 • Men's Bible Study - 7:00a @ Antl. Bread Co. • Easter Egg Hunt - 11 am	15 • Men's Club - 8:30a • Youth Council - 4p • Grace Notes - 4p • Adult Handbells - 5
16	17 • Club Scouts - 7 ppm • Preschool Board - 7p	18 Wednesday Night Fellowship	19 • Stephen's Ministry - 6:30 ppm • Youth Diversion - 6p • Scout Planning - 7p • WPMW - 2 ppm	20	21 • Men's Bible Study - 7:00a @ Antl. Bread Co.	22 • TENTATIVE - UMYF Fundraiser Luncheon - noon
23	24 • Club Scouts - 7 ppm	25 Wednesday Night Fellowship Preschool Art Show - 5:00 ppm	26 • WPMW - 7 ppm	27	28 • Men's Bible Study - 7:00a @ Antl. Bread Co. • WPMW Board - 10 a • WPMW Unit - 11:30a	29 • Grace Notes - 4p • Adult Handbells - 5
30				UMYF Bike Fundraiser		

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM - Worship Service
 9:45 AM - Sunday School
 10:55 AM - Worship Service
 3:30 PM - Youth Praise Band
 5:00 PM - UMYF

Wednesday Night Fellowship

9:30 AM - Visitation
 5:30 PM - Wednesday Supper
 6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study
 Room 101
 6:00 PM - Men's Bible Study
 Old Sanctuary
 6:15 PM - Angel Choir, Rm 108
 6:15 PM - Junior Choir,
 Old Sanctuary
 6:15 PM - Prayer Force
 Room 104
 6:15 PM - Youth Choir
 6:45 PM - Parables,
 Old Sanctuary
 7:00 PM - Adult Choir
 7:00 PM - Life Groups
 7:00 PM - Junior Bell Choir,
 Old Sanctuary
 7:00 PM - Women's Bible
 Study, Room 104



Birthdays

4/1: Elaine Harcourt
 4/2: Lorraine Frady
 Sharon Harmon
 4/4: Linda Beshers
 Jeff Oldham
 4/6: Virginia Cauthen
 4/7: Charles Haynes
 Jarrod Isley
 Carrie Miller
 4/10: Kevin Kozee
 Mark Oestreich
 4/11: Stephen Arnold
 Emalyn Rainwater
 4/12: Dusty Pitts

4/13: Donna Anderson
 Kenny Singleton
 4/14: Jack Frady
 Andrew Singleton
 4/15: Thomas Bailey
 Diane Ellerbee
 Daniella Korwek
 Alan Westmoreland
 4/17: Sandi Kessloff
 Steve Smith
 Marc Thayer
 4/18: Dennis Korwek
 4/19: Derek Shallenberger
 4/20: Carolyn Piper
 4/21: Lynda Buice
 Crystal Pitts
 4/22: Kevin Dae
 4/23: Brian Belcher
 Elana Palmer

4/24: Brett Hudson
 4/25: Chuck Preston
 4/26: Jacque Garry
 Ruth Reid
 4/27: Barbara Cushway
 4/28: Steve Shallenberger
 4/29: Larry Cupp
 4/30: Alec Shallenberger

Anniversaries

4/1: Willie & Betty Robinson
 4/4: Lenny & Clydene Cooper
 4/6: Maynard & Carolyn Piper
 4/7: Greg & Connie Seagraves
 4/10: Dennis & Jackie Korwek
 4/11: Charles & Hyun Storrs
 4/22: Brian & Sharry Cowan
 4/27: Dale & Judy Westmoreland

March 2007 in Review

<u>March 4</u>		<u>March 18</u>	
Budget	\$12,637.39	Budget	\$ 11,696.01
Vision	\$ 637.00	Vision	\$ 1,123.00
8:30 Attendance:	63	8:30 Attendance:	65
10:55 Attendance:	156	10:55 Attendance:	131
Sunday School:	98	Sunday School:	95
<u>March 11</u>		<u>March 25</u>	
Budget	\$ 9,083.84	Budget	\$ 5,079.01
Vision	\$ 1,015.00	Vision	\$ 416.75
8:30 Attendance:	69	8:30 Attendance:	74
10:55 Attendance:	112	10:55 Attendance:	143
Sunday School:	67	Sunday School:	71

We need egg-cellent volunteers to stuff eggs!
 Come to the "stuffing" party on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 6:00 pm!
 Most of all volunteers to hide eggs and help during the hunt on
 Saturday, April 14, 2007!

We also need candy to fill the eggs! (No chocolate, please!)

To volunteer, call Gay Lynn Toth at 678.567.1175

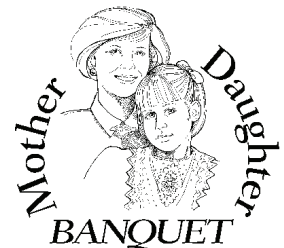


*** Saturday, April 14
 beginning at 11:00 am!**

*** Toddlers thru 5th grade invited!**

*** A snack lunch will be provided afterwards!**

*The Mother Daughter Banquet has been
 tentatively set for Saturday, May 12, 2007!
 Mark your calendar and watch for further details
 in Love Notes and Sunday bulletins.*



18th Annual Music Camp

Directed by Stacey Wood

Angel Camp

Junior Camp

*rising kindergarten
 thru
 rising 2nd grade*

*rising 3rd graders
 thru
 rising 6th graders*

June 11 - 15

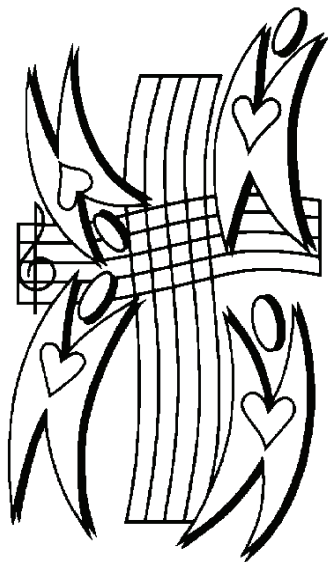
June 18 - 22

8:30 am - 12:00 pm daily

\$15.00 per child or \$45.00 per family cap

Register online or pick up a registration form in the atrium.

Call Brenda Smith at 770.425.2665 for information.



VBS will be the week of June 25-29!

Anyone interested in helping please contact Gay Lynn

Toth at 678.567.1175 or meowsician@yahoo.com or

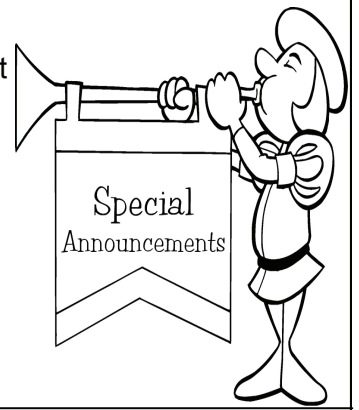
contact Julie Banks at 678.567.2693 or at

tiggers.jule@bellsouth.net. More information to come!



Special Meetings

- Church Council meeting on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments starting at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Trustee meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Room 101.
- Youth Council meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Room 104.
- Preschool Board on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Room 101.
- UMW Board on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- UMW Unit Meeting on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.



The Preschool Art Show and Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 starting at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will be serving Baked Spaghetti with Bread, Salad and Dessert.



Dear Church Family,

Join the TEAM! "We're Going To Win!" armbands are being sold by the Youth to benefit Katherine. They are available at the Welcome Center and in the Church Office. A minimum donation of \$1.00 is requested per bracelet. All proceeds will benefit KJ.

Katherine's CaringBridge site is <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/katherinearnold01>. This is the entry from Monday, April 2. *Day 210 - "A Silver Lining Day" You know how the "older" people always tell us not to focus on all the bad, that there are Silver Linings. Today I felt that way. Even though Kaye had to go to the clinic to have another feeding tube put down her nose, it ended up a good day. Because many of her meds go through that tube she was able to miss the dose and that helped her tummy feel better. Also once we got the tube in we hurried over to see our friend Rachel who was doing great after her recent surgery. Kaye felt good enough to go by David's office and everyone loved seeing her. But the main event was getting home and June and Ema were here when we got home. Kaye has had a great day doing Easter eggs with Ema and of course the night ended with watching the Bachelor. The girls have had a great time and I have enjoyed being able to talk and catch up with my friend June. Lots of laughs and of course many were prompted by David who made a great dinner on the grill. We are so happy they will be able to stay with us a few days. We will start the new feeds tonight to see if this helps Kaye's tummy feel better and of course tomorrow is chemo. Ema and June will travel with us and meet Dr. India. I am proud to say that I have a Blue Easter Bonnet with bunny ears to wear to chemo tomorrow. Kaye will hand out the beautiful Easter Eggs that Rachel and Ema helped Kaye decorate. Praying that she will feel good in the morning and not be sick. Thank you so much for all your prayers and love. We Are Going To Win! Sharliss, David & KJ*

As you know I am still looking for a job. I have a Bachelor's degree in accounting and would like to stay in that field. If anyone hears of anything where they work I would appreciate a note. Thanks, Diane Wells

Do you have a list of things you need done around your house or yard work you can't seem to get done? Call Trevor Freeman at 770.312-4867.

I am requesting prayer for the mission trip I will be going on from April 27- May 6. As many of you have heard, I will be on a Mission Trip to Jihlava, Czech Republic, to help remodel the church. The plan is to remove some walls to create a larger area for the youth to meet. If that project is completed more quickly than expected, there are also plans to build a playground for the church. I am requesting for the prayers to continue from now until the completion of our trip and our safe return. I am asking for prayers for myself and all the other members of the team (6 in all) going on this trip. Pray that the projects planned go well and we are able to accomplish all of the physical needs of the local church that God intends. Pray also spiritually for the team - while this is a "construction" trip there is always the need for outreach into the community to bring more people into the church. I am also asking for prayers that my financial goal related to the trip be met. To date, the Lord has blessed me towards this goal, but I am still short of the total I need. Thank you in advance for your prayerful support. R. Jan Mach



Women's Ministries

- The Martha and Mary Circle will meet April 19 at 2:00 pm in Room 109.
- The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet April 26 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Amazing Freedom - Women of Faith 2007 Conference - This year's Women of Faith conference will be held August 10-11 at Philips Arena. The pre-conference event features a day with Beth Moore. The early-bird group price for both the pre-conference event and conference is \$119. This also includes a box lunch both days. If you're interested in just the conference, that price is \$65. Just the pre-conference event - \$50. In order get the early-bird price, I'll need to make our reservations by May 25, so please let me know if you're planning to attend no later than May 23. (Contact info: 678.567.2693; e-mail tiggersjule@bellsouth.net) Checks may be made out to Julie Banks.

Christian Education

Summer FPU Coordinator Wanted - We would love to host a summer session of Financial Peace University but we are in need of a coordinator. The course is taught by Dave Ramsey via video - the coordinator runs the equipment and facilitates the discussion after the video lesson. A special incentive - we'll give a free FPU kit to the person who takes this on (that's a \$90 value). Call Julie Banks, 678.567.2693, to volunteer or with any questions.

Mission

WE CARE PACKAGES. Thank you all for being so generous to our men and women serving overseas. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers. We are so blessed and we need to share our blessings with those who are away from home. A donation box is in the Atrium. Please contact Bobbie Bennett at 770.222.0469 for information.

Thanks Ms. Bennett for your letter providing encouragement and support to our unit here in Mosul, Iraq. We really appreciate all that you do for us. Everything you send is being put to great use for staff and injured soldiers. We could greatly use personal hygiene items as well as pillows. We really need pillows (go figure). Thanks again for everything. Major Tykise Hairston

Hello, I am HMCS Robert Loomis, I go by Bob. I wanted to make sure I let you know that we received the packages you sent to us. I work at a Surgical Company and our main mission is to supply surgical services to the wounded. We usually only keep our wounded a day or two before forwarding them up to a higher level of care. I would like to ask for nice things to augment the care of our patients. The things we use most are flip-flops, drinking straws, green T-shirts and underwear (we cut these off them when they arrive). We have some organizations that send us Get Well cards that we give them. We work in a brick and mortar structure, which helps a lot with maintaining cleanliness with our procedures. We work between both extremes of very busy or very slow. Of course we prefer slow and bored. That means no one is getting injured. I have enclosed a picture of some of our Sailors. They are all special young men and women. They take on the challenges presented to them and give some of the highest quality medical care I have seen in my 22 years of service. I am very proud of them. I want to send a special thank you to you and your church organization. I have been very impressed with the response from the States. I feel very much in your debt for such generosity. We want to say God Bless you and thank you for your support. Very Respectfully, Robert Loomis



HMCS(SW/FMF)
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UMYF

- **Wednesday, April 4:** No Wednesday Night Activities - Spring Break
- **Sunday, April 8:** Confirmation Sunday - No UMYF or Youth Praise Band
- **Sunday, April 15 @ 4:00 pm:** UMYF Council Meeting - No Youth Praise Band
- **Sunday, April 15 @ 5:00 pm:** \$7 Sunday
- **Wednesday, April 25:** Final Big Stuf Payments Due
- **Saturday, April 28:** Brasstown Bald Bike Century Fundraiser



Men, It is that time again. Last year the Lord led 21 men from our church to PK06 and changed lives forever. The Lord is calling to gather another group of men to attend PK07 in Nashville, TN July 20-21. Register now for \$64 (until April 30) after that it is \$79. This event sold out 2 years ago. Once you have registered please let Scott Cupp know so lodging and transportation can be arranged for that weekend at 678.618.1610. For more information, [http:// www.promisekeepers.org/conferences/nashville-tn](http://www.promisekeepers.org/conferences/nashville-tn).



How many children can we wrap with our love?

Please join our UMW in making BLANKETS OF LOVE to be donated to Project Linus. Your heart will be warmed each time you think about a child being wrapped in a blanket full of your prayers and your love.

These blankets can be fleece, quilted, crocheted, knitted. They just need to be washable. We believe this effort of providing love and security to our children would be a wonderful mission addition to our monthly packages of food, supplies, love and support to our military serving overseas.

HOW MANY BLANKETS OF LOVE CAN WE MAKE BY MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28, 2007?

**Please contact Bobbie Bennett at 770.222.0469 or
Gay Lynn Toth at 678.567.1175 for further details.**

Baby – 30” x 30” Child – 40” x 60” Teen – 45” x 72”

Please be in prayer for: America, our President, Military Personnel, National, State and Local Leaders, our Church, Kendall Abbott, Brenda Adams, Katherine Arnold and Family, Susan Atkins, Charles Beem, Dave & Julie and Libby Beem, Amy Bennett, Richard & Tate Berkan, Tyler Blevins and Family, Cindy Bodiford, Bob Burkette, Brandon Byers, Pam Chastain, Von Clement, Carmen Cobb, Brody Cole, Wilson Cole, Joy Collum, Ann Connally, George Crusselle, Murphy Davis, Lottie Day, Terry Ellerbee, Martha Elliott, Carolyn & Gene Ewald, Rev. Jimmy Ford, Adela Garate, Nancy Garry, Roy & Elaine Harcourt, Myrtle Harrison, Movel Hatcher, Marsha Haynes, Jeanne Hewitt, Allison Hogan, Shelby Howreton, Penny Hungling, Sheila Idol, Opal Isley, The Family of Tamara Jackson, Mildred Kellett, Sandi Kessloff, Cathy Keyes, Irene Keyes, Jim Kirkman, David & Christina Kristynik, Jon Mach, Princess Mach, The Family of Geraldine Marquez, Russ McConnell, Chip Moore, Drew Moore, Judy Morehouse, Michelle Morehouse, Larry Nash, Bradley Norton, Ivy Norton, Bonnie Obrecht, Mark Oestreich's mother, Emily Piper, Margaret Pulk, Jan Quarles and Family, Willie & Betty Robinson, Diane Shallenberger, Mallory Smith, Denise & Tim Turpin, Jean Watson, Terez Watts, Ann Westmoreland, Alan & Dot Williams, Nan Williams.



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Earth Day is
April 22, 2007.

Plant a tree!!!

Administrative
Professionals
Day



Administrative
Professionals Day is
April 25, 2007!

Wednesday Night Supper is served starting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4

No supper due to Spring Break.

Wednesday, April 11

The Adult Handbells will be serving Baked Potatoes with Chili and Assorted Toppings, Salad, and Dessert.

Wednesday, April 18

The Kitchen Committee will be serving a Potluck dinner.

Wednesday, April 25

The Preschool board will be serving Baked Spaghetti with Bread, Salad and a Dessert.

