

Timeline

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The Meaning of Easter

By Pastor Rick Crook

For many in today's modern secularized society, Easter is simply a festive occasion which marks the arrival of spring. For the Christian; however, Easter is a sacred and festive occasion which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is that date on the annual calendar that shouts out to all who will listen, "Jesus is alive".

Those words, "Jesus is alive", were a central theme for the early church. Every sermon preached referenced not only Jesus' death on the cross, but his resurrection from the dead as well.

So passionate were those early believers about the "aliveness" of Jesus, that they were willing to subject themselves to ridicule, beatings, and even death. Not only were they willing to endure these hardships; many of them actually did.

It stands to reason that those who had actually seen Jesus alive following the crucifixion would be highly motivated to share the resurrection story with any one who would listen; regardless of the painful repercussions that might follow as a

result. However, what is most remarkable are the hundreds and even thousands of believers who, though they never saw Jesus in person, were just as willing to suffer and die on behalf of the resurrection message as those early resurrection eyewitnesses. History shows that in the centuries immediately following the birth of the church, caves and catacombs all across the Middle-East and Europe were filled with the bodies of Christians who were just as convinced of Jesus' resurrection as those who had actually seen Jesus alive with their own eyes. What this tells me is that the power of the resurrection is not limited to external evidence (seeing Jesus). The power of Jesus' resurrection is the product of an internal experience.

People who embrace the cross along with the empty tomb and invite the living presence of Jesus into their lives experience God's miraculous resurrection power. When people turn to Jesus for salvation, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead collides with the deadness of their spirit and new life is the result. Paul says it like this in Romans 6: 4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in

newness of life". Everyone who puts their faith in Christ and surrenders their life to Him, are, in reality, resurrected from spiritual death. That is what Jesus meant when He said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26 KJV).

Jesus ends His declaration about resurrection with a question about belief. You see, what we believe about the resurrection determines the level of meaning we attach to it. The reason much of the world trivializes Easter is because either they don't believe in the resurrection or they sort of believe it actually happened, but they have never personally experienced the resurrection power of Jesus. For those then that do believe in and have personally experienced the life-giving power of Jesus' resurrection, the meaning attached to Easter is anything but trivial. To the believer Easter means abundant life now and eternal in heaven when that time comes. It means hope when things seem hopeless, strength amidst weakness, and joy in place of sadness. Easter means we are never alone and we are never helpless because the living Christ lives in us.

We are offering three special events to assist us as a church

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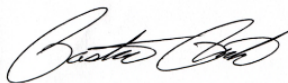
body in commemorating this special season. Sunday evening March 28 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM we will be hosting, in our church’s big back yard, a Family Night Easter Celebration complete with food, games, and Easter Egg Hunt for the children. It will be a fun and festive occasion. On the evening of Good Friday in the Family Life Building, at 7:00 PM, we will be showing the Jesus Film. This movie beautifully chronicles Jesus’ life on earth from birth to ascension. This film is for the entire family and is a great evangelism tool as well. Light refreshments will be available.

Finally, on Easter Sunday our music and drama departments will present a magnificent production entitled, “Jesus Savior Messiah”.

I want to encourage you to do three things over the next few weeks leading up to Easter: pray, invite, and attend. Pray for the ministry events being prepared for Easter and pray for souls to be saved and changed through these efforts. Invite friends, neighbors, relatives, to participate in these ministry activities. Attend the Family Night, the Jesus Film Movie Night, and the Easter Sunday Production. I believe doing so will reinforce the real meaning of Easter in your life. In addition, if you will pray, invite, and attend, I believe we will set an Easter Sunday attendance record. That would be awesome.

I pray Easter 2010 will be the most meaningful and spiritually energizing Easter you have ever known.

Richest Blessings,




KIDS NEWS

By Pastor Pam

I am looking forward to Spring, a time of new birth and renewal. We are so fortunate to have a Loving Heavenly Father who allows His grace to flow to every part of our lives. If we mess up, we can receive forgiveness and guidance to help us not repeat the same sins.

This is the year to be Overcomers and victorious in our lives. Through the precious blood of Jesus, he has made us Overcomers.

Super Family Fun Night was wonderful. It was joy to see the generations of our church come together and have some plain ole fun. I really appreciate Vicki Miller and Evelyn Germer for the awesome job they did with our Kids making crafts. Thank you.

The Kids Church Praise Team hit it out of the park in February for there leading our kids into worship. Also our puppet team has been very productive in doing skits and helping lead Praise & Worship.

Our Kids are memorizing the books of the New Testament. We have 16 Kids that have accomplished this. We have one 7 year old who has both the Old and New memorized. We are encouraging them to learn both the Old and New Testament books in order. Please help your sweet ones to memorize so they can receive their prizes.

I want to thank all our volunteers who come faithfully to work in our Kids Ministry Sunday am, pm and on Wednesday nights. You are investing in the lives of our Kids. When we get to heaven you will see the rewards for your hard labor. For now, let the smiles of their beautiful faces warm your hearts and make you smile in return. If you would like to help, please contact me. Love You!

Pure Praise

By Rich Clark



I am excited to announce the launch of our VIDEO PRODUCTION ministry here at AAG. We are currently looking for camera operators and post production personnel to record services, departmental commercials, pastoral greetings, and events on and off campus. Following each taping, team members would then be involved in the post production aspect of editing the projects in Final Cut to go on the web and to DVD. Training will be available for those interested in joining the AAG Media team.

Please contact me by phone or email to get plugged in today!
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MARCH 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1</p> <p>6:30PM EE class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>† 6:00AM Men's Breakfast</p> <p>† 10:00AM Women's Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30PM Interces- sory Prayer 7:00PM Prayer & Bible Study, 212 Youth, Royal Rang- ers and MPact</p>	<p>4</p> <p>🎵 7:00PM Pure Praise Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Single Sisters Brunch 11:00am</p>
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DATES TO  **REMEMBER**

- March 6th - Single Sisters Brunch
- March 9th - MOM's Group Meeting
- March 14th - Mike's Chair Ministry Concert
- March 27th - Women's Ministries Hope Tour
- March 28th - Family Night Easter Celebration
- March 30th - MOM's Group Meeting