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April



ENTERPRISE
FIRST BAPTIST

New Here?

**We're so glad you joined us today!
If you would like to connect with us or
learn more about First Baptist, you can:**

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:30 AM. Classes are listed on page 6.
- Take a Discover FBC Class. Our next classes will be Wednesday, April 6, in the library at 6:00 PM and Sunday, April 24, in the library at noon.
- Sign up for Flocknote to receive important updates. Text FBCE to 84576.



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We've got your family covered too!



Photo by Katie Blaise

We believe having community in the context of small groups is vital to your life in Christ and connection to our church. We would love for you to find community for your family at First Baptist Enterprise. We invite you to join us not only on Sundays, but Wednesdays @ FIRST, too! We have a fellowship meal on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM followed by other activities for all ages at 6:00 PM.

A Note from the Pastor ...

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to invite you to the First Baptist Maundy Thursday service on April 14 at 6:00 PM.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week, the week that commemorates Jesus' last days leading up to his resurrection. Millions of Christians around the world participate in a Maundy Thursday service and this year, First Baptist Enterprise will join those ranks. Therefore, let us consider what a Maundy Thursday service is and why we're doing it.

What is Maundy Thursday?

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *Mandatum*, which means "command" or "mandate." Thursday of Holy Week is called "Maundy Thursday" because it was on this day that Jesus said to his disciples, "A new *commandment* I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34).

How does a Maundy Thursday service differ from other worship services?

There are several elements to a Maundy Thursday service that make it distinct. First, the hymns are typically songs of lament. The music reflects the somberness and sadness of the last hours of Christ's life. Second, at the conclusion of the service, there is no musical response, rather, everyone exits the sanctuary in complete silence and contemplation over the journey our Lord was willing to take and the price he was willing to pay. Third, the service of Tenebrae is often incorporated into a Maundy Thursday service. The word "Tenebrae" is a Latin word meaning "shadows" or "darkness" which is why a Tenebrae service involves the gradual extinguishing of candles. As the candles go out, we are reminded that those who broke bread with Christ in the upper room soon abandoned him in the hour of his greatest suffering. We are to spend these moments in solemn remembrance of the time when Jesus was deserted by those whom He most loved and trusted. He stood alone to do what was necessary to save the world.

Why is FBC having a Maundy Thursday service?

While there is no mandate to have a service like this, I believe it can be edifying for our church. What happened on the first Maundy Thursday is a serious and sad occasion. During this service, we will corporately remember and reflect on the heavy price Christ paid for sinners as he placed himself in a position of shame and rejection. As we remember these events in a somber and reverent way, it can help train the church's palate for lament. Lament is simply the expression of grief. Modern churches have a hard time learning the language of lament. We typically like to keep things upbeat and chipper in our worship services. There are very few modern hymns and songs written in a minor key, which is striking in light of the fact that nearly half the Psalms are psalms of lament. As we remember what was done to our Lord because of our sin, we are able to pray and sing in ways that express grief over personal and corporate sin and brokenness. We are able to remember that it was not a light work that Jesus accomplished in order to atone for our sin.

I hope to see you at the First Baptist Maundy Thursday Service on April 14 at 6:00 PM. It will be a great opportunity for us as a church to become more intimate with the truth behind the lyrics of the old hymn:

*"Man of Sorrows!" what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

-Pastor Ben

OUR MISSION

We exist to glorify God by making disciples of all nations.

OUR STRATEGY

WORSHIP | CONNECT | SERVE | MULTIPLY



WORSHIP



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CONNECT



SERVE



MULTIPLY

CHURCH WIDE EVENTS

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT

Sunday | April 10
4:30 PM | YMCA



APRIL 10

Join us for a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10, at the YMCA at 4:30 PM. We will have candy, games, eggs and a lot of FUN! This is a free event and a great opportunity to invite your neighbors. In the event of rain, come anyway! We will have a "drive thru" egg pick-up lane! Sign up to volunteer in your Sunday School class.

APRIL 17

We will have FOUR different service times for Easter Sunday! Our sunrise service will be at 7:00 followed by services at 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 AM. There will be no Sunday School. You may bring your flowers to "Flower the Cross." Nursery for birth through 4-years-old is available for all services except 7:00 AM.

Join us for
**EASTER @
FIRST BAPTIST**

Maundy Thursday Service
April 14 | 6:00 PM



LADIES' PRAYER TIME



Saturday, April 30
9:00 - 10:00 AM
Sunken Garden

**COFFEE & DONUTS
WILL BE SERVED**



APRIL 30

On Saturday, April 30, we will have a women's prayer event in the Sunken Garden from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. This will be a time to pray together and hear an encouraging word from Kay Roper. Coffee and donuts will be served. Make plans to join us!

INTERNS @ FBC



DJ SIMS

DJ was an intern in 2017. He recently married his wife, Daphne. They live in Samson, AL, where DJ serves as the Associate Pastor of Students at First Baptist Samson.



DAVIS HOWELL

Davis was an intern the year of 2018. He recently married his wife, Kendall. They live in Greensboro, GA, where Davis serves as the Youth Pastor at Lakeside Church.



CALEB NEWSOM

Caleb was an intern in 2019. He is engaged to his fiancée, Julianne. They live in Louisville, KY, where they are both students at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Caleb serves as the Assistant to the Director at the Carl F.H. Henry Institute of Public Engagement.



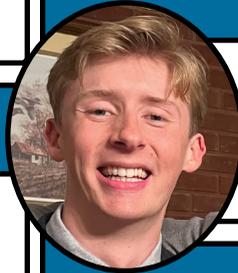
ZACH CLARK

Zach was an intern in 2019. He lives in Enterprise where he currently serves at our church as the Assistant Student Minister and attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary online.



JOSH RONEY

Josh was an intern in 2019. Over the last year, he has lived in New Mexico, but is soon moving back to the Enterprise area.



BOBBY SMITH

Bobby currently serves as an intern at FBCE. He is scheduled to complete his internship July 31 of this year. Upon completion, he plans to move to Wake Forest, NC, and attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.



CHARLES DOTY

Charles currently serves as an intern at FBCE. He is scheduled to complete his internship July 31 of this year. He is married to his wife, Kasey, and they have one son, Moses. Charles also serves as a Co-Director of the Sons of Thunder Bull Riding Revival organization.

In addition to our yearlong pastoral internship, we are now offering summer, six months, and yearlong specific ministry internships in the areas of pastoral, student, children, music, administration, and audio/visual ministries. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about internships at FBCE, please email Pastor Kaleb at kaleb@fbcenterprise.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

	Teachers	Room	Ages	Gender	
9:30 a.m.	Mike McQueen: A study of Joshua to 1 Samuel	A-320	23-30	Co-ed	Preschool Children Preschool Worship 1st Floor 8:15 a.m.
	Taylor McCulloch & Josh King: A study on "The Power of Knowing God" by Tony Evans	C-106	23-30	Co-ed	
	John Parrish: Studies on living fruitful lives through abiding with Jesus and understanding Christ's return and resurrection	B-110	23-40	Co-ed	
	Mike Morgan & Joan Newman: Studies on the books "All of Grace" by Charles Spurgeon and "Absolute Surrender" by Andrew Murray	Shill House	25-40	Co-ed	Preschool Sunday School 1st Floor 9:30 a.m.
	Tonia Lewis & Lindsay Wimberly: A study on the book "How Much More" by Lisa Harper	C-207	25-50	Women	
	Mike McDaniel: A study on the book of James	A-108	25-50	Men	Preschool Worship 1st Floor 10:45 a.m.
	Turner Townsend, Craig Pittman & Rodney Thornton: A study on how to train your children to have a Christian worldview	FH-Middle	30-49	Co-ed	
	Jason Bruce: A study on Romans	C-110	30-49	Co-ed	Elementary Children Sunday School 2nd Floor 9:30 a.m.
	Johnathan Aitken: A study on the book of John	A-300	30-49	Co-ed	
	Michael Walters & Clegg Snipes: A study on the book of Hebrews	A-310	30-49	Co-ed	
	Dennis Seals: A study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians	C-214	40-69	Co-ed	
	Roger Williams & Jason Hadden: Studies on the books "All of Grace" by Charles Spurgeon and "Absolute Surrender" by Andrew Murray	FH-Front	45-69	Co-ed	
	Joan Marsh, Joyce Oliver, Gayle Stewart & Mary Alice Townsend: Studies on the books "All of Grace" by Charles Spurgeon and "Absolute Surrender" by Andrew Murray	C-202	40-75	Women	
	Stan Windham: Studies on the books "All of Grace" by Charles Spurgeon and "Absolute Surrender" by Andrew Murray	C-210	50-69	Co-ed	
	Jim & Vev Arrington, Longley & Sylvia McIntosh, Joe Holley, Tom Callan, & Joel Young: Studies on living fruitful lives through abiding with Jesus and understanding Christ's return and resurrection	FH-Back	50-69	Co-ed	Student Ministry Sunday School The Hangar 3rd Floor 9:30 a.m.
	Roper, Williams, Sessions, Peden, & Weston: Studies on the books "All of Grace" by Charles Spurgeon and "Absolute Surrender" by Andrew Murray	B-101	50-69	Co-ed	
	Larry Hickerson: A study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians	C-105	65 & up	Co-ed	
Merrill Barron & Frankie Sessions: A study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians	A-104	65 & up	Co-ed		
Permelia Searcy: A study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians	Chapel	65 & up	Women		
Phyllis Talmadge: Studies on the books "All of Grace" by Charles Spurgeon and "Absolute Surrender" by Andrew Murray	C-208	65 & up	Women		
Joe Talmadge: A study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians	C-200	65 & up	Men		
Betty Jane Hunt: A study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians	A-106	70 & up	Women		

For more information about FBC Sunday School classes, please stop by a "First Time Guest" tent or visit our website at fbcenterprise.com/sundayschooldemo.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Craig and Sally Pittman

Craig | Layne | John Robert



What do you love about having your children grow up in First Baptist?

C: It's cool having both Bryan and Zach. They work well together. We've never been part of a church with as strong a program all the way through. It's hard to find a church where everyone has a place, but we have that here. It's multigenerational.

S: They have done a great job with the transition from children to the student ministry. These sixth graders start forming relationships, and it makes moving up to the student ministry easier. I love the devotion boxes Cat does for the children. It's an intentional way to be in the Word with your family.

Where do you serve?

C: My favorite thing I've been involved in is the Wednesday night group. I help with the 11th grade guys. It's a great way to be involved and do something you don't normally do. It's a way to know the next generation. Otherwise,

I wouldn't have much interaction with them. I love getting to know them. It's good being with one group because you get to grow with them.

S: Right now, I serve with 4th and 5th grade girls. They're a smart, sweet group of girls. They aren't afraid to ask questions. They're a creative group. It's great to see their different personalities and the different ways God has blessed them.

Craig also serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher, and Sally is chairperson of the Interior Design Committee.

Why should you serve?

C: That's what we're called to do. The church gives you a lot of opportunities to serve. It's not like you have to jump in and teach a Sunday School class. Even being a smile at the door is simple, but it's needed. It's easy to start somewhere and the church does a great job encouraging that.

Quick Questions

What are you reading right now?

C: I am primarily reading Sunday School material.

S: *Choosing Joy* by Kay Warren and *12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You* by Tony Reinke

Favorite Scripture?

C: Romans 8:38-39

S: Ephesians 5:15

Favorite trip?

Both: Hawaii

Favorite worship song?

C: What Mercy Did For Me

S: One Day

Coffee or tea:

C: Black Coffee

S: Coke



S: Jesus tells us too. Even helping with the community Easter egg hunt is a great way to serve. There are little ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

What are the benefits to attending a Sunday School class?

C: Obviously, First Baptist is a large church. Being in a Sunday School class makes that family smaller, and you get to know each other on a more intimate level. There are a variety of classes to find a good fit. When we first came, we tried several different classes.

S: It helps you be plugged in on that smaller scale. If you just came to Sunday morning service, you would not truly be plugged in. It's important for fellowship. Right now our class is doing the adult version of what the children are doing. At lunch and in the car, we can ask the kids what they talked about and what they think. We've enjoyed that.

How has God used this church to grow you?

C: I would say as a man, father, and husband that we are here by conviction. Ben has had a big impact on my life and what my role is. Being a deacon has had a huge impact on me. It's accountability and commitment. I've grown a lot from it. I've been able to meet a lot of people.

S: Since we've been coming here, Craig has stepped up his game being the spiritual leader of our family and that's influenced by the church. Craig and the kids listen to Simple Rhythms.

C: I love Simple Rhythms. We listen going to school. There's a captive audience and when it's over, we talk about it.

S: When it's over, everybody has to share what they learned from it.

C: It doesn't have to be complicated. It can just be one thing you learned from Simple Rhythms.

Preschool & Children



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6 - 8, 2022

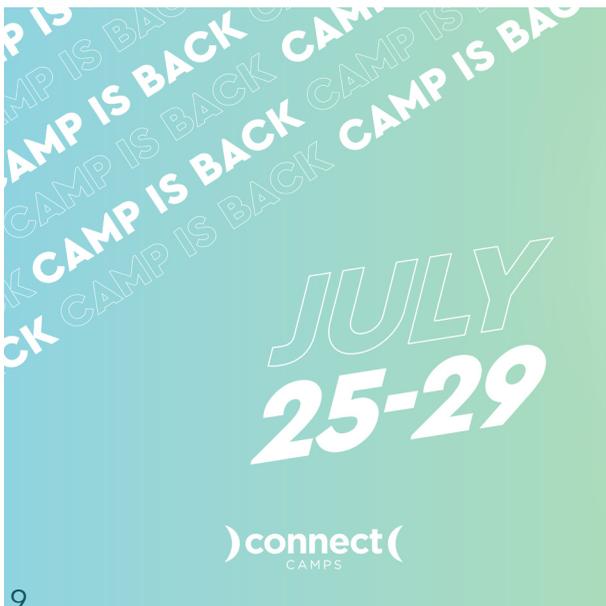
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for KIDS & VOLUNTEERS

VBS is for children who are currently in kindergarten through 5th grade, are a part of an FBCE 4's Sunday School Class, Small Steps students in a 4's class, or are children of our VBS volunteers. We are unable to accept preschoolers that are not part of these groups.



Use your phone's camera to view and then click the link.

Register TODAY at
fbcenterprise.info/vbs2022



Connect Camp

@ Hillcrest Baptist Church

Make plans for your child to attend an awesome day camp for kids who are currently in kindergarten through 6th grade. FBCE is partnering with Hillcrest Baptist and other area churches to make this an exciting event for our community. Cost is \$219. Space is limited.

For more info or to register visit
www.connectcamps.com/enterprise
or use the QR code below.



Use your phone's camera to view and then click the link or open your phone's QR reader to scan.

Students



*Graduate
Sunday*

May 22, 2022

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2022 GRADS & PARENTS

Each year, the FBCE Student Ministry is honored to recognize our graduating high school seniors.

Parents, please register your graduate at www.fbcenterprise.info/classof2022 or use the QR code below to participate in this special day.

In order to participate, graduating seniors must be registered by April 11.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Diane in the Student Ministry office at the church or by email at nextgen@fbcenterprise.com.

6th Grade Bible Presentation



6th Grade Parents,
We would like to honor your child's completion of elementary school and present them with a Student Bible on Promotion Sunday in June. Register by May 1 to participate.



Scan the QR code or visit fbcenterprise.info/events Select "Student Ministry" and then "6th Grade Bibles".

JOIN US FOR
FUGE
June 13 - 18
Tigerville, SC
THIS SUMMER!

A poster for the 'Fuge' event. It features a black and white photograph of a group of young people with their arms raised in celebration. The text is overlaid on the image, with 'FUGE' in large, bold, red letters. A QR code is located in the top left corner of the poster.

For those registered, mark your calendars for two important meeting dates:

Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 PM

ALL STUDENTS attending MFuge AND a **PARENT**

Sunday, May 15, from 3:00 until 5:00 PM

Training meeting for ALL STUDENTS AND ADULT CHAPERONES attending MFuge.

Grades 7 - 12, we have a limited number of spots remaining for students who would like to attend MISSION FUGE with us this summer - first come, first served. Contact Bryan for information. 10

April 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

<p>3</p> <p>Evening 5:00 Easter Outreach Event, FH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Morning 10:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Afternoon 1:00 Senior Game Time</p> <p>Evening 4:30 Fellowship Supper 6:00 Wednesdays @ FIRST 6:00 Discover FBC, Library 7:00 Deacon Executive Committee Mtg, A-320 7:15 MFuge Parent Mtg, Hangar</p>
<p>10 Palm Sunday</p> <p>Afternoon 12:00 Deacons' Meeting, B-110</p> <p>Evening 4:30 Community Easter Egg Hunt, YMCA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Morning 7:00 Men's Prayer Time, Library 10:00 Community Bible Study</p> <p>Afternoon 1:30 WMU Groups Mtg, FH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Afternoon 12:00 Men's Luncheon, McLin's</p> <p>Evening 6:30 Men of Valor, New Brockton Farm Center</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Afternoon 1:00 Senior Game Time</p> <p>Evening 4:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesdays @ FIRST</p>
<p>17 Easter Sunday Flowering of the Cross</p> <p>Service Times 7:00 Sunken Garden 8:15 Sanctuary 9:30 Sanctuary 10:45 Sanctuary</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Morning 10:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Evening 5:30 Mentoring Matters, B-110</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Afternoon 1:00 Senior Game Time</p> <p>Evening 4:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesdays @ FIRST</p>
<p>24 Lord's Supper</p> <p>Afternoon 12:00 Discover FBC, Library 12:00 VBS Training, HUB 3:30 Outreach Training, C-110</p> <p>Evening 5:00 Evening Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Morning 10:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Morning 11:00 CCBA Sr. Adult Luncheon, McLin's</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Afternoon 1:00 Senior Game Time</p> <p>Evening 4:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesdays @ FIRST</p>

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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7 Morning 8:30 Intercessor Prayer Time Afternoon 1:00 Quilting Ministry	8	9
14 Morning 8:30 Intercessor Prayer Time Afternoon 1:00 Quilting Ministry Evening 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service, Sanct.	15 Good Friday Church Office Closed	16
21 Morning 8:30 Intercessor Prayer Time Afternoon 1:00 Quilting Ministry	22	23
28 Morning 8:30 Intercessor Prayer Time Afternoon 1:00 Quilting Ministry	29	30 Morning 9:00 Women's Prayer Event, Sunken Garden

LOOKING AHEAD

May 5
National Day of Prayer

May 8
Mother's Day
Baby Dedication

May 15
Honduras Mission Trip
Interest Meeting

May 22
Graduate Sunday

May 25
Night of Praise

May 30
Memorial Day

Key:

Sanct. - Sanctuary
FH - Fellowship Hall
Mtg. - Meeting
SG - Sunken Garden

Church Information

Easter @ First

Easter Outreach Event

Sunday | April 3 | 5:00 PM | FH

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday | April 10 | 4:30 PM | YMCA

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday | April 14 | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Good Friday

Friday | April 15
Church Office Closed

Easter Services

Sunday | April 17 | 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, & 10:45 AM

*No Sunday School

*Nursery birth through 4 available for all services except 7:00 AM.

Flowering of the Cross

Sunday | April 17
Bring your own flowers to "flower the cross" on Easter Sunday.

Church Wide Events

Discover FBC

Wednesday | April 6 | 6:00 PM | Library

Sunday | April 24 | 12:00 PM | Library

Lord's Supper

Sunday | April 24 | AM Services

Church Business

Deacon Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday | April 6 | 7:00 PM | A-320

Deacons' Meeting

Sunday | April 10 | 12:00 PM | B-110

Men's Ministry

Men's Prayer Time

Monday | April 11 | 7:00 AM | Library

Men's Luncheon Returns

Tuesday | April 12 | 12:00 PM | McLin's

*Bus will leave the church at 11:30 AM.

Men of Valor

Tuesday | April 12 | 6:30 PM | New Brockton Farm Center

Women's Ministry

WMU Groups Meeting

Monday | April 11 | 1:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Ladies' Prayer Event

Saturday | April 30 | 9:00 AM | Sunken Garden

Senior Adult Ministry

CCBA Luncheon

Tuesday | April 26 | 11:00 AM | McLin's

*You may meet at the church to ride the bus or meet at the restaurant.

Other

Mentoring Matters

Tuesday | April 19 | 5:30 PM | B-110

NEW SERMON SERIES

STARTING MARCH 27



REASON

TO BELIEVE



Easter Impacts Everything

By Dr. Ben Bowden

All Christians are familiar with the story of Easter. Easter has to do with the resurrection of Jesus. We may be aware that Jesus' resurrection was important, that without it there would be neither forgiveness of sins nor hope of eternal life (1 Cor. 15). But does that mean the resurrection only has an impact on eternity and nothing to say about the here and now? How does Easter impact everyday life? Does Easter have anything to say about our relationships, fears, hopes, dreams, and the countless things we find ourselves doing every day? The answer, of course, is yes. The resurrection changes everything and impacts everything. Here are three examples of how the resurrection impacts our everyday life:

The Resurrection Impacts How We Deal with Shame

It's been said, "Shame... is that sense of unease with yourself at the heart of your being." Shame is what causes you to despise looking in the mirror, the moral disgrace that makes you want to cover up. When Adam and Eve sinned, they ran and hid because they were ashamed, and they tried to cover their shame with fig leaves. Likewise, all throughout the Bible we see people trying to cover their sin and shame in different ways, but God continues to remind us that our shame is something we will never be able to cover. However, what we can't do, God did.

The gospel is the story of God providing a covering for us. We run to the cross because Jesus has paid the penalty for our sin and extinguished the consequences of our sin, including shame. We hide in Jesus, the cleft in the rock, that shields us from the wrath of God. We cover ourselves with Christ, being clothed with Christ, because he's our perfect righteousness, making it possible to experience forgiveness and remove shame. None of this would be possible if not for the resurrection.

The Resurrection Impacts How We Engage in Relationships

Without the resurrection, there is no forgiveness of sins. If the resurrection did not happen, we encounter a God who is either a fake or a failure. But if the resurrection is true, we not only encounter a real God who displays his power by conquering sin and death on our behalf, we are also given a model for every relationship we have. The resurrection of Jesus is one essential element of a larger story—the story of the gospel—the good news that God extends his mercy and grace to us through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. In other words, grace is at the heart of the gospel, and grace is at the heart of any gospel-centered relationship. It's grace, not chemistry, that makes for a great marriage. It's grace, not comradery, that makes for a thriving friendship.

Only grace gives us the necessary freedom and power to be a blessing and receive a blessing in our various relationships.

The Resurrection Impacts How We Approach Sports, Music, Art, and Other Things We Usually Don't Consider "Spiritual"

The Bible doesn't teach that passion for God should make us passionless for lesser things like sports and the arts. Easter makes a lot of statements, but one major statement is that the physical world is good. Jesus did not merely resurrect spiritually, but bodily. C.S. Lewis said, "It's not good trying to be more spiritual than God." The resurrection boldly asserts that we are to embrace the physical world as good. Our hope is not found in escaping our body or this world for some abstract utopian spirituality, but in leveraging every aspect of our lives for the glory of God in Christ—whether it's eating and drinking, or enjoying sports, art, music, dance, education, etc. (1 Cor. 10:31).

This Easter, let us remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, recognizing that it is a key component to our entrance into heaven and our stewardship and enjoyment of good things on earth.



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