

Because Jesus Lives — We Shall Live!

By Mike Riley

Death often steals from us the ones we love, but as followers of Christ — the separation is only temporary. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that just as death could not hold Him (Acts 2:22-24), so too the tomb cannot cling to the children, parents, relatives, and friends who have died before us (cf. John 11:25-44; Romans 8:35-39; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 4:14). Christ's resurrection is the foundation of our hope.

The story is told of a soldier in the Crimean War, who could somehow crawl back to his tent after being shot. When he was later found, he was lying face-down, his open Bible before him, his hand stuck to one of the pages by his blood which covered it. When his hand was lifted, some of the words from the printed page were clearly visible. The verse was this:

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25).

Beloved reader, we should all want a religion like that — one which can comfort even in death, and can again unite us with our loved ones. What gloom and darkness would settle upon this world were it not for the glorious doctrine of the resurrection! (1 Corinthians 15:1-58).

If we are grieving because we've lost a loved one to death, let's find comfort in this fact: Because Jesus lives, we too shall live! (1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 1 Peter 1:3; Romans 8:10-11).

Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save. —Bridges



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler

Communion- Charles Fricke **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

Sermon- Don DeLukie

October 29th

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

Communion- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Chili Supper:** Everyone is invited to a Chili Supper here at the building on Saturday, October 28th at 5:30 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Room. There will also be a Trunk-or-Treat for the kids.

—**Children's Christmas Program:** December 9th at 2 PM will be our Children's Christmas Program. Save the date!

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question and Answer Series will be scheduled when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Jerry & Joyce McDonald, Cindy Smith, Ed Haltom, Phillip Simmons, Bess Baker, Linda Johnston, Gena Granger, Raelyn & Rynlea Freeman, Mike Wiggins, John McDaniel, Marilyn Hemler, Carolyn Tobia.

Bereaved: Families of Steve Gillikin, Bella Chandler, Cindy Bennett, Carolyn Moy, Frank McDaniel, Florence Matthews.

Continue to Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, Dwain & Bettye Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Renee Gee, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



October birthdays

2 - Rick VanLoon
7 - Joyce McDonald
11 - Luke Chapman
12 - Barbara Wheeler
14 - Kathy Manning
18 - Randal Freeman

October anniversaries

22 - Wyatt Chapman 17 - Todd & Nelia Chapman

24 - Jean Delukie

25 - Lorene Johnson

27 - Charles Fricke

31 - Bobby Barker

