

FROM OUR STUDENT MINISTER...


Do you find it annoying when Christians keep talking about Jesus and the resurrection? If so, you aren't alone. In Acts 4, Peter and John are "teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead." When the Sadducees heard this, they arrested John and Peter and put them on trial hoping that the fear of imprisonment would keep them from teaching about Jesus. It is clear that the Sadducees found their message of Jesus "annoying." They were hostile toward the message of the cross because it impeded on their lifestyle. They became uncomfortable as they saw people healed in the name of Jesus and watched men and women put their faith in Christ.

This next week we will find ourselves with a unique opportunity. We get to point people to the central moment in all of redemptive history...the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Even though we joyfully celebrate the resurrection everyday, this week is a little different. As we walk through the week leading up to Resurrection Sunday, let us be sure to consider the cross and the reconciliation we find there. Let us consider the empty tomb and the hope we have in seeing death defeated.

Teaching about Jesus and his resurrection from the dead might be awkward and uncomfortable at times, but it is worth it. When Peter and John were brought out and told to cease their preaching, their answer was inspiring. "...we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." For those of us who live in the hope of the resurrection everyday, we should find something oddly familiar in this statement. To love and follow Jesus and experience the joy that he has brought into our lives should leave us with the same sentiment. How can we *not* speak of the God of all creation sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins? How can we *not* be quick to forgive each other in light of all we have been forgiven of? How can we *not* seek reconciliation with all people after being reconciled to God?

The answer to these questions is simple....we can't not.

Jeff Howard, *Minister to Students*



I LOVE MY CHURCH

SATURDAY - April 9

Join us at 8:30 a.m. in the Gym for coffee and donuts; work will begin at 9:00 a.m. If you haven't signed up for a specific job, contact your Sunday School leadership this week. Volunteers are still needed for yard clean-up, caulking windows, spreading mulch, tree island maintenance and flower bed work at the Chapel entrance.

Come for an hour or the entire time! Late arrivers should locate Tommy Shumate, Dwayne Weaver, John Reglin or Mike Oliver when you arrive. We hope to see you there!

Friendship Club

Join us for a pork tenderloin lunch at Noon in the Great Hall on **March 22**. Enjoy the sacred music of Angela Irby. Angela and her family are members at The Heights in Richardson where she serves on the Music Ministry staff.

Recharge

Men and women are invited to join us on specific Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m., in B216, for *Recharge*. On **March 23**, Sarah Hickox will share realistic ways to "be still" in our busy culture and lead the group in a prayer experience. In April, Joan Ross will lead a two-part Bible study on Christians and our spiritual gifts. On **April 6** we will define the gifts. On **April 20**, we will discover ways to serve using our specific gifts.

Maundy Thursday Service will be **March 24**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. This special evening of worship will observe the Lord's Supper together and examine the lives of those who joined Jesus around the table at the Last supper.

Tenebrae Service will be Friday, **March 25**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. This service will find its center around the seven last words Christ uttered on the cross. Don't miss this important step that connects the celebration of Palm Sunday with the triumph of the resurrection. We will end this service in silence and darkness - waiting three days for the light of Easter!

Easter Celebration Services

Invite someone to celebrate Easter and the meaning of Christ's resurrection at First Baptist Plano on Sunday, **March 27**, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Great Hall.

Where Moms Connect

Connect with other moms on Wednesday, **March 30**, 6:15-7:15 p.m. in B216. You will enjoy Bible-based perspectives on matters of life and parenting. For more information, contact Julie Spitzenberger at julieandmarc@gmail.com.

Men's Ministry Golf League

Join us at Pecan Hollow Golf Course on Tuesdays, beginning **April 5**. Tee time is 4:00 p.m. (no shotgun start). Cost includes 9 holes and cart, and will be \$24/person each time you play. Register at 972-424-8551, or you may email/text Tommy at tommys@fbcplano.org / 972-741-1096.

Mens' Prayer Lunch

All men are invited to a bring-your-own sack lunch in The Refuge at Noon on Thursday, **April 7**. Come when you can, leave when you need to! Sponsored by the Men's Ministry.

Women's Luncheon

...Women of Excellence: A Family Portrait
Ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, **April 23**, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. You will be blessed by the story of our special guest speaker and artist, Debbie Skinner, through her paint-based speaking presentation. \$15 tickets are available in the Church Office or at fbcplano.org. Childcare is available by reservation at cathyh@fbcplano.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Spring Musical

Make plans to come and hear our children as they present "Big Shot" on Sunday, **April 24**, at 6:00 p.m.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Save the Date!

Don't miss the Student Ministry's annual *Spaghetti Dinner and Auction*, coming **May 1**.

BOUNCE! Dallas, June 13-18

...Student Disaster Recovery

Cost is \$279. The deadline to register is Sunday, **April 3**.

Arizona Mission Trip, July 8-16

...Navajo Reservation

Cost is \$750. Registration information is available at www.fbcplano.org/students.

MARCH 20, 2016

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (All Ages)
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary; Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
11:00 a.m. Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B219
Forest Community Church, The Refuge
Missions Committee, B212
Behold Your God, B102
3:30 p.m. Stewardship/Finance Committee, Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Adult Handbells, Handbell Room
4:30 p.m. Student Life Groups, The Refuge
5:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, B202
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting, Great Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 21

6:00 p.m. Behold Your God, Offsite

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Poor Richard's Café
9:00 a.m. Parent's Day Out
JVP Quilters, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. ESL Class, B205
10:00 a.m. Friendship Club Games, The Great Hall
11:00 a.m. Sunshine Singers, Choir Room
12:00 p.m. Friendship Club, The Great Hall
6:30 p.m. Womens' Bible Study, Offsite

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall
6:15 p.m. Bible Study, Great Hall
Recharge, B216
6:45 p.m. CrossWalk for Children, C211 and D122
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Journey, The Refuge
UPG Ministry Team, B102
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 a.m. Parent's Day Out
9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study, B201
6:00 p.m. ESL Class, B205
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 p.m. Church Office Closed
Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

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11:00 a.m. Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B219
Forest Community Church, The Refuge
No Evening Classes or Activities

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Planned giving through March 13: \$442,959 Actual giving through March 13: \$443,531

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COMPLIMENTARY WiFi AVAILABLE

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