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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Devotional Service April 1, 2018

Introduction

s57 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

376 "He Paid a Debt"

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Invitation

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Communion

Shepherd's Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, April 1, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Chris Gooch, Frank Roberson, Keith Connor, Greg Ferguson, Brian Clark, Aaron Tittle, James Bumpus
Scripture Reading: Jamie Clark
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Jeff Nicks
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: none
Attended Nursery: Renee Ferguson
Nursery Next Week: Rachel Clark
Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
(back): Jerry & Tammy Ross



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weeks, Jean McCullough, Barbie Hardy, Brad Carman

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea), Theresa Bumpus

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



My reading habits span the spectrum. I read materials from all sorts of sources from *Harry Potter* to *The Blind Side* to *The Shack* to *The Silmarillion* (Tolkien's work that predates the *Hobbit* setting the stage for that story and *The Lord of the Rings*) along with numerous articles and stories from magazines. From time to time, I read something that sticks with me long after the memory of where I read it has faded. Such is the case of a story that has become one of my favorite stories at Easter time. It's about a little boy named Philip which you likely have heard me tell before. It's worth retelling again.

Philip was born with Down's syndrome. He was a sweet natured little boy who attended a third-grade Sunday school class with several other boys and girls his age. Typically the other children did not readily accept Philip because, well, he was different. The creative teacher had helped the situation and all of the other kids began to accept him – some more than others.

The Sunday after Easter the teacher brought to class some L'eggs hosiery containers. (If you don't know what those are, they look like giant eggs the size of ostrich eggs). After each child received one, the teacher instructed them to go outside on that beautiful spring day, find something that reminded them of new life, and then put it in the egg-like container. Back in the classroom, they would share their new-life symbols. One by one they would open the L'eggs eggs and share their finding.

After running about the church property in naturally wild confusion typical of eight-year-olds, the teacher blew a whistle and the students returned to the classroom. The kids all placed their containers on a table and then gathered around to see what everyone else had found.

The teacher began to open them one by one. After each one, whether blade of grass, a dandelion flower, a butterfly, or a leaf, the class would ooh and ahh. Then she opened one that was empty. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid." "That's not fair." "How dumb." "Somebody didn't do the assignment."

When the teacher asked whose egg it was, Philip spoke up, "That's mine."

"Philip don't ever do things right!" one student said. "There's nothing in there!" "He didn't do it right."

"I did so do it," Philip insisted. "I did do it. It's empty cause the tomb was empty!"

There were long moments of silence. From then on Philip was a full member of the class. Not long afterward Philip died from an infection which most children would have shrugged off. At his funeral his Sunday school class of eight-year-olds marched up to the casket – not with flowers – but each placed on his casket an empty L'eggs hosiery egg.

Illustrations of some of the most profound concepts can be found in some of the oddest places. A little eight-year-old boy with Down's syndrome got the point. The darkest Friday in human history was followed by a glorious SONrise and the tomb indeed was empty. Praise God—it was empty!

- Ron

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Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Jimmy Smith, Jamie Clark, Wade Henson, Tony Henson, Jerry Ross, Josh Scott
Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
Closing Prayer: Gene Clark
Power Point: Tim Spain
Greeters (side): Gene & Margaret Clark
(back): Landon & Maggie McCage

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

- April 1 Judges 6-7; Luke 8:1-21
- April 2 Judges 8-9; Luke 8:22-56
- April 3 Judges 10-11; Luke 9:1-36
- April 4 Judges 12-14; Luke 9:37-62
- April 5 Judges 15-17; Luke 10:1-24
- April 6 Judges 18-19; Luke 10:25-42
- April 7 Judges 20-21; Luke 11:1-28

EASTER BRUNCH

Please join us for a delicious Easter brunch and Easter egg hunt following this morning's devotional.



BAJA MISSIONS WORKSHOP

On April 7, 2018, Baja Missions will conduct a one-day workshop in Nashville about all the work they do with the churches they sponsor in Mexico. Some of our recent mission team members plan to attend this event. If you're interested in participating in our church's next trip or just want a better understanding of the ministry, attending this event would be a good way to get more information about it. Please let Greg Ferguson know if you would like to accompany the Troy CoC group. We'll leave the church building at 6:00 a.m. and be home before bedtime.

◆ **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

This year's Graduation Sunday will be on May 6th, with a Cinco de Mayo theme. We have five graduates participating this year. Tyler Bolton and Allie Caldwell are both graduating from college. Olivia Cunningham, Brooke Killebrew, and Ebernay McCage will be high school grads. Each student will have an individual table that reflects their interests. We need your help to provide food with a Mexican theme, such as crock pots of taco meat; black bean salad; nachos; salsa; tortilla chips; enchiladas; guacamole, etc. If you can help prepare food please see Jenny. We expect a large crowd and will need LOTS of food. Jenny says, "I love you church family because you always step up to meet a need!"



14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. **15** And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 New International Version (NIV)

Christ died so that we could live. And with our lives, we should die to him.

What will you do?

-Zach



