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In 1 Corinthians 15:1 Paul says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel..." Then in verses 3-4 he sets forth three basic historical truths of the Christian faith. Our faith does not rest on sand castles but it is firmly rooted on historical fact. Paul sets forth gospel truth in three succinct statements.

FROM THE PASTOR



Statement number one, "Christ died for our sins." Now when it says "Christ died for our sins" that just simply means that Christ paid for our sins. It is not unusual for a person to die; Hebrews 9:27 says "it is appointed for man to die once." You pick up the newspaper and you read the daily obituary column and you read the fact that regardless of how long they may have lived sooner or later people die. But we know that when Jesus died He died like nobody who ever lived. We know that Jesus Christ did not die because He was a sinner but Jesus' death was a death in the place of sinners. "Christ died," here's the key, "for our sins." It means Jesus took our place when He died on Calvary's cross. He took my place, He took my guilt, He took my punishment; He died for me. So when the Bible says Christ died that's not enough; it is that Christ died for our sins.

Statement number two, "He was buried," that means Christ put away our sins. When Jesus was buried it just simply means that our sins were laid in that tomb with Him, it means that our sins have been put away out of sight. There is a hymn entitled, "One Day", and there's a line in that hymn which says, "Buried He carried my sins far away." And, that's what it means when Jesus was buried in that tomb.

You see, Paul says the gospel, the good news, is that He died. That is, He paid for our sins. He was buried; that means He put away our sins. Ah, but statement number three says "He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." He prevailed over our sins. You see, three days later Jesus Christ came out of that grave alive and He is still alive. That is the most astounding truth of the Christian faith: it is the truth that Jesus is not dead somewhere in a tomb outside Jerusalem but that He is alive, that He is moving in the city of Spring Hill touching lives and changing hearts. That's the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's celebrate that fact this Easter!

Bro J

Church Library News

Happy Easter

We Christians are the most fortunate people on this earth. GOD LOVES US! He gave His only Son, who was tortured, crucified and rose because HE LOVES US! Because of Jesus' death, we will have eternal life with God. Our journey is what God wants us to realize is a journey of serving for and with each other and the knowledge to try and bring others to Christ. Jesus was crucified for our sins so let's honor Him by living our lives serving others. May God bless our church.

Here are a few choices from our Library...

All For Jesus by Franklin Graham. When everything you do is aimed at glorifying Him, the life-changing consequences are limitless. A wonderful thing happens when you say, "I trust you, Lord. What do you want me to do? How do You want me to do it?" Live your life in the fulfillment of God's plan—not just obedient, but joyfully, confident, steadfast, and unhesitating despite tears and trials. Live for Jesus.

The Resurrection Report by William Proctor. The author sets the record straight about the first Easter Sunday. He asks the pertinent questions; "Who saw this miraculous event? What exactly occurred? When, where, how, and why did it happen?" He observes this most profound component of the Christian faith with the critical edge necessary for getting at the objective truth.

The Darkness and the Dawn by Charles Swindoll. Did you know that the "cock" that crowed for Peter was probably not a rooster? Do you remember Barabbas' first name? Do you know why Pilate chose him? Do you know that on the cross, Jesus prayed, "Father, Forgive them" several times? When we contemplate the Cross and the Resurrection together, then the author says we clearly see that the path through the darkness can lead us to the dawn.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

April Birthdays

4	Bob Woodby
5	Paul Hahn
7	Patty Welch
8	Linda McLain
10	Clyde Benedict Margaret Billmyer Meredith Warren
11	Kaye Schneider
13	Carrie Hull
17	Jeff Buchanan Dane Purtle
18	Paula Andre Trisha Price
21	Hannah DeLozier
22	Mary Haltom Anna McDonald
24	Cynthia Huntzinger
29	Cheryl Woodby Raven Rice
30	Lisa Dial

Happy Birthday
To You!



Worship Quote of the Month

A friend from seminary, who has recently moved to the Nashville area, is a hymn writer. He has written a new hymn for Easter (You can find the complete hymn at <http://www.thousandtongues.org/songs/modernhymns/love-has-come-for-us>). Here's some of the text:

Chorus:

Love has come, He's come for us,
Fierce and glorious; Though our sins remain
This is our refrain —
That His love has come for us.

Bridge:










See it rushing like a storm,
Casting out your guilt and shame;
Love will ruin, yet transform
Every heart it claims.
See it rushing like a storm,
Casting out your guilt and shame;
Love will ruin, yet transform
Every heart it claims,
Every soul it names.

Ending: Love has come for us.

Bro. Nick, Minister of Music

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Financial Peace University	4	5 Maury Baptist Association Disaster Relief Training Thompson Station Church	
6 Deacons' Meeting 5 pm AWANA- Regular Mtg	7	8	9 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship	10 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	11	12 8 am Men's Breakfast
						
			6:30 pm Business Mtg.	6:30 pm Financial Peace University		4-7 pm Youth Game Night—Cost \$5
13  Adult Choir Musical in both Morning Worship Services 5 pm AWANA-Grand Prix Race	14	15	16	17 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Financial Peace University	18 <i>Office Closed</i>  Good Friday	19  10 am Easter Egg Hunt With Family Connection
20  NO AWANA Today	21 May Newsletter Articles due in office	22  Earth Day: GO GREEN	23  Administrative Professionals Day 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	24 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	25	26 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast
27 5 pm AWANA-When I Grow Up Night	28	29	30 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.			

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Worship - 8:00 am & 10:45 am
 Sunday School - 9:30 am
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 pm
 Discipleship Training & AWANA - 5:00 pm
 Worship & Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Children in Action - 6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm
 Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm
 Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm
 Instrumental Rehearsal



The Church in Action

DISASTER RELIEF



Training

Maury Baptist
Association Disaster
Relief Training
April 4-5 at Thompson
Station Church

Friday, April 4: Introduction / Recertification to DR. Registration 6 pm. Training begins 6:30 pm.

Saturday, April 5: Registration 8:30 am. Introduction / Recertification 9 am. Chain Saw; Flood Recovery - 10:30 am

Note: Most of our experienced DR volunteers have outdated credentials. Renewal is required every 3 years. Must retake the Introduction/Recertification Class. Chainsaw and Flood Recovery classes are only needed once, but Introduction to DR must be accomplished before taking these classes.

Cost - Training is free but \$36 for background check is required every three years.

Please contact the Maury Baptist Association Office if you plan to attend (931-381-9130) to sign up or have questions.



"Jesus Only Jesus"
Musical Presentation by
The Adult Choir & Musicians

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)
during the Morning Worship Services

Mark your calendars now and invite the
community to come hear the Resurrection
Story presented through music.



Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt,
Saturday, April 19th at 10 am

Volunteers are needed to help fill and hide
eggs. Please place candy donations in
the baskets in the lobby. Please contact
Heather Richardson to help.
(heather_timbs@hotmail.com)

Future Growth Funding

\$132,511.14 in a Construction
Acct. at First Farmer's &
Merchant's Bank

\$356,064.92 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist
Foundation.



Family

Connection

Instead of our traditional Friday night meet and eat, we're gathering as families for the FBCSH Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th, at 10 am. Join us as we fellowship together with our Church Family and our Community Family. We'll be back for our usual Friday night gathering on May 16th!



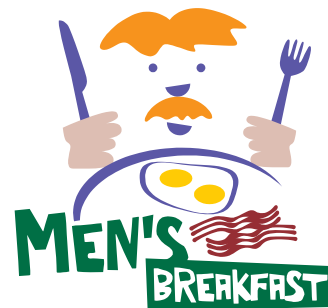
**Cracker Barrel
Fellowship
Wednesday,
April 9
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome**

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 12,
8 a.m.

All Men & Boys are Invited!

Contact Ben Barbre to
volunteer and to make
reservations
callmedoubleb@gmail.com)



Ladies' Breakfast

**Saturday,
April 26,
8:30 am
All Ladies Invited**

Mother's Day Out

Registration is now open for Fall
2014

3 & 4 year olds

Please call 615.302.3946



Mother's Day Out



Vacation Bible School, June 2-6,
8:45 am-Noon

Helpers are needed. Please contact
Patty Welch (PWelchM@aol.com) to
volunteer. There are many areas to
help. If you have never worked in VBS
before, please consider helping this
year. It is a lot of fun!