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He is Risen!

Join us via Facebook Live

Easter Sunday

April 12, 10:30 AM, Worship Service

"The Great White Throne"

Sunrise Service

Easter Morning at 7:00 AM

Join Pastor John via Facebook Live on
FBC Facebook page

Easter Sunday evening at 6:00 PM

- ★ Join Pastor Grant for Bible Study & Prayer via Facebook Live
- ★ Students: Join Trey via Zoom



EASTER

Easter will be very different this year. We won't have a full church building. Our choir won't be singing a special song. No one will be wearing their specially purchased Easter outfits. We won't be attending large family gatherings. So how can we make Easter special when none of our typical Easter activities will happen?

How about making this Easter all about focusing on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus? All this week, I will be bringing a short devotional thought at 6:00 PM from an event that occurred during the last week of Jesus' ministry, leading up to the crucifixion and burial. These devotionals will be broadcast on Facebook Live each evening. If you missed them, you can go back and find them on our Facebook page. Take some time this week to think about the emotions Jesus faced as He went from the triumphal entry to the cross, the grave and the resurrection. Consider the emotions of the disciples as they experienced those same events. Then compare those emotions to your own feelings as we walk through the crisis of our times.

On Friday evening, find a copy of "The Passion of the Christ" and watch it. Some other great movies would be: the "Jesus Film" and movies like "Facing the Giants," "Courageous" and "Fireproof." Take time for your family to read the Bible together, focusing on the last week of Jesus' life. Listen to my devotionals and then go back and read those Scriptures together and talk about what happened and what they mean.

Make a new tradition. Do some type of community service for a family in need. Mow an elderly neighbor's yard. Pick up trash in your neighborhood. Write and send cards to people you know that might need encouragement. Stop worrying about what you are missing and give to someone else.

This can be the best Easter your family has ever experienced!

After waiting more than an hour and a half for her date, Sarah decided she had been stood up. Exasperated, she changed from her dinner dress into pajamas and slippers, fixed some popcorn and hot chocolate, and resigned herself to an evening of TV. No sooner had she flopped down in front of the TV, that the doorbell started ringing. Her dad went to the door, and there stood her date. He took one look at Sarah on the couch and gasped. "I'm two hours late and she's still not ready?"

"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6

God is always on time! I wrote this 13 years ago: "Today is Easter, for a few more minutes. I have to share what happened to me today. It may seem insignificant to you, but it was powerful to me. The message I preached was "It's not over 'til it's over!" and the three main points were: Never give up on anyone, never count an experience as a total loss, and never look death in the face with fear. As I prepared and when I was speaking, I felt like I spent too much time on the second point as I supported it with Romans 8:28: *"And we know that all things work together to those who love God, to those are called according to His purpose."*

I mentioned that it says "we know," not think, or hope, or wish, or dream, or pray, but know with absolute knowledge that God is always working with our situation to produce good, His good; which is transforming us into the image of His Son, Christ. I mentioned that it didn't say that all things are good, because they're not. Some things are terrible. I mentioned that it didn't say that everything is God's will, because God is love and would never will the evil things that happen in our world on a daily basis. He may allow these things to happen in the sin-cursed world we live in, but He doesn't *do* evil. It doesn't say that everything is good! Everything is not good. I said, "Losing a child is not good, but God can take that situation and work it into something good because He turned the crucifixion into resurrection. And it doesn't say that all things work out for everyone's good, but for good for those that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. We may not see Him work, but He's working. And He's not just working in the lives of people like Billy Graham or missionaries who sacrifice everything for Him, but He cares about us all and works in the lives of believers to transform us.

I mean, even while I preached this, I was worried I was going too long. When I finished, while music was being played, I asked everyone to just bow their heads and if they wanted prayer or wanted to pray at the altar, to come on down. I noticed immediately, four adults began slipping out of the back pew, so I thought, "they've got lunch plans and they need to beat the Methodists! They're out of here!" But, they didn't leave, they came down the aisle to me and kind of stood in front of me in a semi-circle. I had never seen them before, so I introduced myself and the younger woman told me her name, pointed to her right and said, "This is, my husband." She pointed to her left and said, "This is my mom and dad." Then, she looked me in the eye and said, "My four-month old son died yesterday." I gulped and felt like a train had hit me. I was unprepared! It broke my heart! I put my arms around them and prayed for them. I prayed that they would allow our Heavenly Father to put His big arms around them and hold them and comfort them. I told the Father that we didn't understand why, but we knew that He knew personally the pain of losing a son. I prayed that they just trust the Lord right now, and allow Him to carry them through this time. I prayed that God's peace would guard their hearts and minds during this difficult time. When they left to go back and sit down; it hit me. God knew they would be in our church today, so He gave me that message and used it in their lives. But, that's just how God is. For me, it was an Easter miracle." I pray that you'll see God work in your life today."

God is always on time! He knows what you're dealing with today and is already working in and around your life. Work with Him for healing and for helping others.

Br. John Guerra - Executive Pastor




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[Student Group Virtual Meetings](#)
Wednesdays @ 6PM: 'Youth Group Live' on Instagram
Sundays @ 9AM: Zoom classes for girls and boys. Contact Trey for info
Sundays @ 6PM: Trey will post Zoom meeting info on Facebook and Instagram

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On-site church activities remain canceled
God's Table will continue Mondays at 6 PM as "to-go only" to provide meals for those in need.


For the Record - April 5, 2020

Month of April	
Monthly Budget Needs	\$73,983
Received to Date	\$23,116
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$650

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FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
Our Goal: \$7,000
Received To Date: \$3,560

Join the Following Virtual Connection Bible Classes

- ◆ **Thomas Muir Class:** Sunday mornings, 9:30 AM on Facebook Page: “T. Muir Connection Bible Study” via Facebook Live
- ◆ **Dennis Dillon Class:** Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM on Facebook Page: “Dillon Connect Bible Study Class” via Facebook Live
- ◆ **Sunny Yeatts Class:** Sunday mornings, 9:30 AM on Sunny Yeatts’ Facebook page via Facebook Live
- ◆ **The Class:** Sunday mornings, 9:30 AM on John Guerra’s Facebook page via Facebook Live
- ◆ **Brad Kearney Class:** Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM via Zoom. Contact Brad at kearney87@mac.com if you’d like to join his group
- ◆ **Deryll Friday Class:** Sunday mornings, 9:15 AM via Zoom. Contact the Fridays at charlafriday@gmail.com to join their group
- ◆ **Jerry Saunders Class:** Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM on Jerry Saunders’ Facebook page via Facebook Live
- ◆ **Students:** See SSM page for Sunday and Wednesday group meetings
- ◆ **Preschool:** Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM with Mrs. Denise on FBC Sanger Facebook Page via Facebook Live

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