

Christ is
Risen!

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Alleluia!



The
Herald

From the Pastor's Desk

He is Alive!!

In the unique present circumstances we find our selves in this truth, Jesus Christ is Alive, is powerful, comforting and encouraging. Just what we need for these days. I have seen some posts saying, “while churches may be empty this Easter take heart so is the tomb!” Hallelujah!! I have been encouraged by the way the body is functioning as the church while distanced from one another. People are listening to the Spirit as he prompts them to make a call, send a text or email while we maintain social distancing. Some are having small careful meetings to have coffee or go for a walk to talk, care and pray.

As I shared in a video last week from John 16 that Jesus said it was good that he was leaving so the Spirit would come as a comforter and helper. Allow him to comfort and encourage your heart and also listen to his prompting to be involved in the needed ministry of the body of Christ. An idea is to begin each day by offering yourself to the Spirit to guide your day and help you see when and where he desires to use you to encourage someone else. Even through the day remind the Spirit, and yourself of your availability to be involved in his work.

We continue to be in the office most days and also work some from home. We plan some Zoom meetings for various Bible studies and youth conversation. We encourage you to make use of this time to know your family and your God better. We often said we were too busy for various aspects of our spiritual growth and walk. Now for many of us we have a little more time available. Get to know your Lord better and then share some of your learning and experience with someone else.

He is Alive and He will lead us through this.

Pastor Dennis

Burial Spices

Jewish people used perfumed spices when they buried their loved ones. The women had seen Nicodemus bring his gift of spices. They also wanted to show their love for Jesus by bringing a gift. Their gift of spices had probably been prepared on Saturday evening after the Sabbath ended. Burial “spices” were not the same cooking spices we use today. Burial spices were made from pieces of sweet smelling wood which were ground into powder. The powder was added to a thick, gooey mixture, such as myrrh, to make a heavy paste. The paste held the grave clothes together and hardened rapidly. The strong spicy smell covered up the smell of death. The women could have been bringing as much as fifty pounds of spices to the tomb on Sunday morning. But they never got to use their gift—Jesus wasn’t dead anymore!

Sunday Sunrise: Look Inside!

Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-8

The gates of Jerusalem were opened just after sunrise on Sunday morning, the first day of the week. Some of the women, along with Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and Mary, the mother of James, walked out of the city to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. They brought their gift of burial spices to put on his body.

On their way, the women talked about the stone that covered the opening of the tomb. They asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the tomb for us? How will we get inside to use our burial spices?” The women may not of known about the soldiers who went to guard the tomb on Saturday. These soldiers would have refused to allow the women to go into the sealed tomb. When the women came within sight of the tomb, they saw the stone—it was rolled away from the entrance. They hurried to the tomb and looked inside. There lay the grave clothes, still wrapped but now empty! Where was Jesus? Suddenly two men in clothes as bright as lightning stood in front of the women.

The women were terrified. They bowed down with their faces to the ground. One of the angels said to them, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. But why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here! Don’t you remember how Jesus told you he would rise? He is alive!”

Speechless, the women could only stare at the bright, shining angel.

The angel said to them, “Remember what Jesus told you. He said, ‘The Son of Man must be handed over to his enemies. He must be nailed to a cross. He will die, but on the third day he will rise from the dead.’”

The angel pointed to the burial clothes. “Come and see the place where he lay.” The women slowly moved to the stone slab where the white wrappings lay. They could hardly believe their eyes . . . or their ears!

“Now, go quickly!” said the angel. “Tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He has risen from the dead. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’”

The women ran as fast as they could. Their hearts were full of fear . . . and joy.
Jesus was alive!

Why did the women go to the tomb early Sunday morning?
What did the angel tell the women?
What does the angel's message mean to you today?

The above narratives are from a children's book in the library, Journey to the Cross by Helen Haidle, that features all the events of the last week of Jesus' life and resurrection in chronological order.

Because He Lives

Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me.
Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

Books new to our library:

Many new books have been added in the fiction section.

I am waiting the arrival of the newest Joel Rosenberg book released on March 17.

CD Books on Tape new to our library:

Several new Adventures in Odyssey

DVDs new to our library:

Coexist by Erwin Lutzer

Genesis: Paradise Lost

I am Potential

Like Arrows

Live Refreshed by Dennis Swanberg

Patterns of Evidence: The Moses Controversy by Tim Mahoney

The Masterpiece

Overcomer by Kendrick Brothers

The Greatest Cause: How the Bible Got Changed to English

The I Wills of God

The True Easter Story by Ray VanderLaan

And many more! Thank you so much for the great donations!

P.S. I can't seem to locate the DVD, 180, by Ray Comfort. Would you check your shelves at home or in the office and see if you might have it? Thanks!

Celebrate Recovery Update

Celebrate Recovery Celebrating Four Years

We are so excited to be celebrating 4 years this month! There will be a special Birthday Celebration on April 7th with dinner at 5:30 and a live concert/testimony from recording artist Heather Layne at 6:30. All are invited, it's FREE (love offering being taken for Heather's expenses) and we hope to see you all there!

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday night! Dinner is at 5:45 and the meeting starts at 6:30. Most people hear the word "recovery" and immediately think of drug and alcohol addiction. Would it surprise you to know that only 1 in 3 people who attend CR are there for chemical addiction? Celebrate Recovery covers all kinds of hurts, hang-ups and habits: people pleasing, low self esteem, self harm, pornography, anger, grief, control issues and so much more. CR is based on God's word, emphasizing personal responsibility and the fact that we need each other in order to navigate life. We all struggle with something and we welcome you to come and check us out!

We have done much learning and growing as we learned to work together as a leadership T.E.A.M over the last four years! God has blessed us with His endless mercy and grace! Over the last year and continuing into this year, we have focused on Step 12 and Principal 8: Service! We are always looking out for areas where we can serve, so please do not hesitate to let us know where we can help!

We began Celebration Place this past year and it's been going well! Celebration Place is for kids ages 5-13. They learn what their parent is learning, only in a fun way! We also have childcare for those with kids under age 5. We are thankful that Carmen Thompson answered God's call to lead the Celebration Place program. As our CR has grown, so has Celebration Place! We are looking for an adult volunteer to come along side Carmen and help teach these precious children healthy ways to deal with the not so fun parts of growing up in a broken world.

Celebrate Recovery Update

We are also beginning to look at starting The Landing which is for our teens! We already have a wonderful youth program, so this would be a great fit. So many of you give your time to the youth group already, but we would love it if we could find two volunteers to lead this program. We have the starting kit if you would like to review the information!

We thank you all so much for your support and prayers over these last several years! We couldn't do it without you! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow and request volunteers to help lead these additional programs. (Contact Alan Case or Joelle Flick). Celebrate Recovery is an awesome resource for this community that so desperately needs healing from life's hurts, hang-ups and habits! We are Hope Dealers! We are CR!

Joelle Flick, Assimilation Coach

Celebrate Recovery



Focus on Missions– Rainbow Bible Ranch

Greetings to our Dear Brothers and Sisters at Little White Church,

We are blessed and thankful to partner with you in the gospel of Jesus Christ!

With so much uncertainty in the world right now, how thankful we are that we serve a God Who does not change! As our summer camping season approaches, we so appreciate your prayer support for God's wisdom and direction. We believe God would have us continue to move forward, yet we do so with caution and constant prayer, trusting the Lord to lead and provide.

The Ranch has experienced the blessings of God over the past 40 years.

Rainbow is a year-round ministry, with outreach, discipleship and leadership training. Our winter and spring events have brought good crowds and great fellowship. The weekly Bible Study that we conduct downtown Rapid City for teens and young adults has consistently seen 20-30 in attendance. These young people come with a passion to dig deep into God's Word and they are a joy to lead. This time of year, the anticipation levels are high within our family as we look forward to our summer ministry to the kids who come to camp. We take seriously our calling to introduce children and teens to Jesus and to give them the tools to walk faithfully with Him.

We welcome you to join us!

We need serious prayer warriors to hold us up on the front lines. Your financial support enables us to continue to give our youth a foundation of truth. We must stand together as the body of



Christ! Time is short and there is much to do. May our Lord Jesus guide each one of us as we proclaim Him...in Hill City, at RBR, and around the world!

Larry & Robin Reinhold

LWC Rainbow Bible Ranch Campership

Kids...Get ready for summer camp!

The Little White Church provides a campership program to help our kids go to Rainbow Bible Ranch this summer. Upon completion of our Campership Application the camper will have \$100 paid towards his or her Ranch Camp fees (ages 8-16) or \$50 towards Little Rancher's Camp fees (ages 6-7).

In addition, if your child completes a Campership Packet, which includes Bible studies, Bible verse memorization and doing a service project, they can earn a total \$200 towards Ranch Camp fees or a total of \$75 towards Little Rancher's Camp fees.

Pick up applications on the table by the bulletin board or from the church office.

See Cindy Dusing for Campership Packets.

*****All applications and packets are due by June 1, 2020.**

2020 Camp Costs:

Little Rancher's Camp (two days): \$120

Ranch Camp (ages 8-12): \$415

Ranch Camp (ages 12-16): \$435

**Go to: www.rainbowbibleranch.org
for more info about the camp!**

If you would like to give to the Campership program, please make check out to LWC and write "RBR campership" in memo. Thank you!

From My Files: Echoes of God's Glory

Roseanne Hilton

As we are thinking about the Resurrection, celebrated this month on April 12, let's think about Jesus' role as Intercessor and High Priest.



The hymn *The Unveiled Christ* contains the lines “Now He is with God the Father/ Interceding there for you; /For He is the mighty conqueror/ Since He rent the veil in two.”

Scripture tells us that His body is the curtain that was torn. He is the new and living way into the Holy of Holies, where formerly only the high priest could enter once a year. He offered Himself to God the Father as the payment for our treason and treachery and He stands as the go-between to speak to Almighty God for us. This is God's plan in the

new covenant between Himself and His people.

Therefore, brothers [and sisters], since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV

So, friends, we can now—without hesitation—walk right up to God, into “the Holy Place.” Jesus has cleared the way by the blood of His sacrifice, acting as our Priest before God. The “curtain” into God's presence is His body. So let's *do it*—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps His word. Hebrews 10:19-23 The Message

Let's praise our resurrected Mighty Conqueror!

Newsletter Newsletter

“God is not a workaholic”

In *Sabbath as Resistance*, Walter Brueggemann likens our consumerism-driven society to ancient Egypt. Hebrew slaves made bricks for storehouses for the wealth of the upper class, at the top of which sat Pharaoh. Now, as then, the push is always to do more, earn more, make more; we worry there's not enough time or money. “In this system there can be no Sabbath rest,” says the author.

Yet, at the culmination of creation, “God rested on the seventh day. God did not show up to do more. ... God did not come and check on creation in anxiety to be sure it was all working.” And “because the creator is anxiety-free,” we can be too. “God is not a workaholic,” writes Brueggemann. “God does not keep jacking up production schedules. To the contrary, God rests, confident, serene, at peace.” God's rest, in turn, gives us — who are created in his image — a “restfulness that contradicts the ‘drivenness’” of Pharaoh's Egypt and modern society.

Debt-free, by grace

Visiting with her passenger, Uber driver Latonya Young mentioned her determination to finish college — and a \$700 debt that barred her from enrolling in more classes. “Every time I got ready to pay the money, my kids needed something,” she said later. “I said, ‘Okay, I'll just wait.’”

To Young's great surprise, a few days after that Uber conversation, she learned that her customer, Kevin Esch, had paid her debt; she could reenroll! In response, Young persevered to finish her degree with strong grades. “When he paid the balance, I had to do this for him,” she said of Esch, who attended her graduation.

Young's self-sacrifice for her children and Esch's self-sacrifice for a stranger both pale, of course, in comparison to Jesus' sacrifice of his very life to save us. Like Young held back by debt, we were captive to sin until “the Son of Man came ... to give his life as a ransom” (Matthew 20:28, ESV). Young did nothing to earn Esch's gift, and we can do nothing to earn salvation. But as she responded by using the gift to its fullest, we embrace God's gift by living in thanksgiving and praise, love and service.

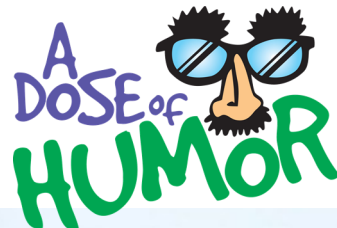
Church Body Updates



2nd Eli I.
2nd Marge H.
4th Roger E.
5th Jerry S.
6th Deb A.
12th Shari H.
23rd Nate S.
24th Dotty T.
25th Shirley S.



16th Kevin & Christy D.
(15 years)





Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) “He” on the smallest block, “is” on the medium block and “risen!” on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim “He is risen!”

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