



The Vision



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Manna for Meditation

Three Days

By Pearl Sturgis

They said His name is Jesus.
Some call Him Mary's son.
His Mother's Heart was broken
when she knew the hour had come.

They call it Easter Morning
when Our Lord rose from the dead
But call it grace and mercy
when He died there in our stead.

The scriptures were fulfilling
although they did not know.
He laid His Life down willingly
two thousand years ago.

They crucified my Saviour.
They laid Him in the grave.
They thought His Life was over
But He rose in just three days.



*Your fellowship today is important to us.
Please fill out the attendance pads at the
end of each pew.*



Servants

In His Service

April 11, 2021

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

NURSERY-

Small Talk-Laura Ziegler

Junior Church-

(The previous week's attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

SS-31 Worship-36

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

	Worship Service	Sunday School
March 7	\$3,201.00	\$42.00
March 14	\$1,984.00	\$60.00
March 21	\$3,113.74	\$50.00
March 28	\$1,934.00	\$25.00

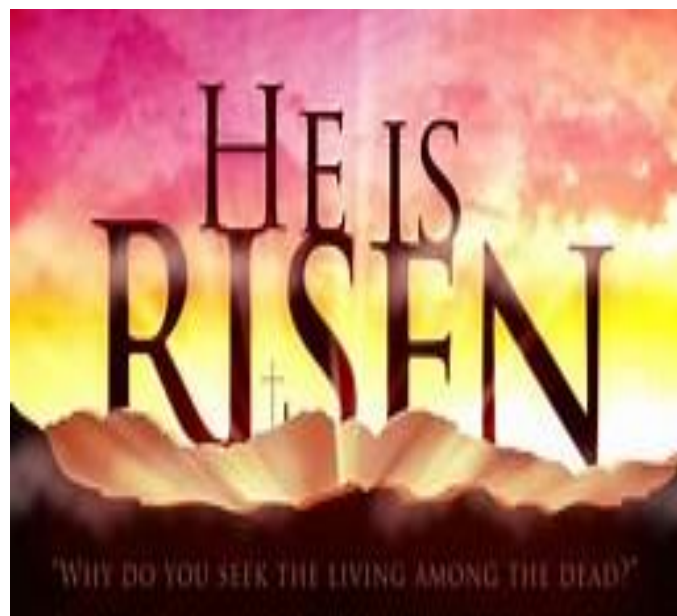
\$2.00-Bereavement Fund, \$20.00-America for Christ Offering, \$30.00-Trash Bags

Operating Fund

\$10,409.74

Total Receipts (Mar.) \$11,009.74

Weekly Need \$2,700.18





Had It Not Been For
By: Tom Wright
Mar. 2, 1998

Camp is just around the corner.

The Camp Schedule is posted in the Narthex. Due to the Covid Virus camp was not able to be held last year, but the camps have been working hard to make it safe for this year. We would like to sponsor as many kids going to camp as possible.

Thank you for your help.

Easter and the Legend of the Dogwood Tree

One of the most unique of the old legends handed down in the South is the story of the Dogwood Tree. I still remember the story of the Dogwood tree from when I was a child. Every Easter I stop and think of the story but I had forgotten some of the details in the many years since the first hearing of it. The internet has jogged the memory and I do hope you enjoy the tale as much as I still do. The story is just for fun but we hope you will enjoy and share with your family and friends.

The Dogwood tree is a beautiful little tree that explodes in white blossoms each spring and is one of the favorite blooming trees among our customers. It grows across the South and is popular as a yard tree, but it also grows wild in the woods across the region.

The legend holds that the tree was once very large, like a Great Oak tree, and because its wood was strong and sturdy, it provided building material for a variety of purposes. According to the story, it was the dogwood tree that provided the wood used to build the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Because of its role in the crucifixion, it is said that God both cursed and blessed the tree. It was cursed to forever be small, so that it would never grow large enough again for its wood to be used as a cross for a crucifixion. It's branches would be narrow and crooked—not good for building at all. At the same time, however, the tree was blessed so that it would produce beautiful flowers each spring, just in time for Easter. To remember God's promise to the tree it is said he gave it a few traits so that whoever looks upon it will never forget. The petals of the dogwood actually form the shape of a cross. Upon close examination, it can be seen that the blooms of the tree always have four petals.

Anonymous

Had there not been a virgin birth,
no third cross, no trembling earth.
If an empty tomb there hadn't been,
there'd have been no payment for our sin.

No footprints found near Galilee,
no hope there'd be for you and me.
Praise him today and again on Monday, not
once a year on Easter Sunday

Some put on finery and to church go,
but the risen Savior they do not know.
The living God, that we one day must face, if
we be saved, it will be through grace.



PAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

Mike Adams, Sallie Giesbrecht, Judy Thompson, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Brian Etchison, Patty Giesbrecht, Maggie Jordan, Mary Jennison, Dixie Carter, Evelyn Denney, Betty Williamson, Bob & Catherine Etter, Dee Dee Kaufman, Larry & Peggy Martin and Bob & Dianna Jennings.

Community: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards, Youth and teachers dealing with this COVID-19 pandemic situation. For children and families facing crisis, and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Flake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People Affected by the COVID-19, Situations in the country and abroad, the President & cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, firemen and the US economy.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

