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I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

“Resurrection” is one of
those words deeply woven

into Christian language, yet it is not always a word we have fully unpacked in our theology or in our daily practice of faith.

On Easter Sunday, we proclaim that Jesus rose from the dead. He who was dead is now alive, just as he foretold. Although Jesus told his disciples several times that the Son of Man would be handed over to the authorities, suffer, die, and be raised again, they still struggled to understand what he meant.

We see this in the Gospel of John when Martha, the sister of Lazarus, speaks with Jesus. Jesus tells her that Lazarus will live again. Martha replies, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Martha, like many Jews in the first century, believed that God would one day raise the faithful dead. But Jesus responds, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Jesus is helping Martha see that resurrection is not only a far-off future hope. In him, the power of resurrection is already breaking into the present. Then, of course, Jesus calls Lazarus from the tomb, revealing his power even over death itself.

On Easter Sunday, we hear the good news: “He is risen!” “He is not here!” “The tomb is empty!” We celebrate that death did not have the final word. We remember, too, that the risen Christ continued teaching his disciples and preparing them to go into the world bearing this life-changing news.

And yet, when I speak with Christians about their hope, I often hear something like this: “I’m just looking forward to leaving this world and being with Jesus in heaven after I die.”

Certainly, I believe heaven is real, and I believe that after death we are gathered with Christ. But if that is the only way we understand Christian hope, then we miss part of the good news of the resurrection.

In Ephesians 1, Paul reminds us that the very power God used to raise Christ from the dead is already at work in us. We who have been baptized into Christ’s death are also raised in the power of his resurrection. We who believe in Jesus already know the beginnings of resurrection life. God is even now transforming us from the old self into a new creation. Through faith, we are already tasting the first fruits of resurrection.

That changes how we think about our lives, our families, and our world.

A note was recently passed to me that read, “There is not one shred of scientific evidence that life is serious.” The quote is attributed to a writer and critic for *The New Yorker*. From a purely material point of view, perhaps one could say that if all we have is our brief span of years, bounded by our limitations and ending in death, then the only sensible response is to eat, drink, and be merry.

But in the light of Christ’s resurrection, faith tells a larger story.

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Faith tells me that my eyes do not see the whole truth. Faith tells me that in raising Jesus from the dead, God has unleashed resurrection power into the world. Faith tells me that God is even now doing something new and wonderful among us, and I want to be part of it. Faith tells me that I can shape my life around the conviction that God's reign and God's new creation are already breaking into the world. Faith tells me that I am called to share God's compassion and mercy, and to bear witness to the good news that this life is a foretaste of what God still has in store.

This is why we worship. This is why we serve and give generously. This is why we love unconditionally. This is why we strive to live with integrity. This is why we teach our children. This is why our relationships matter. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, eternal life is not only

something we await; it is something we are already beginning to share.

As we bask in the joy of Easter morning, remember: the resurrection of Jesus is not only good news about him. It is the foretaste of what God has in store for us all—and indeed, for all creation.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

See you at the Table,



KidsGrow@FCC

Our next big project is the NexGen Service. We will practice on April 19th and 22nd.

May 10th is Mother's Day, but we will also have a Baby/Child Dedication during our Sunday morning service at 11am. If you are interested in dedicating your baby or your child to the Lord, please email me at tconn@fccmidland.org.

See below for more details on upcoming events! I am blessed because of you and your kids!

Tamara

Sunday School (10:00-10:45am)

PreK will join the Children's or Nursery class. Children (Kinder - 5th grade) will begin a new series from the Grow Curriculum called "True Story."

Children's Church (Sundays during Worship)

PreK will hear the story of "Jesus Returns." Children (Kinder - 3rd grade) will hear the story about the "Road to Emmaus."

KidsGrow@FCC (Sunday Evenings from 4:30-6:00pm)

April 12: Kids (Grades 1-5) will meet in the Kid Cave, then we will travel by bus to help out at the CIA House. Families welcome!

April 19: NexGen Rehearsal

Upcoming:

April 22 - NexGen Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served.

April 26 - NexGen Service at 11am. Please send your child to the Sanctuary at 10am for a run-through.

May 10 - Mother's Day, Baby/Child Dedications
June 22-25 - VBS

July 19-22 - Summer Camp at Lake Brownwood (3rd-5th grades only. RSVP as soon as possible. Scholarships available.)



Easter Eggstravaganza





Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the following families who has recently lost a loved one.

Joy Singleton passed away on April 7, 2026.

Joy is the mother of Mary Hurst and mother-in-law to Clint Hurst.

Visitation will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Thursday, April 16, from 6-8pm. The Funeral for Joy will be Friday, April 17, 10am at First Christian Church, Midland.

Graveside service will follow.

Please keep the Singleton/Hurst families in your prayers. When details are confirmed for a service, we will send notifications.

2026 Easter Lilies & Disciples Rice

In Memory of:

Robert "Bob" King *by The Chisham Family*

Melinda Coffman *by The Coffman Family*

Don Chambers *by The Coffman Family*

Kenneth & Twana Evers *by Kris Evers*

Pat & Button Estes

by Ginny, Barbara, Beau & Arthur Estes

Nora Sexton *by Barbara Holeva*

John & Maxine Leather

by Pat Vincent & Joe Gassie

Art & Arlene Marshall

by Pat Vincent & Joe Gassie

J. Howard & Anne L. Gassie

by Pat Vincent & Joe Gassie

Juliette Wolcott *by Hill Glover*

Jess Mae Williamson *by Hill Glover*

Kitta Belle Knox *by Hill Glover*

C.W. "Red" *by Suzanne Gonzalez*

Robert & Mary Ellis *by Suzanne Gonzalez*

Lloyd, Cleo & Kay Johns *by Suzanne Gonzalez*

Eva McHargue *by Gloria Graham*

Lucille Graham *by Gloria Graham*

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kruse (Ernestine Kruse)

by Mike & Brenda Harrison

Frank Singleton *by Clint & Mary Hurst*

Our Parents, The Perry's & Lewis'

by David & Terry Perry

David E. & Freida Schnable

by John & Sandra Schnable

Peter Roye Schnable *by John & Sandra Schnable*

Hazel E. Chavez *by John & Sandra Schnable*

Ben M. Farr *by John & Sandra Schnable*

Shory Williamson *by Bob Williamson*

In Honor of:

Fred & Carole Copeland

by Justin & Lauren Disney

Joy Singleton *by Clint & Mary Hurst*

Joy Singleton *by Suzanne Gonzalez*

Glenna Farr *by John & Sandra Schnable*

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In Appreciation of:

Staff at FCC *by Justin & Lauren Disney*

Cricket Harrison *by Justin & Lauren Disney*

Keith & Sharna Gibbons

by Justin & Lauren Disney

Cindy Elliot *by Suzanne Gonzalez*

Easter Sunrise Service



Prayer List

Those in need of prayer:

Leona Bowman
Lorenzo Espino
Robby Boyd
Ronny Aaron
Kathe Hepher
Maria & Vinson Cooper
Sandy Faulkner
Bill Boyd
Joy Singleton
Judy Hunnicutt
Mike Harrison
Marty Wallace
Bruce Stanley
Chris Huff
Betty Couch
Cinnamon Stanford
Abraham Ortega
Kaylene Burgard
Nancy Stanley
Fred Yates
Pat Marshall
Ginny Estes
Joshua Harrison
Mary Beth Corbett
Linda Taylor
Lisa Craven
Mark Cranford
Cricket Harrison
Fred Schwiening
C.C. Petteway
Pat Chambers
Kathy Landrum
Sheila Crudgington
Gary Thompson

Military:

Tyler Brown– *grandson of Lyn Brown*

Families, Friends Beyond FCC

Sharon Thorton–mom of Dainel Thorton
Kylea Stone–*friend of CLC*

Nolan Gandy–*friend of Terry Perry*
Cindy Garcia– *CLC Teacher*
Robin Diegan & Jason Diegan–
cousins of Ginny Estes
Amanda Bryant–
friend of Dave & Kathy Cromwell
Amanda Lee–*friend of Janice Ford*
Reymondo Garcia–*brother of Maria Vinson*
Gary Kennedy *friends of Lauren & Justin Disney*
Fred Copeland—*father of Lauren Disney*
Ed Keah–*friend of Joy Singleton*
J.M. Moore – *father of Kathy Landrum*
Oscar Garcia – *brother of Amparo Olguin*

Birthdays

03/03 Jim Morris
03/03 Destiny Crudgington
03/05 Mary Lightfoot
03/12 Clyde Kinsey
03/15 Bill Terry
03/16 John Schnable
03/19 Michael Landrum
03/22 Brecken Hattenbach
03/23 Fred Yates
03/23 Spencer Armour
03/23 David Davis
03/24 Mike Stephenson
03/24 Paisley Perley
03/25 Sharna Gibbons
03/28 Aimsley Lastoka
03/30 Joe Gassie
03/31 Gary Thompson

Anniversaries

03/04 Roy & Jeannine Hurst
03/12 Charlie & LuAnn Morgan
03/17 Beau & Barbara Estes
03/17 Joe Gassie & Pat Vincent

Names in red are youth and children



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Vacation Bible School

June 22nd-25th

5:30-8pm

Age 3 yrs old by June 1-completion of 5th grade

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Registration Dates

FCC Kids April 26th

CLC Kids May 3rd

Open to Public May 10th

**WHAT'S
COOKIN'?**