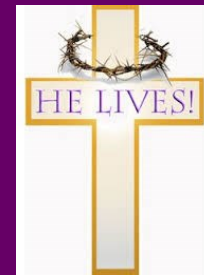




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Thoughts from Pastor Barry

Marcus Borg, a leader in Progressive Christianity and influential participant of the famed Jesus Seminar, wrote in 1998:

As a child, I took it for granted that Easter meant that Jesus literally rose from the dead. I now see Easter very differently. For me, it is irrelevant whether or not the tomb was empty. Whether Easter involved something remarkable happening to the physical body of Jesus is irrelevant.



Dr. Borg, who passed away from pulmonary fibrosis on January 21, 2015, was sadly mistaken. Whether Jesus Christ is risen or not is very relevant. Truth is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ through the Bible, not derived from a workshop or seminar led by committed religious experts.

Christmas Day, the celebration of the historical moment of the incarnation of God, divided time. And yet, Easter is a greater day than Christmas. Make no mistake: the most significant event in history is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Still, it is fair to ask, "Why is the resurrection so important?"

Without the resurrection of Christ, the birth of Christ and even the death of Christ *would* be irrelevant. The world and even many liberal and progressive Christians often dismiss what is, to the Apostle Paul, essential to Christian faith:

And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable – 1 Corinthians 15:17-19, NKJV.

Bluntly put, without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is no Christianity. R. A., Torrey (Dwight L. Moody's successor) wrote:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the cornerstone of Christian doctrine...[I]t (the bodily resurrection of Christ) was the one point that Peter emphasized in his great sermon on the Day of Pentecost. His whole sermon centered around that fact. Its keynote was, Acts 2:32 – "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."

Without the resurrection, the death of Christ is a heroic martyrdom. The resurrection validates the atonement of the cross. The resurrection, not simply the cross, gives us the hope of abundant, eternal life. In Romans 10:9, Paul wrote, "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that *God has raised Him from the dead*, you will be saved."

The resurrection *is* relevant. Each year, Easter is the most important date on the calendar. My prayer this Easter season is that we reflect upon the magnificent love of God found in the person of His Son and our Savior.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Blessings at Easter,

Barry

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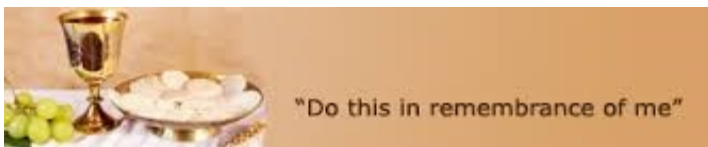
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***The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper
will be Sunday, April 9.***

A fellowship meal will follow. The church provides the meat for our meal. Please bring several side dishes that would provide enough for your family with some to share. And don't forget about the dessert! There will be no Children's Church on April 9.



Easter Sunday Services

NO Sunrise Service

Sunday School at 9:30

Worship Service at 10:45 with

Special Easter Musical

NO Children's Church



The church office will

be closed in observance

of Good Friday on

April 14.

A CALL TO
**CORPORATE
PRAYER**

April 9 at 5:30pm in the Bryan Whitmire
classroom. Come join us in prayer.



Preschool Sunday is April 2

Our Northgate Preschoolers will sing during the morning worship service on April 2.

Following the morning worship service we will have a Preschool Family Picnic in Fellowship Hall.

All preschool parents, preschoolers, and their other children are invited to a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. Lunch will be catered at no charge. After lunch, the preschoolers and their families will be able to fellowship and have fun together playing games. Families new to our Preschool Ministry will have a chance to hear the vision for Preschool Ministry and to discuss parental involvement in the ministry. Preschool Sunday School teachers and members of the Preschool Council and their families are also invited to attend. **Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing Ruth at rharrison@northgatebaptist.com by March 28.**



Sunday, April 30

Children will lead in the various parts of the service, praying, making announcements, taking the offering, and reading Scripture. **The children will sing several of the 2017 Galactic Starveyors songs and present several VBS skits.**

NO Children's Church on April 30

COSTUMES: The church has two Santa Claus and Easter Bunny costumes with accompanying backdrops. Any church member is welcome to borrow the costumes, but we ask that you call the church office to reserve the suit(s) and that you return the suits cleaned on the date that they are to be returned. **Thanks so much!**



STAND will be visiting our Northgate shut-ins on **April 8th from 10-11 am**. All interested youth (and adults!) are invited. We will meet at the church at 9:30 am, depart for visits, then meet up at the church for lunch. **If you would like to attend, register with Baxter McGuirt, so that you can be placed in a group for visitation and have a spot for lunch.**



The Crossties Sunday School class is collecting items for infants for the **Piedmont Women's Center**. Diapers are one of the main needs, but any items for infants is welcome. You may bring your items to the Crossties class. Thank you for giving to this need. You are helping many women through the **Piedmont Women's Center**.

If you have any questions about items you may see Judy Rothfuss.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Northgate Men's Ministry outing will be held on April 9th will be a hike at Jones Gap. Kids are welcome and so are your dogs. **Please confirm to Lee Coker by April 2nd** if you plan to attend so we will know how many to expect for lunch. Costs will be \$5.00 per person. Spouses are welcome to attend the lunch. If you don't want to hike, please come for the lunch to hear about upcoming activities and outreach events.



**NORTHGATE BAPTIST
BASKETBALL CAMP
June 12-16, 2017**



**Monday, April 17
11:00am**

Our guest for April is Karen Salerno, Director of the Taylors Free Medical Clinic. Come and find out what this wonderful ministry is doing.

All are invited for this time of great food and fellowship together. Come join us! **We ask that you plan to arrive at 10:45.**

For reservations contact Judy Rothfuss at 864-233-1099 no later than Thursday, April 13.



We open on Sunday @ 9am and at 5:30pm on Wednesday.

"Humility isn't complicated. It's really just returning to the way God set things up in the beginning. He designed us to need Him all the time, and each other." - Dan Walsh

Good stuff! If you read a book from our library that encourages or challenges you, make sure and tell a friend! Then stop by and check out another.



**APRIL
3 Team G
10 Team R
17 Team O
24 Team W**



Good News Clubs will complete the 2016-17 year on April 3 and 4. We have had a wonderful year. Thirty-three children have been enrolled in the clubs at both Summit Drive Elementary and Stone Academy. We have an average attendance of about 25. Fourteen children have accepted Jesus as their Savior at the two schools. **Praise God! Thank you for supporting this ministry through your prayers, serving, and monetary gifts.**



Women's Missionary Union will meet on Tuesday, March 28 at 10am in the fellowship hall. If you are not a part of the WMU, please come and join us for a time of fellowship and missions ministry. All ladies are invited to attend.

Contact Nancy Stephens for more information.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Fidelis Sunday School class will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes all year. Every month a different item is suggested for those who wish to donate. Donation boxes are in the Fidelis classroom and at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. **For the month of April bring soap and washcloths. Pray for this ministry and the children.**



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**We share our sympathies with:
The family of Frank Black on the his passing; Dan Burgess and family on the passing of Dan's father, Warren.**

**Leadership Council - Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30pm in the Hope Classroom
Church Conference - April 26 at 6:30pm**