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Thoughts from our Pastor



The date for Easter is determined by the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox; therefore, Easter can only occur in the season of spring. The earliest it can come is March 22 and the latest is April 25. The last time Easter fell on March 22, was in 1818. The next time it will fall on March 22, will be 2285. The last time Easter fell on April 25, was 1943. The next time it will fall on April 25, will be 2038. This year, Easter came rather early, March 31.

Easter, of course, is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It relates to the Jewish Passover holiday in that the last time Jesus celebrated the Seder meal with His disciples was on the evening before the beginning of the Passover Feast. That is why that meal is sometimes referred to as the Last Supper. In fact, Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting (1498) of Jesus' last Passover meal with His apostles is named "The Last Supper." The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed everything! It validated the time change that was initiated at the incarnation of God (Christmas). It is reflected by the new life that spring brings to God's creation. **But the resurrection is only the beginning of this marvelous change.**

Why would the pastor write an article about the resurrection after Easter? I'm glad you asked. We must do a little grammar study to understand the answer to that question. Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6 and Luke 24:5 all use the same grammar. Luke's version is a little easier for us to see the significance of the grammar. **Luke 24:6 - "He is not here, but is risen!"** English translations like this one (NKJV) help us with some important theological work. The Greek word for "Is risen" is *egerthe*. That verb is written in the aorist tense, indicative mood and the passive voice. The aorist tense is simply something that has happened in the past. The indicative mood is simply a statement of fact. So the transliteration is "Has risen" or "Was raised." The simple fact is that Jesus is no longer dead, He was raised from the dead to new life. That is a historical fact. **It is the passive voice that changes everything.** "Has risen" could be interpreted as Jesus simply got up from the grave - He did it Himself. However, in the grammatical construction of the resurrection account in the synoptic gospels, that is an incorrect conclusion. It is incorrect grammatically and theologically. The passive voice in the resurrection account indicates that God raised Jesus' human body from the dead. In other words, **the resurrection of Jesus was the object of an action of God.** The awesome thing about that is Jesus is God!! The Bible study (for those who want to dig deeper is: Galatians 1:1; John 10:17-18 and Romans 8:11). God the Father raised Jesus' body from the dead (Galatians 1:1). God the Son raised Jesus' body from the dead (John 10:17-18). God the Holy Spirit raised Jesus' body from the dead (Romans 8:11). Jesus was raised by the power of God. He was raised by God on a particular Sunday morning and His resurrection power continues to this day and will forever. He is risen!

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, the day that you surrendered your life to the Lordship of Christ, is the day you were raised to new life by the same power of God who raised Jesus!! In summation, Easter is a date on the calendar that has incredible power and eternal rewards. If you are a follower of Christ, welcome to abundant and eternal life!!!

Easter never ends!

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Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, April 28.

A fellowship meal will follow. The church provides the meat for our meal. Please bring side dishes that would feed your family with some to share. And don't forget about the dessert!

There will be no Kids Worship on April 28.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Sign up or cancel by calling the church office by noon on Tuesday. Suppers are every Wednesday from 5:30-6:15pm

If you sign up and don't come or call to cancel, you will owe for the meal. You can sign-up to be on a standing list or you may sign up weekly by calling the church office by noon each Tuesday. The menu for April:

- April 3—Chick-fil-A; April 10—Sub sandwiches;
- April 17—Assorted sandwiches;
- April 24—Hotdogs

S.T.A.N.D.



Youth Worship Night will be Sunday, April 21 from 5:00-7:00pm. Students are encouraged to invite friends.



Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast is meeting every Tuesday morning at 7:30am. This is a special time for sharing the needs of God's people at

Northgate and to pray for our nation. All men are welcome to join us.

A Message from Barry Agnew, Jr.
Minister of Students and Education

When I was a college student I was heavily involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) ministry. Through this ministry I met a large number of Christian college athletes from across the region. On one occasion I met young man who played basketball at James Madison University whose name was Heiden Rather. Heiden may have been a brand new believer, but he was absolutely on fire for Christ. He was so young in his faith that he use to come up to you and ask you to "give me a Word." What he meant was that he wanted you to quote some scripture to him. He didn't know much about the Bible yet, but he was so hungry for God's Word that he wanted to see and hear it all of the time. You see, someone at an FCA event had reached out to him, shared the gospel with him, and God brought about a radical change in his life through repentance and faith in the gospel. Fast forward now almost 20 years and Heiden is now the pastor of one of the fastest growing and healthiest churches in the state of Nevada. You see God ended up calling Heiden to ministry and then from there to plant a church back in his hometown of Las Vegas. He is literally reaching people with the hope of Jesus Christ in Sin City! You see almost 20 years ago someone went out of their way to invest in this young man. At that time nobody could have known what God had planned. Nobody could have known that God was going to use him to start a church that has reached hundreds of people for the gospel in one of the darkest cities in our country!

God can use one person to change the world. As we move towards the Summer we are prepping for our youth camp and our Boston mission trip. We are having several fundraising opportunities with the most notable being our Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction fundraiser taking place on Sunday April 21 right after service. I want to encourage you to give as the Lord leads. These are ministries that change lives. Much like with Heiden's story we never know what God may do with one person's life. **My prayer is that God will move in these ministries in a way that will ripple for many years to come! Thank you all as always for all you do and I for one can't wait to see how God is going to move through these ministries this year!**

Please be aware that we have limited spaces in our parking lot and out front of the church for handicapped parking. Many times these spaces are taken by some that are not handicapped. It is very important that our members who may need these spaces to be able to access them. Be sure you have your handicapped parking sticker in your car where it can be seen. Help us be mindful of this.

Thank you!



Joy Club
 Joy Club will meet on Monday
April 15 at 10:45am.
 Our guests will be Al Phillips of the Greenville Baptist Association. He will speak about the mission and work of the association and how Northgate members can help.
 Meals are \$8/person. Remember, if you have a reservation and do not come, you must pay for your meal. **Sign up in your Sunday School class or call the church office by April 10.**



The Personnel Committee will meet with the church in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30pm** to give a report and answer questions regarding our search for a worship leader.

Congratulations to:
 Congratulations to Ryan & Hannah Collier Sassard on the birth of Adalie Elizabeth Sassard. The proud grandmother is Charlotte Lindsay and Linda Smith is the proud great-grandmother.

Awana Clubs
 Tina Jimmerson
 Interim Children's Minister

The **AWANA** year end celebration will be on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30pm. Come and see what the kids are learning in AWANA. We will be in the sanctuary then move to the fellowship hall for snacks.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE BOSTON MISSION TRIP AND YOUTH CAMP

We are having homemade baked goods available for purchase before Sunday School in the fellowship hall and the Sunday School hallway.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support the Boston Mission Trip and Youth Camp.

Transportation Committee meeting will meet on Sunday, April 7 at 4pm. We will discuss current and upcoming events where bus drivers are needed. If you are a listed bus driver, please plan to attend. We are in need of more drivers. If you are interested, please attend this meeting or see Randy Mott.



A **Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser** will take place on **Sunday, April 21st** immediately after service in the fellowship hall. Plates will be by donation only and all proceeds will go to support the Boston Mission Trip and Youth Camp.

VBS is June 6-10
6pm-8:30pm



If you are interested in volunteering contact Valia Warren or Brandy Ager. We have a place for everyone!

Leadership Council will meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm
Church Conference will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30pm