

## Pastor to People . . . . .

Among my collection of photographs is one of my family, years ago, at Easter. The photograph was taken on Easter Sunday. We all had new clothes on, I had a new tie and the girls had on new dresses. It was a special day. We were on our way to church to celebrate the risen Christ. The girls and I were not the only ones to have new Easter clothes that Easter Sunday. In fact, new clothes for Easter have been a tradition for many people for a long time. I'm not sure when the tradition started or why it began. But I wonder if it has something to do with the "newness" that Easter seems to symbolize. All around us on Easter there is newness. There are probably new flowers growing in our gardens, and new tree buds budding from our trees. The spring rains wash away the old snow and new, fresh grass grows in its place. There are new chores to be done such as "spring-cleaning." And there is new hope in our lives as the days get longer and warmer. Of course what we really celebrate on Easter is the new life that is promised to us because Jesus rose from the dead. It is not only a new life that is promised to us after we die, but a new life we can experience right here and now as we give ourselves to God and learn to live in his ways. When we do so we learn new ways of seeing, new ways of doing things, new perspectives, new hopes, and we dream new dreams that are given to us by the Holy Spirit.

The Apostle Paul wrote the congregation in Ephesus that they were to "Clothe" themselves with the new self. And when Paul wrote the congregation known as the Colossians, he got very specific. He wrote, "Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you...Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:12-14.)

What does all this mean? We are to live differently because of Jesus' resurrection. We are not to stay the same. How we look at life and how we live life is to have a God-directed emphasis. It's like putting on new Easter clothes. We're new people! We are God-seeking people. Jesus' resurrection makes all the difference.

How is your life different because of His death and resurrection? Has it brought you closer to God in prayer and worship? Has it changed the way you think and act? Are you kinder and gentler, patient and forgiving because of Easter's impact on you? In the power of Christ's resurrection are you filled not only with new hope but a new way of living life?

Let's put on new Easter clothes. Not the kind you find at a department store. But the kind that comes from allowing the beauty of the resurrection to impact all aspects of our lives.

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## DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

### March 28 - April 3

Jack Andres  
Gary Henderson

### April 4 - 10

David Graves  
Jeff Cater

### April 11 - 17

Willie Glaze  
Wayne Spears

### April 18 - 24

Parker Garrett  
Jerry Lowe

### April 25 - May 1

Wayne Adams  
David Cunningham

**DEACON'S  
MEETING**  
April 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 p. m.



Friday & Saturday, April 23-24  
Shreveport, LA / CenturyTel Center

**Annie Armstrong**  
**Easter Offering**  
**Goal: \$5,000.00**  
**Given: 4,326.50**

## Welcome New Members!

By letter:

Dennis, Karen & Hannah Matthews  
David & Hillis Parker

**Needed: Nursery Worker**  
Personnel Committee is taking applications for an additional nursery worker.  
Application can be picked up in the church office.

# Memorials

To the Properties Improvements Memorial Fund: (Front Parking Lot Improvements)

**IN MEMORY MARGARET LOWE**

By Mr. & Mrs. David Graves, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Henderson

To the Properties Improvements Memorial Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF VERNON EASON, JOHN SHIREY**

By Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Barber

**IN MEMORY OF LOUISE HICKS**

By Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Davis

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE**

By Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rutherford, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. Murphy Perot, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Henderson, Mrs. Shirley Permenter

**IN MEMORY OF PATSY COFFEY CLOUD**

By Mrs. Odie Foshee & daughters

To the Senior Adult Ministry (Keenagers) Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF AILEEN RATCLIFF**

By Mr. & Mrs. Hollis Holmes, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Holmes

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE**

By Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Holmes, Mr. & Mrs. Clay Clark, Willie Glaze, Lindsey Green & Emme

**IN MEMORY OF CLARA LEWIS JAHN**

Mr. & Mrs. David Graves

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN SHIREY, CLARA LEWIS JAHN, MARGARET LOWE**

By Mrs. Doris Powell

To "The Standing in the Gap" Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF SCOTT OWENS**

By Jack Andres

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE**

By Jack Andres, Joe Hamon, Nedra Nunley

**IN MEMORY OF AILEEN RATCLIFF, INEZ HORNSBY, CLARA LEWIS JAHN, CHRISTY WHITE, MARGARET LOWE**

By Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Deutsch

To the Library Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF PHYLISS WITCHER**

By Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Henderson

**IN MEMORY OF HAROLD DAVIS**

By Mr. & Mrs. Tom Radcliff

To the General Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE**

By Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Barber

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

**IN MEMORY OF MITTIE LEE, WRIGHT BURKETT**

By Mrs. Lucille Harvey

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE, PAT BRAZZEL**

By Mrs. Carolyn Ewing

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE**

By Mrs. Dorthea LaGrone, Mr. & Mrs. Don Alexander

**IN HONOR OF ANNE PERRETT, JAN MARTIN, JEAN BECK**

By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rupe

**IN HONOR OF JAN MARTIN, CAROLYN EWING**

By The Vota Vita Class

**IN MEMORY BOBBYE HAMON, MARGARET LOWE**

By Mr. & Mrs. Dale Morvan

Church Sign Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE**

By Mr. & Mrs. Richard Land

Youth Trip Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF SCOTT OWENS**

By Mr. & Mrs. David Graves

To the Children's Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LOWE**

By Mrs. Anne Perrett

Mildred Shaddix Scholarship Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF PHILLIP POOL**

By Mrs. Mildred Magness

## Thank You Note

Words can never ever express the love we have felt from all of you over the loss of Margaret (mom). We appreciate all the cards, the phone calls, the visits that were made, all the food that was prepared. We are all truly blessed by each of your efforts and kindness you have shown to us during times like these. We are sad, yet so happy in knowing that she is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ now. The stargazer Lilies and roses were beautiful. I ask that you please continue to lift us up in prayer in the days ahead of us.

Jerry, Girls & Family

## Youth Happenings this month

"Acquire the Fire"

April 9-10

## KID ZONE KORNER

HE'S ALIVE!!! Isn't it great to be able to shout that out and know that it is the TRUTH. Isn't it also great to know that not only is it the truth but that HE IS ALIVE IN US. I am so thankful that we have a God who loved and loves us so much that He gave His ONLY Son just for us so that we can live an abundant life in Him. I saw something the other day that should be true for all of us. It was a statement that said that we should live everyday as if it were Easter. In other words, we should celebrate His resurrection everyday not just at Easter, not just on Sundays but every day. If you have not taken the opportunity that He has so freely given us, to accept Him as your Savior and LORD, please consider it. One of Jess' (our 17 yr old daughter) favorite sayings for anyone not saved is "Life without Jesus, How's that working out for ya?!" In all honesty, it doesn't work. Life without Christ is void, empty, hopeless, and no peace. Don't wait another moment. Know what real peace, real hope and real love is all about. If you are not sure how to accept Christ as your Savior below are the steps to follow. If you have any questions please contact us and we will be glad to help you. If you need a Bible please let us know.

**“A” stands for Admit. I must admit to God that I am a sinner. I must be sorry for my sin and turn away from sinning. Verses that support this step are Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Acts 3:19; and 1 John 1:9.**

**“B” stands for Believe. I must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God sent Jesus to pay the penalty for sin. Verses about believing include John 3:16; John 14:6; and Romans 5:8.**

**“C” stands for Confess. I must confess my faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Read Romans 10:9-10,13**

**A prayer you can pray to receive Christ:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank You for choosing to love me! I know I am a sinner. I believe You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. I believe He rose again and lives today. Today, I repent and turn away from my sin. Thank You for Your wonderful love and for changing my life forever. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.**

**After you admit to God that you are a sinner, repent and turn from your sin, believe that Jesus is God's Son sent to die to pay for the sins of the world and believe that God raised Him from the dead, and confess that faith in Jesus, you are a Christian and you can be sure that you now know Jesus as your Savior.**

**If you have just done this please let us know. We would love to be able to help you grow in your faith. Please know that you are loved and you are now a part of the family of God.**

Now to the KID ZONE- I am pleased to present to the church our new kid's dept. We just had our grand opening on the 21st of March. If you haven't had a chance to visit the KID ZONE please feel free at any time to explore. One of my favorite things in our Kid Zone Worship Room is our Wall of Faith. This is where the

kids, when they accept Christ, get to draw on the wall, either their face or trace their hand and put the date they were saved and the reference of their favorite Bible verse next to their drawing. It is a fun way to help us stay accountable to each other and to celebrate with each other our spiritual birthdays. We are gonna have a ball in our kids area while we praise and worship our Lord. That's what it's all about.

Below is our new weekly schedule. On a side note: Children's choir will start back the April 11th.

I love you all. Thank you for all you do.

Sarah Cypert  
KID ZONE KOORDINATOR

**NOTE:**

**LOG ON TO THE FBC DAILY PRAYER PAGE  
[WWW.FBCLOGANSPORT.COM](http://WWW.FBCLOGANSPORT.COM)**

**Be sure to check it daily! If you have a request that you would like to put on this list, **please** contact the church office at 318-697-4481.**

IN CASE YOU NEED ME:

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