

FORT WAYNE BAPTIST
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Newsletter

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Sunday:

Bible Study—9:00 AM
Worship—10:00 AM

Wednesday Eve:

Cancelled until further notice.

New Beginnings

While April 4 is not the earliest Easter can come, that is March 22, by the arcane rules that govern such things, it still feels early to me. On the other hand, it feels a year late. Last year we had hoped that we would quarantine for a few weeks then have a triumphal return for Easter Sunday. Did not happen. So, it seems like last year was a year without Easter, a year without a lot of things.

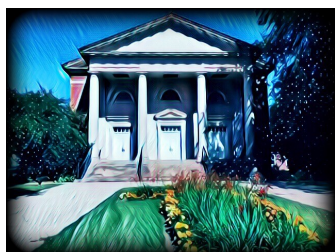
I wonder, did we miss the spirit of Easter in missing out on the day? Did the reminder of the Resurrection pass us by, leaving us semi-hopeless? Groping around in the dark of our tombs?

If so let us strive to put such feeling behind us! Let us instead see this Easter not just as a continuation of a centuries' long tradition, but as a new thing. A resurrection of Resurrection if you will.



The Resurrection is what makes us Christians. Without it the work of the Cross is incomplete. Without it the followers of Jesus were just another sect. Without it we have no purpose to assemble, no purpose to our worship, no purpose in following the example of Christ. Even if we acknowledge all the works of God in the Old Testament and all the miracles of Christ in the New, without the Resurrection Jesus is just another prophet and the world is the same as it ever was.

With the Resurrection, however, the world is a new place. It is remade. The old system has been broken, everything changes. We often equate the Resurrection with the hope of life after this one, but I think we are missing out if we limit the power of the Resurrection to the next world. Resurrection brings Life to our present



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state. An infusion of sunshine into dead things that makes them grow new and whole. We worship because we have a Life connected to God. We serve because we see that God's gift for everyone is Life, a better Life, an abundant Life. Life is our message. Life is our goal. Life is what we offer, and Life is what we receive.

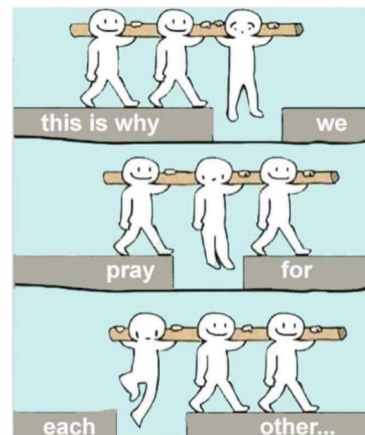
In the light of Easter, in the light of the Resurrection, let us seek Life. Let us search ourselves and our habits. Look for the things that are old and dead and cut them out. Nourish the things of Life. Embrace a gloriously Risen savior and share Him with the world.

—Pastor Scott



PRAYER REQUESTS

- The country and world during the corona virus pandemic
- Burma
- Chris Cooper—has throat cancer, had surgery
- Les Roberson—continued prayers, pre-surgical appointment for 2 cataracts April 26
- Don Schaab—continued prayers
- Brenda Edwards—continued prayers
- June Smith (Scott's brother's mother-in-law)—cancer
- Nash (Susan Elser's friend's son)—bad car wreck
- Sandra (Susan Elser's mother-in-law)
- Siegrid Belden (Joyce's friend)—possible neural issues
- Hti Mu—continued prayers
- Seth (Vaunetta's grandson)—continued prayers
- John Trammel—continued prayers



What's Happening

Sadly, last year we were not able to have an Easter service, BUT this Easter Sunday April 4th we are going to begin to return to a modified “normal” worship service. We will have a printed bulletin and singing. Masks and social distancing are still recommended for your safety. In addition, the Pathfinders Sunday School class will be sponsoring a coffee hour in Isaac McCoy hall after the worship service and following the CDC guidelines concerning masks and social distancing. Hope to see you all soon!



Beginning with this issue, the newsletters are going to be made available to pick up at church on Sunday. We will continue to mail them to those who are not able to come to church.

NEWS FLASH

Don't forget to bring your Easter flowers into the church on Palm Sunday March 28th or Easter Sunday April 4th. You may take them home after the Easter worship service.



TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Friday **3/26** 9:00-12:00
Monday **3/29** 12:00-5:00
Tuesday **3/30** 12:00-5:00
Wednesday **3/31** 12:00-5:00
Thursdays **3/25 & 4/1** 12:00-5:00
Good Friday **4/2** CLOSED

**Continue to join us for church activities
from the comfort and safety of your home!**

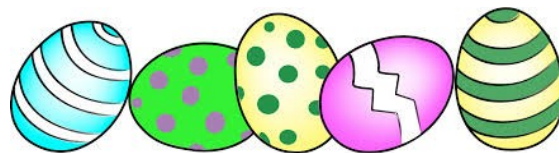
Wednesday—Bible Study
Thursday—Written Blog
Friday—Zoom prayer meeting for church members
(contact Pastor Scott or the church office for more information)

Available through our website:

<https://fortwaynebaptist.com/blog/>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. COMMUNION HAPPY BIRTHDAY DICK STONER!! 	5	6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESSIE CARTER!!	7	8	9 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TODD QUINN!!	10
11 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. Noisy Offering	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	19	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARB RAMSEY!!	21	22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CEC PLUMB!!	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRENDA EDWARDS!!	24
25 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	26	27	28	29	30	