

Goodness Gracious Notes

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SILLY BUNNY, EASTER IS ABOUT THE LAMB

John 1:9

ELDERS SERVING:

Lou Blagg, Mike Pachak

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

April 4, 12:00 pm All Church Prayer

Tues. – 9:30 Women's Bible Study

Sat. – 9:00 am Men's Bible Study



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- 4/2 Lizzy Herzog
- 4/8 Thelma Henderson
- 4/14 Jazmyne Barela
- 4/20 Jennifer Barela
- 4/24 John Hicks

Financial report for February, 2025	
Income-----	\$7,268.00
Expenses-----	\$7,668.95
See a Board member for questions.	




Church mouse saw God’s handy man repairing The House of the Lord. We are blessed to have you.

Hebrews 6:10 NIV

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

Thank you, Church mouse-keep, watching.

Thanks to



Jesus, just like a butterfly, you can be
Born Again and become a new creation
in Christ.

John 3:5-6

Happy Resurrection Day!



From Pastor Andy's Pen

John 11:35

Jesus wept. (niv)

The true nature of Jesus has been debated and discussed since the beginnings of the church. What we do know for sure, is that He was fully God, but also fully man. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, and He resisted that Temptation. He suffered in the garden of Gethsemane, knowing of his suffering that would be coming on the cross the very next day.

When Jesus arrived at the tomb of His good friend Lazarus, He knew what miracle He would perform that day. He knew that even though Lazarus would rise from the dead, at that moment, Lazarus was dead, and Jesus mourned over him. He mourned the suffering that Lazarus' family was going through. And so, Jesus Wept.

We can be thankful for Jesus' tears. In that simple action of Weeping, He shows us that He understands the trials and tribulations that we go through in our lives. He sees the bigger picture. He understands why we are suffering, and sees the big picture, but our God is a God who walks with us, talks with us, and weeps with us. He understands what we are going through, and we can always turn to Him in our time of troubles.

Sunday April 6	Torn 5 The Blessings of Us	Hebrews 10:22-25
Sunday April 13	Torn 6: Making Peace with Yourself	Hebrews 10:22-25
Sunday April 20 - Easter	Torn 7: Who is in the grave with you?	Romans 6:4
Sunday April 27	To the Angel in the church of Philadelphia	Revelation 3:7



Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 1/4 cups warm milk
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup raisins or currants
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

For the cross topping:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup water

Instructions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine the warm milk and yeast. Let it sit for about 5 minutes until foamy.
2. Add the melted butter, sugar, egg, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and half of the flour. Mix well.
3. Gradually add the remaining flour until a soft dough forms.
4. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover with a kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for 1-2 hours, or until doubled in size.
6. Punch down the dough and knead in the raisins or currants.
7. Divide the dough into 12 equal pieces and shape them into balls. Place them on a greased baking sheet, cover, and let them rise for another 30-45 minutes.
8. Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
9. In a small bowl, mix the flour and water to form a paste. Transfer it to a piping bag and pipe a cross on top of each bun.
10. Bake the buns for 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown.
11. Let the buns cool on a wire rack before serving.

Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns!
Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!

If you have no daughters,
Give them to your sons.
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!



Crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Hot cross buns are **spiced buns with a cross on top that are eaten during Easter**. They are **symbols of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ**, as the cross represents his death and the spices represent his burial. They are also thought to be a sign of lasting friendship. They were adopted by Christians as a part of their Easter celebration.

Elder's Corner

Shared by a servant of the Lord:

HEAVENLY NEWS

God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:14

The angel who came to the garden where Jesus' body lay rolled away the stone and permitted fresh air and morning light to fill His tomb.

The sepulcher was no longer an empty vault or dreary mausoleum; rather, it was a life-affirming place that radiated the glory and power of the living God. No longer was the tomb a dark, fearsome prison but a transformed reminder of the celestial light that sweeps aside the shadows of death. Jesus' resurrection changed all that—forever!

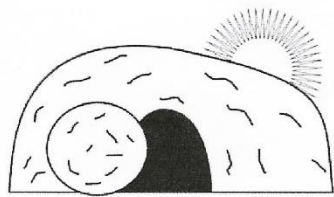
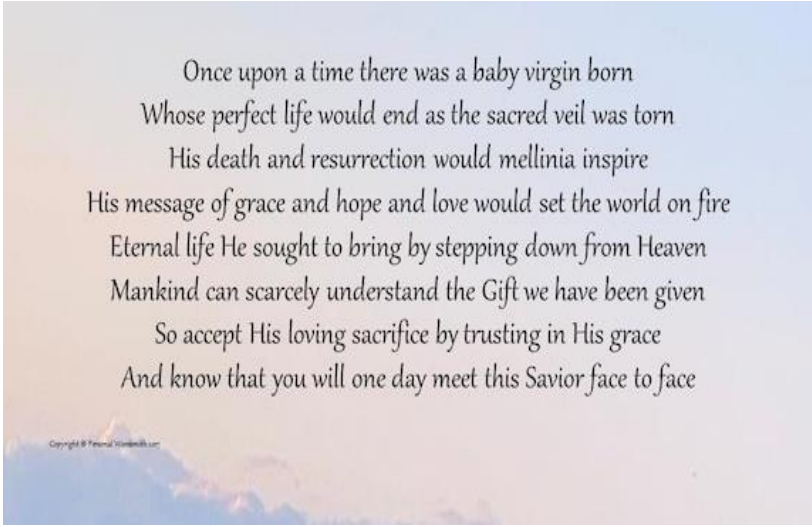
An unknown poet has said of the tomb, "'Tis now a cell where angels used to come and go with heavenly news." No words of men or angels can adequately describe the height and depth, the length and breadth of the glory to which the world awakened when Jesus came forth to life from the pall of death.

Jesus' promise has been fulfilled: "Because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19).

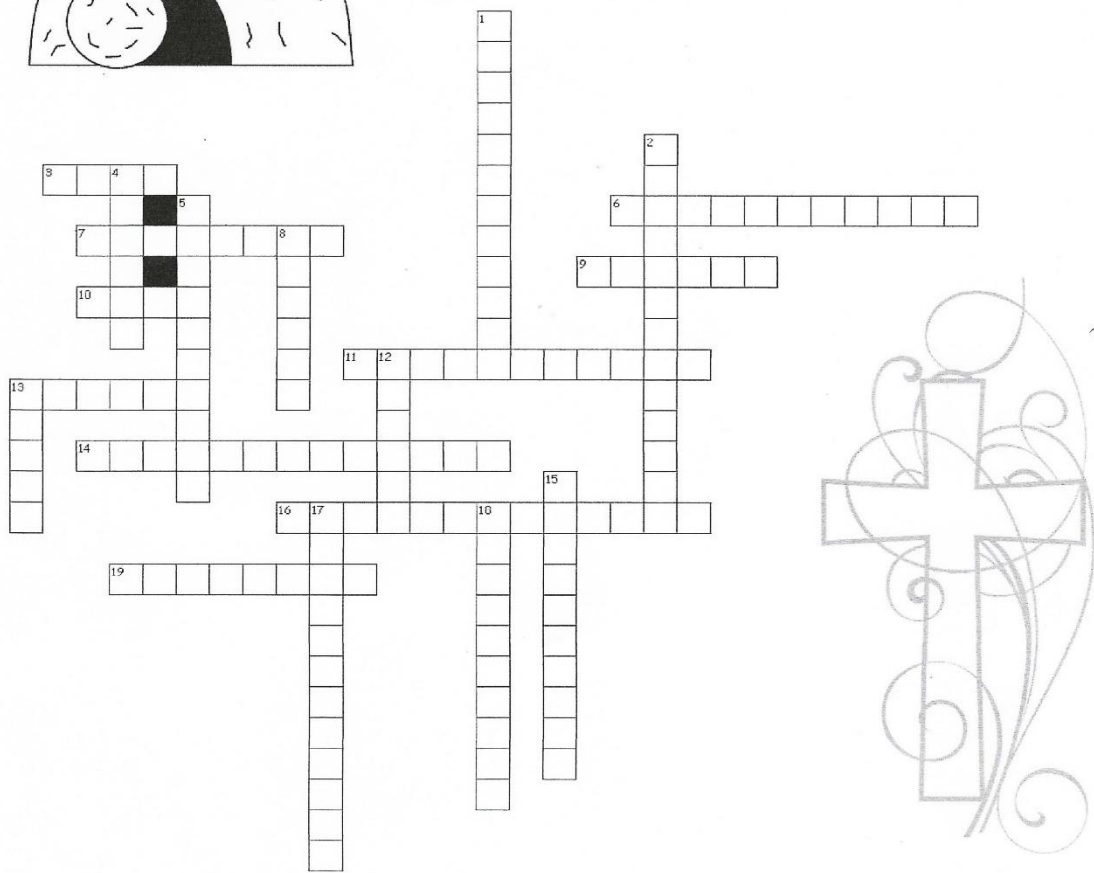
HOPE FOR TODAY

Is there something in your life that seems dead? Do you fear something or someone is too far gone? God is still in the resurrection business. He can breathe fresh life into places that once held the stench of death.





Easter Crossword!



Across

- 3. The only disciple to stay with Jesus when he was dying.
- 6. How Jesus died
- 7. The man whose life was saved when Jesus took his place on the cross.
- 9. The Thursday before Easter
- 10. The period of time before Easter
- 11. What Christians gain from Jesus' death.
- 13. The apostle who didn't believe Jesus had risen.
- 14. The man who betrayed Jesus.
- 16. One of three people to stay with Jesus during the crucifixion.
- 19. The place where Jesus is said to have been crucified.

Down

- 1. What happened before the tombstone was moved
- 2. What some historians believe was Jesus' burial shroud
- 4. Where Jesus went after he rose from the dead
- 5. Mardi Gras
- 8. What Jesus did after he was resurrected
- 12. The number of silver pieces it took for his disciple to betray Jesus
- 13. The number of days between the crucifixion and the arising
- 15. What Jesus and his disciples shared prior to his execution.
- 17. The first day of Lent
- 18. The day the murder of Jesus took place.