

# The Messenger

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**He** is not here;  
he has *risen*,  
just as he said.

Come and *see* the  
*place* where he lay.

Matthew 28:6

## *April Tidbits...*

### **PASSOVER / SEDER MEAL**

Saturday, April 20

Let's celebrate God's victory over sin and death through the sacrifice of the Messiah. Join us in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM for the beautiful service called the Seder meal.

Because this is a formal dinner, we require RSVPs no later than Sunday, April 14th. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the east hall, or you may RSVP by emailing the church office at [office@cbfaledo.org](mailto:office@cbfaledo.org). If you'd like to help with food preparations for this special dinner, please be sure to check out the food tags located on the table in the east hall. Please contact Kim Eskridge for more information.

### **RESURRECTION BREAKFAST**

April 21

Be sure to join us Sunday, April 21, as we celebrate our risen Savior! A breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM in the chapel. Sunday school is cancelled that morning so that all may enjoy this special time of fellowship in remembrance of our Lord and Savior.

### **COMING THIS SPRING**

Date To Be Determined

With spring upon us, we will soon be planning a spring clean-up day. Watch for coming details about this wonderful service opportunity.

### **PREGNANCY RESOURCES / BELLA'S CLOSET**

Donations Needed

We have begun partnering with Pregnancy Resources, a center in the Quad Cities that offers help, hope and healing in the name of Christ to emerging families. One way you can help is to donate needed items to Bella's Closet – a "clothing closet" for moms and babies. This closet, which had its beginnings in 1990, has grown from boxes on shelves to a full-blown boutique thanks to the donations received from people like us. Bella's Closet offers free clothes through all nine months of a mother's pregnancy and supplemental material until babies are 2 years old or wearing size 2 Toddler, whichever comes first.

If you feel led to help, be sure to watch your weekly bulletin for current items needed for Bella's Closet. You may drop your donation in the box located by the Outreach table in the foyer, and staff at CBF will be certain your donations are delivered to the center.

Beginning next month, CBF is planning to participate in the center's "Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign" from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Be sure to watch for coming details on this special opportunity to give.

## *Coming In May...*

### **CBF RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION**

Planning for our CBF Rummage Sale is in the works! The sale is scheduled for June 7 and 8, again during Aledo's Rhubarb Fest. Be on the look-out for those gently-used items you'd like to donate. We'll be ready to take your items at the end of May! We're also in need of volunteers to help prepare and man the sale. If you'd like to help set up, tear down or work at the sale, please contact Jeni Ewing as soon as possible.

### **RHUBARB/PIES**

We will be selling rhubarb pies again this year at our annual CBF Rummage Sale. Proceeds from this year's pie sales will again go to Royal Family Kids' Camps. A list of needed supply donations will be available as pie-making time approaches. See Shannon VanZummeren if you'd like to help in some way.

### **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

May 19

We have several soon-to-be high school graduates in our CBF family. These young men and women will be recognized on May 19th during service. Those graduating include Dylan Barnes, Jackie Barnhouse, Josh Dilts, Natalie Dowd, Drayden Downing, Dani Hagens, Emily VanZummeren and Valeri Warren. We wish them all well as they finish up their high school careers.



Dear Friends,

This morning as I pray and meditate over the significance of the events of the coming Passion Week, I am in complete awe over the nearly indescribable beauty of the path that Jesus chose to walk for me, an undeserving sinner. My prayer and desire are that you would pause to dwell and reflect on the undeserved mercy, grace, compassion, and love that was poured out by the One who would leap over mountains to be with you.

**9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9 (ESV)**

And with those words—the Passion Week began. As we begin the Passion Week and head toward Resurrection Sunday, we remember the events leading to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection and acknowledge their meaning. On the Sunday before His crucifixion (*Palm Sunday*), Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with coats and branches laid at His feet and people praising Him. Those shouting Hosanna, or "save us," were looking for an earthly warrior to rescue them from the harsh Roman rule.

Today, when we shout *Hosanna*, we recognize that **Jesus came to be our personal Savior, to save us from the penalty of our sins**. So, on Palm Sunday, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we lift our "Hosannas" to the only One who can truly save our lives.

The Thursday after Palm Sunday (*Maundy Thursday*), Jesus and His disciples met in the upper room to observe the Passover meal, now known as "The Last Supper." After washing His disciples' feet, Jesus held communion with them. He charged His disciples to eat the bread while thinking of His broken body and to drink the wine to remember the New Covenant created by the spilling of His blood (Luke 22:19-20). **Imagine how mystified those men must have been until the events of the next day unfolded.**

After praying passionately in the Garden of Gethsemane in the late hours of Thursday night into Friday morning, Jesus was then betrayed by Judas and arrested. Over the next few hours, He was abandoned, falsely accused, beaten, mocked, and condemned to death. And those who just a few days earlier were hailing Him as their King were suddenly yelling, "Crucify Him!" How many of us have just given up after experiencing only a fraction of the hatred and opposition He endured? **Yet knowing what lay ahead of Him, He stood there silently and humbly.**

At 3 p.m. on Good Friday, Jesus breathed His last and died. He was placed in a tomb, which was sealed shut with a large stone and guarded by Roman soldiers.

**Although the Passion Week ended on Saturday—PRAISE GOD! the story doesn't end there!** On Resurrection Sunday, the stone that sealed the tomb was rolled away, Jesus - our Jesus - had been resurrected (John 20). He overcame death so that those who trust in Him could also overcome death and one day live with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

The events of the Passion Week are about remembering the only One who is truly holy—Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the events of the Passion Week, let's take time to gratefully remember and keep alive in our hearts what Jesus, the perfect Lamb, and the risen Savior, did for us years ago. He came. He died. And He rose again, **so we could live in eternity with a loving God who gave His life for us in the greatest way possible.**

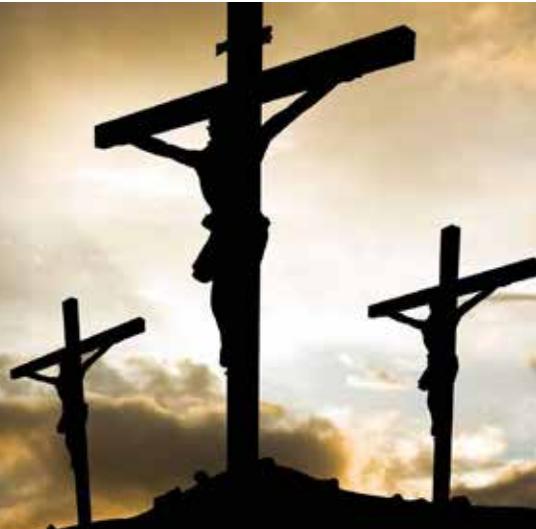
As we approach the Passion Week, I encourage you to revisit the details of Christ's crucifixion, death, and resurrection. Read Mark 14-16. Take your time to read slowly and thoughtfully, as you prayerfully think about each of the events described there and their deep and life-changing meaning for each of us.

In His Grip,

Pastor Paul Karsten

## *Good Friday?*

At first glance, Good Friday appears to be a misnomer. It seems inconsistent that the day of Christ's crucifixion should in any way be described as "good." But that seeming inconsistency vanishes when we understand that the ancient meaning of good was "holy." The word holy is entirely consistent with the suffering and cross that Christ endured for us. Hence, Good Friday is also known as Holy Friday.



## *What Easter Does*

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news...does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.



## *Christ Has Triumphed!*

-by Phillips Brooks

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;  
Death is strong, but life is stronger.  
Stronger than the dark, the light;  
Stronger than the wrong, the right.  
Faith and hope triumphant say,  
Christ will rise on Easter Day.



## New Boston Elementary After School Program

Late last year, we were presented with an opportunity to take part in the new Parent Teacher Organization After School Program at the elementary school located in New Boston. The PTO had asked area churches to take part in hosting the event at the school, once per month. A big thank you goes out to Margaret Puckett for presenting the event to the Outreach Team.

The serve date for CBF was Thursday, February 21st. We asked for volunteers...we asked for supplies...we asked for food...and the church filled the requests in every way and in very short order! We had 17 volunteers from CBF and 7 from Faith Chapel who partnered with us. 39 students were served at the event.

The event began with check-in and a snack for all the students. During that time, we were able to

sit and talk with them. What a joy that was! We then watched a short lesson video with discussion following. After that, we split into two age groups with the older kids going to story/lesson and games and the younger students beginning their craft time. Half way through, the groups traded places so that both groups could do all the activities planned. Rounding out the event, we came back together as a whole group for prayer and a meal, where we were able to sit and talk with the kids again.

Everyone involved had a great time serving together. What a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and share God's abundant love He shares with us!

Praise God!





BE OF GOOD CHEER:

*I have overcome  
the world.*



JOHN 13:63



  
 God so  
 loved the  
 world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

**What you need:**

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



**What you do:**

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.

**April Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4/1 Deanna Richardson     | 4/24 Michelle McDaniel           |
| 4/2 Rod Link              | 4/24 Brittney Mills              |
| 4/3 Josh Dilts            | 4/25 Natalie Dowd                |
| 4/4 Jake Ewing            | 4/25 Andrew Hudson               |
| 4/4 Amayla Romeiser       | 4/26 George Ewing                |
| 4/10 Josh Sissel          | 4/26 Paul Karsten                |
| 4/23 John & Marcy Chapman | 4/28 David & Shannon VanZummeren |
| 4/23 Shawndee Anderson    | 4/30 Annika Ewing                |
| 4/24 Hallee Kammerman     |                                  |

**Mark Your Calendar**

- 4/03, Wed | The Book of James Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7 PM | Room N2
- 4/06, Sat | Women's Bible Study w/Kelli Karsten | 8 – 10 AM | Activity Room
- 4/09, Tues | Women's Bible Study w/Kelli Karsten | 6 – 8 PM | Activity Room
- 4/10, Wed | The Book of James Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7 PM | Room N2
- 4/13, Sat | Women's Bible Study w/Kelli Karsten | 8 – 10 AM | Activity Room
- 4/13, Sat | Youth Movie Night | 6 PM | Sanctuary
- 4/14, Sun | High School Youth Group | 4 PM | Activity Room
- 4/17, Wed | The Book of James Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7 PM | Room N2
- 4/20, Sat | Passover Celebration | 6 PM | Sanctuary
- 4/21, Sun | Resurrection Breakfast | 9 AM | Chapel
- 4/23, Tues | Women's Bible Study w/Kelli Karsten | 6 – 8 PM | Activity Room
- 4/27, Sat | Women's Bible Study w/Kelli Karsten | 8 – 10 AM | Activity Room
- 4/28, Sun | Jr. High Youth Group | 5 PM | Activity Room
- 4/30, Tues | Women's Bible Study w/Kelli Karsten | 6 – 8 PM | Activity Room

**CBF Financial Report – February:**

	Monthly	Year to Date
Total Income	\$16,453.47	\$30,036.65
Total Expenses	\$15,997.01	\$28,325.31
Net Operating Income	\$456.46	\$1,711.34



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