



Good News

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RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 4, 2021



HE IS RISEN!

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A N N O U N C E M E N T S



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



NOON PRAYER SERVICE

PRAYER SERVICE is held every **Wednesday**
at 12:00 noon in the Chapel.

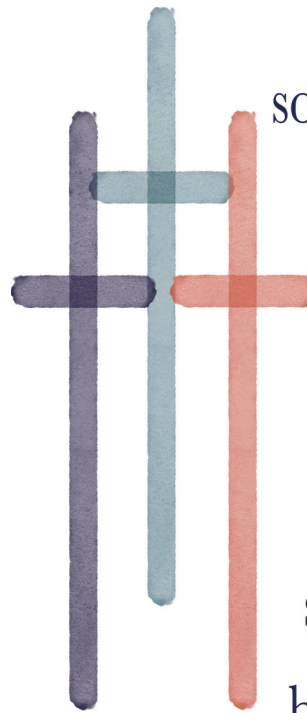


Good Friday
April 2, 2021



By
his
wounds
we are
healed.

Isaiah 53:5, NIV



For *God*
so loved the world,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever
believes in *him*
should not perish
but have *eternal life.*

John 3:16

*Don't put a question mark
where God put a period.*

This is what Christ Jesus said when he was crucified

1. Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34)
2. I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43)
3. Dear woman here is your son, and to the disciple-here is your mother. (John 19:26-27)
4. My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46)
5. I am thirsty. (John 19:28)
6. It is finished. (John 19:30)
7. Father into your hands I commit my Spirit (Luke 23:46)



SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit www.mbcdet.com/media or via the **MBCDET app** to listen to archived sermons.

📖 March 7, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"Can They Tell That You Are A Christian?" John 13:31-35
 Rev. Terry Minor, Assistant Pastor

📖 March 14, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"Faith For A Troubled Time"
 John 14:1-3
 Rev. Terry Minor, Assistant Pastor

📖 March 21, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"A Prayer At Gethsemane"
 Mark 14:32-42
 Rev. Terry Minor, Assistant Pastor

Palm Sunday

📖 March 28, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"What A Difference A Day Makes"
 Luke 19:1-10
 Rev. Ronald Davis

TIME FOR CHURCH

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said.
 "One, they don't like me, and two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church. One, you're 54 years old, and two, you're the pastor!"

Source: <http://jokes.christiansunite.com/>

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in March.



ASIA WALLER

YOU SAY... GOD SAYS...

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	1 Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all you need.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	II Timothy 1:6
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you.	Hebrews 13:5

Source: iBelieve.com

THE FALL

A man named Jack was walking along a steep cliff one day, when he accidentally got too close to the edge and fell. On the way down he grabbed a branch, which temporarily stopped his fall. He looked down and to his horror saw that the canyon fell straight down for more than a thousand feet.

He couldn't hang onto the branch forever, and there was no way for him to climb up the steep wall of the cliff. So Jack began yelling for help, hoping that someone passing by would hear him and lower a rope or something.

HELP! HELP! Is anyone up there? "HELP!"

He yelled for a long time, but no one heard him. He was about to give up when he heard a voice. Jack, Jack. Can you hear me?"

"Yes, yes! I can hear you. I'm down here!"

"I can see you, Jack. Are you all right?"

"Yes, but who are you, and where are you?"

"I am the Lord, Jack. I'm everywhere."

"The Lord? You mean, GOD?"

"That's Me."

"God, please help me! I promise if, you'll get me down from here, I'll stop sinning. I'll be a really good person. I'll serve You for the rest of my life."

"Easy on the promises, Jack. Let's get you off from there; then we can talk."

"Now, here's what I want you to do. Listen carefully."

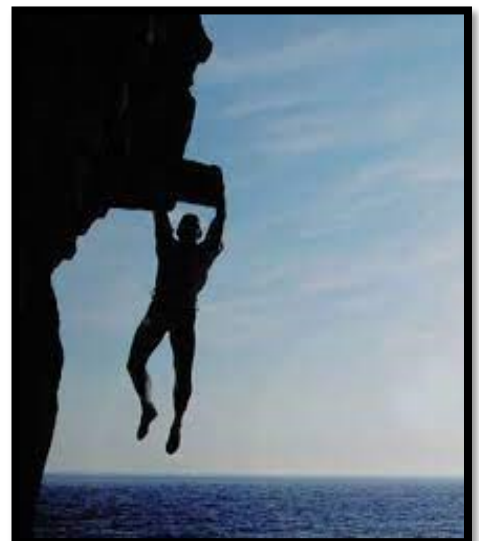
"I'll do anything, Lord. Just tell me what to do."

"Okay. Let go of the branch." "What?" "I said, let go of the branch. Just trust Me. Let go."

There was a long silence.

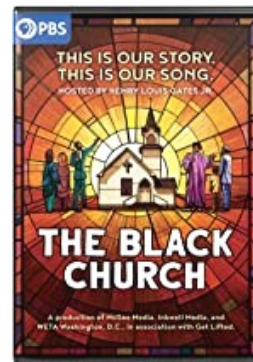
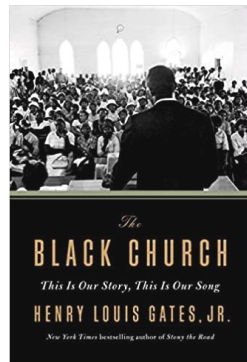
Finally Jack yelled, "HELP! HELP! IS ANYONE ELSE UP THERE?"

Source: <http://jokes.christiansunite.com/>



MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



The church was a center of gravity—an intimate place where voices rose up in song and neighbors gathered to celebrate life's blessings and offer comfort amid its trials and tribulations. In this tender and expansive reckoning with the meaning of the Black Church in America, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. takes us on a journey spanning more than five centuries, from the intersection of Christianity and the transatlantic slave trade to today's political landscape. At road's end, and after Gates's distinctive meditation on the churches of his childhood, we emerge with a new understanding of the importance of African American religion to the larger national narrative—as a center of resistance to slavery and white supremacy, as a magnet for political mobilization, as an incubator of musical and oratorical talent that would transform the culture, and as a crucible for working through the Black community's most critical personal and social issues.

In a country that has historically afforded its citizens from the African diaspora tragically few safe spaces, the Black Church has always been more than a sanctuary. This fact was never lost on white supremacists: from the earliest days of slavery, when enslaved people were allowed to worship at all, their meetinghouses were subject to surveillance and destruction. Long after slavery's formal eradication, church burnings and bombings by anti-Black racists continued, a hallmark of the violent effort to suppress the African American struggle for equality. The past often isn't even past—Dylann Roof committed his slaughter in the Mother Emanuel AME Church 193 years after it was first burned down by white citizens of Charleston, South Carolina, following a thwarted slave rebellion.

But as Gates brilliantly shows, the Black church has never been only one thing. Its story lies at the heart of the Black political struggle, and it has produced many of the Black community's most notable leaders. At the same time, some churches and denominations have eschewed political engagement and exemplified practices of exclusion and intolerance that have caused polarization and pain. Those tensions remain today, as a rising generation demands freedom and dignity for all within and beyond their communities, regardless of race, sex, or gender. Still, as a source of faith and refuge, spiritual sustenance and struggle against society's darkest forces, the Black Church has been central, as this enthralling history makes vividly clear.

You can order ***The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*** book and DVD from www.christianbooks.com.

AEROBICS HELPS THE BRAIN AT ANY AGE

Submitted by Wendall Smitherman



Working out can help your brain regardless of your age, according to a Canadian study published in the May 13, 2020, online issue of **Neurology®**, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Even adults who are couch potatoes performed better on thinking and memory tests after only six months of aerobic exercise. The study suggests that in addition to getting blood moving throughout the body, exercise gets blood moving in parts of the brain responsible for verbal fluency and executive function.

Researchers found that after six months of exercise, participants improved by 5.7% on tests of executive function, which includes mental flexibility and self-correction. Verbal fluency, which tests how quickly you can retrieve information, increased by 2.4%.

“This change in verbal fluency is what you’d expect to see in someone five years younger,” said study author Marc Poulin.

“As we find out eventually, we lose a bit mentally and physically as we age. But even if you start an exercise program later in life, the benefit to your brain may be immense.”

Source: Health Radar, September 2020 and <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/05/200513171130.htm>

For I
know
that my
Redeemer
lives.

Job 19:25

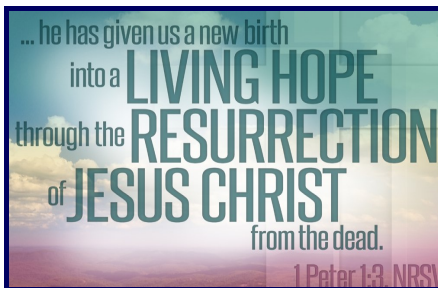


BELIEVING IN

Submitted by Gloria Crawford

Sometimes we get caught up in thinking we need to understand God in order to have faith. But faith is more about trust than knowledge; it’s more about believing in someone than believing information. A child, for instance, doesn’t have to know the precise roads to Grandma’s house; he only needs to believe *in* his parents and their ability and desire to get him there safely. Similarly, we need not understand all the intricacies of how God works; we can take a cue from the disciples and let belief *in* the risen Christ transform and empower us.

In the words of Madeleine L’Engle (***The Rock That Is Higher***): “The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.”



Invitation to: *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Brady Bennett*

Asst. Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Eric Shumate*

The Sunday School classes will be conducting lessons via Zoom for the time being. Additionally, we have identified Sunday School teachers that will provide technical support to access the Zoom classes.

If you have questions on adding the Zoom app to your smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer, or need connectivity issues, feel free to contact our team.

Macedonia Baptist Church Zoom Technical Support Contacts:

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Sister Mary Ann Windham	Juniors, Beginners & Primaries	Phone: 313-418-8830 Email: maryann.windham@yahoo.com

We invite you, your family, friends and neighbors to join our Sunday School Classes; you will be blessed! All classes are being held onsite and virtually with the exception of the Beginners and Primaries. They are online only.

CLASSES	ZOOM ID'S	PASSWORDS	CLASS TIMES
Adult Men and Women	927 219 5591	4Y06SC	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Adult Women	801 855 9447	646902	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Teens and Young Adults	314 202 2102	503816	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Juniors (10-12 yrs.)	775 4028 7203	7DJIT2	10:00-10:40 AM (ET)
Primaries (7-9 yrs.)	830 6987 0617	primary	10:00-10:55 AM (ET)
Beginners (4-6 yrs.)	246 295 5225	5TykPq	10:00-10:40 AM (ET)

The list of lessons for April 2021 includes the following:

Proclamation of the Gospel: The Proclamation of Good News

Date	Lesson	Scripture
April 4	A Promise Received by Faith (EASTER)	Romans 4:18-25; Luke 24:1-9
April 11	Justification by Faith	Romans 5:1-11
April 18	Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ	Romans 6:1-14

Proclamation of the Gospel: The Implication of the Gospel

April 25	Anticipating Redemption	Romans 8:18-27
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"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9



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CULTIVATING KINDNESS



Kind hearts are the garden
Kind thoughts are the roots
Kind words are the flowers
Kind deeds are the fruits

Take care of your garden
And keep the weeds out
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds

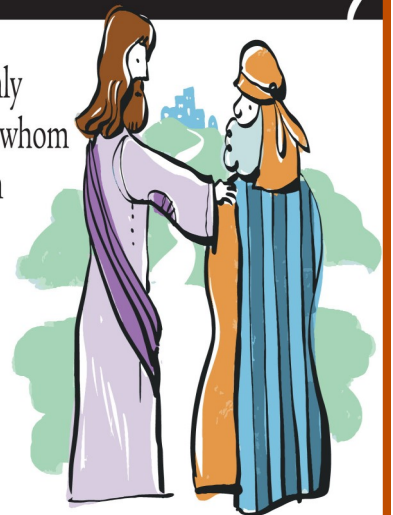
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)