

TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for our food giveaway this entire month. I am writing this before our Giveaway, but I am confident all will go well. We handed out 230 tickets and with proxies and volunteers we will serve well over 300 families. Our congregation's commitment to this ministry is amazing and spiritually humbling.

Our NWOCYC work weekend is approaching quickly! Soon, we will be at the camp cutting firewood, mowing the grass, cleaning, building new front gates and a Gaga pit, and getting ready for an awesome camp season! There are two other congregations that would like to join us for the weekend, so we will meet some new friends and spend time with some old friends. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer so we know you are planning to attend, and food can be prepared for us! There is also a list of projects we plan to work on for the weekend. If there is another project anyone would like to come and work on, just let us know. We may be able to provide materials, and we can certainly add them to the list so more people can help.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 CAMP SEASON! That's right! Head to [nwocyc.org](http://nwocyc.org) and click on registration, then click on Josh Ball's week and get signed up! Our dates are June 16th through June 22nd. Our staff have already been planning a great week, and we look forward to seeing everyone there! Now is the time to invite your friends to come and see what a great time we have at camp with games, swimming, campfire circle, signing, and studying God's word! There is a great need for donations/scholarships to help kids attend camp. Over the years, many kids have met Jesus at camp. For some, this is the only safe place they have to study and ask questions about the Lord. Still, others simply need a little help to fund their week at camp. If you would like to send a kid to camp this summer, the cost is \$200 per camper; even if you are able to help with part of the cost, it would be a great blessing. Please contact James Gary or me if you have questions or if you would like to donate a scholarship to send one of our teens or younger kids to camp.

Finally, James and Jacinta Gary will be taking their family to Riverfest in Columbus on May 18th, and they are inviting the teens to ride along with them if any would like to attend. The cost will be \$20. Enjoy an amazing evening of music and worship under the stars. With four artists - Cory Asbury, CAIN, Blessing Offor, and Natalie Layne - this will surely be a night you'll never forget!! If you are interested in going to Riverfest with the Gary Family, Contact James or Jacinta Gary.

Today will be our final lesson in the teen class on our series on the book of Psalm. Psalm 150 is the last of the Psalms, but it's also the last of a particular section of Psalms focused on praising God. Psalm 146-150 are praise psalms that David wrote to worship the Lord.

Psalm 150 focuses on the reasons you should praise God and the different ways you can praise him. Grab a cup of coffee from the foyer and join us for a great discussion.

- Josh Ball

Series: What are the Odds?  
THE EMPTY TOMB  
Acts 2:22-24

HIS \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE  
He was a \_\_\_\_\_ man.  
• Acts 2:22

He \_\_\_\_\_.  
• Acts 2:22  
• John 14:11  
• John 10:25  
• John 3:2  
• John 11:47

HIS \_\_\_\_\_ DEATH  
\_\_\_\_\_ Plot  
• Acts 2:23

\_\_\_\_\_ Plot  
• Acts 2:23  
• Revelations 13:8  
• John 10:18  
• Romans 5:10  
• Matthew 12:30

HIS \_\_\_\_\_ RESURRECTION  
His \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_.  
• Acts 2:24-32  
• I Corinthians 15:19  
• John 10:18

His \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.!  
• Acts 2:24  
• Acts 2:32

His \_\_\_\_\_ can be your \_\_\_\_\_.  
• Acts 2:36-38



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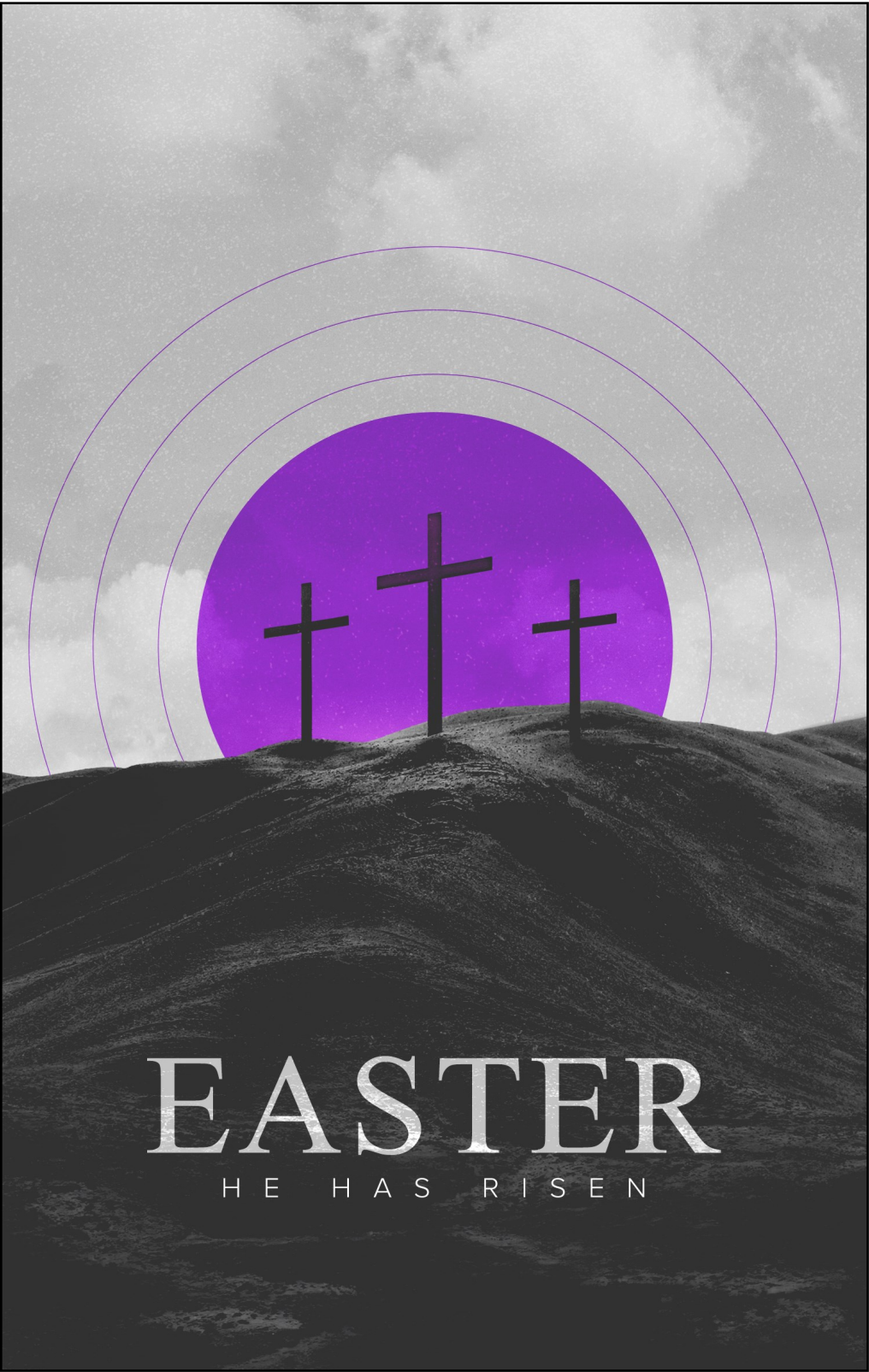
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# Just Between Us

**WELCOME GUEST!** If you are visiting with us today, we are so glad you have accepted our invitation or made a special effort to be with us. During the assembly, we would love for you to fill out the "Welcome Friends" sheet when it is passed down your row. At the **11:00 AM** service during the sermon, a **"Children's Bible Hour"** is available for children 2 years old through kindergarten located in room 5 at the front left side of the auditorium, and a **"Junior Worship"** for first grade through 4th grade is available in Room 11, which can be found at the end of the hall where the restrooms are. Also, parents, feel free to use the nursery just off the foyer. Again, thank you so much for coming our way today!

**PRAISE GOD! CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!** One of the underrated verses on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Acts 26:26. Easy to remember-26:26. The apostle Paul is on trial before King Agrippa and Governor Festus. He is giving his witness, explaining why he is living the very life he once fought against, and then transitions into the message of the gospel he now preaches. Paraphrasing, Paul says, "I am preaching this message to those at Damascus, then to Jerusalem and Judea, and then to anyone who would listen, even the Gentiles. I told them they should repent and turn to God. So why am I on trial? I'm being tried for preaching nothing other than the very things that Moses and the prophets predicted, that the Messiah would suffer and RISE FROM THE DEAD and proclaim salvation to the Jews and the Gentiles." At this point, Festus intervened, "Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you insane." "You have completely lost it!" Acts 26:25-26 then records, "I am not insane, Most Excellent Festus. What I am saying is true and reasonable. The King is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice..." Watch this. Here it comes, **"BECAUSE IT WAS NOT DONE IN A CORNER."** Indeed, Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection were not done in a corner. These were not secret events observed only by a few people sworn to secrecy and cover-up. He was buried by the very people who had crucified him with his followers looking on, and his resurrected body was seen by hundreds of people in different times and places (I Corinthians 15:18). Check out these evidences of the resurrection of Jesus:

- **The empty tomb.** The body disappeared despite the presence of Roman guards.
- **The silence of the Jews and the Romans.** If they knew where the body was, they could have stopped the spread of the gospel message in its tracks. They couldn't because they didn't know despite numerous efforts to find it.
- **The transformation of the disciples and followers of Jesus.** Peter, for instance, went from cowardly denying Jesus to boldly proclaiming his resurrection just a few weeks later on the Day of Pentecost when the church began in Acts 2.
- **The consistent testimony of Jesus' followers and previous unbelievers.** Many unbelievers, including the speaker (Paul) of this account in Acts 26, changed the world forever with their consistent testimony of the resurrection.
- **The persecution and eventually martyrdom of the believers.** Eleven of the twelve original disciples died a violent martyr's death because of their message. Tens of thousands of other converted Christians were disowned by Jewish families, persecuted, imprisoned, or murdered for their beliefs. One does not die for a lie.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg for evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christians, rejoice this Easter that you have a firm message of faith, hope, and love on which to center your life for now and forevermore. This is not simply positive thinking and most definitely is not "pie-in-the-sky-by-and-bye" thinking. - Russell

**JESUS CHRIST WAS RESURRECTED AND LIVES FOREVER, AND SO CAN YOU!**

## INFORMATION & EVENTS

# WELCOME



**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Francis & Bonnie Glenn and their family at the passing of Francis' brother, Charles. His funeral was held March 22.

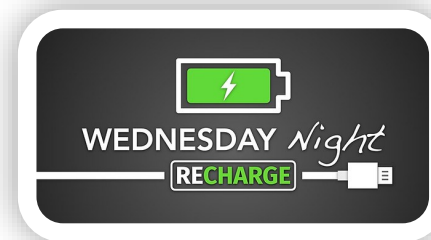


**MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE**—There will be a committee meeting tomorrow in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

**QUILTING MINISTRY**—The Quilting Ministry will meet on Tuesday at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



**ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING**—This Wednesday, the Elders and Ministers will meet in Room 11 @ 9 AM. If you want to address anything with the Elders, all are welcome to attend!



### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

*Great Chapters of the Bible*

**Russell Howard, Matt Dahm & Roger Hornbaker**  
@ 7 PM in the Auditorium

### LADIES CLASS

*Lessons from Proverbs*

**Carol Driver & Cindy Lewis**  
@7 PM in Room 10



**CAMP STAFF PLANNING MEETING**—If you plan to be on staff for this year's camp week, please come to the meeting on Wednesday in Room 11 after Bible Class.



**AMAZING GRAYS**—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 11:30 AM at the El Campesino on Route 423. Afterward, County Commissioner Mark Davis will speak at the Outreach Center. Sign up in the foyer.



**VBS PLANNING MEETING**—On Wednesday, April 10, there will be a planning meeting in Room 11 after Bible Class.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—On Thursday, April 11, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



**BABY SHOWER**—There will be a Baby Shower in honor of Michael and Trisha Ponziani on Sunday, April 14, immediately after the second service. See Diane Howard or Jeannie Rogers to give towards the group gift.

*Bible Hour and Junior Worship will be offered at the 2nd service.*

## FOR THE RECORD - March 24, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....	90	WEDNESDAY.....	63
SUNDAY AM.....	272	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$6,285.44
SUNDAY PM.....	68	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00

**ORPHANS LIFELINE**—On Sunday, April 21, there will be a combined Adult and Teen Class in the Auditorium with guest speaker Kelvin Hoover from Orphans Lifeline. Learn more about this organization at [orphanslifeline.org](http://orphanslifeline.org).



**WOMEN OF PURPOSE**—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday, April 24, at 11:30 AM. Please see Terry Fawley for details.



**CHILDREN'S SPRING PARTY**—There will be a Children's Ministry Spring Party on Saturday, April 27, from 3:00—4:30 PM. All children preschool age to 5th Grade are invited for a time of food, crafts, and fun. See Ryan or Misty Hoggatt for details.



**CHURCH CAMP WORK WEEKEND**—If you are interested in helping up at Church Camp the weekend of May 3-5, please sign up in the foyer. See Josh Ball for details.



**MYSTERY DINNER**—Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18! More information will be available soon!



**WEDNESDAY EVENING INVITATION TALK**—Men, younger and older, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, where you can sign up if you're interested in giving a short invitation talk before bible class on Wednesday evenings.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael and Trisha Ponziani on the birth of their son, Andrew Michael, who was born this past Wednesday.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Margorie Balch on the birth of her great-grandson, Ezekiel Joseph.

**PICK UP AN APRIL PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER**