

# TIDINGS

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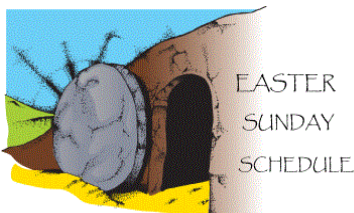
## It Takes Grace...

“Your dead will live; their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy!” [Isaiah 26:19] Angels called out to the women: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!” [Luke 24:5-6] Very much joyful news, but it must have caught the ladies off guard, don’t you think? After all, they were there at Jesus’ tomb with burial spices to anoint the body of a Man they saw die. From their experience a dead person on Friday is not alive on Sunday. But, here is what no one had ever experienced – dazzling angels keeping watch next to an empty tomb, telling them Jesus is alive. By defeating death, Jesus is all about life. But, it has to do with recognizing real life, true life, rises above and over the things we have only associated with death and dying. As we celebrate Easter, have you considered what parts of your life God might want to

resurrect – to give life to something that seems to be dying (or already dead)? Maybe it’s strained family relationships. Do you pray for the family member who has dissed you or just seems distant to you? Are you willing to open your heart to start loving them the way God loves you? “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” [1 Cor. 13:7] Maybe it’s a friendship lacking what used to be there. If Christ’s work on the cross tells us anything, it’s that forgiveness and grace trumps everything. After all, as Jesus was dying there, He begged His Father, “Forgive them; they don’t know what they’re doing” [Luke 23:34]. Thinking about that friend, “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves” [Romans 12:10]. Maybe after giving of yourself to family and loved ones who are closest, sometimes what’s left isn’t really all that pleasant

for the rest of the folks in your life – salespeople, people in front of you in line at the store, the acquaintances God sets up for you as a part of your normal days. As you consider what Christ accomplished on the cross and in His resurrection, remember that our attitude can be a beautiful reflection of His perfect attitude. “For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.” [1 Tim. 4:10] Going forward from this Easter, what area of your life might need to come alive, knowing that Jesus did not die and rise again that we would simply continue on in ways that ignore or disregard His offer of transformation?

Easter Blessings,  
RevLon



## SO, WHAT’S ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR EASTER?

Christians are getting together to celebrate an empty tomb and a full life. Come join us for the celebration and invite someone who may not celebrate without your invitation!

- \* SonRise Worship will be in the chapel at 7:00AM.
- \* Breakfast will be served in the gym at 9:00AM [with an egg hunt at 9:30ish]
- \* At 10:15AM our choir will lead us in the celebra-

tion of Christ’s resurrection through their cantata, “Road to Calvary, A Journey of Grace and Resurrection.”

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:25, NRSV

**"The resurrection is the proof that Jesus is the Son of God and that He has set us free, ..."**

## Resurrection

I'm writing this the day that Stephen Hawking passed away. At the age of 76 he was considered in the same category as Albert Einstein. The intellect of a person such as Hawking is to be respected and admired. But I wonder if his intellect forced him to conclude how everything was created through natural effects. I wonder too how many shared the truth of the Gospel with him.

Paul wrote to a community of believers in the church at Corinth about how some looked for worth in what they knew, or human wisdom. He addressed the people to be careful how they were being accused of foolishness for following and believing that Jesus was who He claimed to be and was raised from the grave. Let's just look. 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25, 30-31 "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." So where does this leave the philosophers, the

scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.... God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord." I pray that Stephen Hawking has met his Creator, Savior and Lord and I hope that he can say that he was

wrong to have pursued a path that led him and others away from the truth of God. Because I know that God has pursued him and waited patiently for him to turn his intelligence towards the One who blessed him with intelligence for God's glory and for humanity's benefit. And I also know that God will not force us to love and accept Him, He has given us the freedom to choose how we will live and who we will follow.

For those that trust in and believe and have just celebrated the resurrection of Christ there is now no condemnation, no fear of rejection or being enslaved to the sin that tries to separate us from the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of life Jesus Christ. The resurrection is the proof that Jesus is the Son of God and that He has set us free, and who the Son sets free they are truly free. So, continue to share as you are given opportunity this truth of God's love for all people. God is good all the time! And all the time, God is good!

In Christ's Love,  
Rob, Romans 12

## YOUTH NEWS:

May 2nd will be our annual Grill Masters, Sweet Treats & Senior Celebration. All cooks, whether it be by fire or oven, bring your smoked meat or tasty confections to be judged for the coveted traveling trophies of Grill Master or Sweet Treat Champion. This fun night will not only have an amazing variety of good food but

will be our opportunity to celebrate with our 6 graduates that milestone they are achieving. Our 2018 seniors are Abby Brown, Madison Cummings, Allie Downey, Emily Fischels, Emilee Higgs and Cody Jervis. Please come share in our celebration and contribute to our last Youth Fundraiser of the school year. And

thanks in advance for all your support. The balance for Sprit Song Festival is due May 9<sup>th</sup> for those attending the 3 day event. Please get that to Rob or Denise by the date or sooner if you can. More details will be given as we near the date of our departure.

## LADIES...PRISCILLA SHIRER SIMULCAST

SATURDAY, April 28, 2018

Join women from around the world for this inspiring one-day event. We will ride together (leave the church at 7:00AM) to Second Baptist church in Greenville, KY to take part in this simulcast.

Tickets—\$25.00

8:00AM—3:30PM

Call Pat Lorton (270-399-0120) or Shirley Michael

(270-619-5035) by April 15, 2018 if you want us to order you a ticket and make a reservation for the lunch.



**EASTER CROSS FLOWERS**  
It's a beautiful thing – a resurrection cross of flowers. We're asking everyone to bring a few (or a lot) of flowers – all types and colors – on Easter morning. Ideally you would bring them to the gym while eating breakfast at 9:00. If that's not possible, you can bring them to the sanctuary before the 10:15 service. We'll be placing them on a cross. The symbolism is wonderful... the cross of Jesus' death will become a living symbol of the new life found in His resurrection! Please do not be shy about this; we will need all the flowers you can bring – all kinds and all colors!

## WOW!

Our Women's of Worth group will make up "care packages" for our college students on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00PM in the fellowship hall.

Suggestions for boxes:

Snacks

Energy bars

Individual drink mixes

Popcorn (microwave pkg)

Gum

Candy

Gift Cards for Restaurants

Money for postage



**A FULL GREAT BANQUET SCHEDULE IS IN PROGRESS:**  
April 19-22: Men's Great Banquet #181 (in-house)  
  
April 26-29: Green River Prison Great Banquet #13  
  
May 3-6: Women's Great Banquet #182 (in-house)  
  
May 11-12: Men's West Kentucky Prison #20  
  
May 17-20: Women's Great Banquet #183 (in-house)

## DOOR OF HOPE ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The Door of Hope is a pregnancy care center located just down Main Street from our church. They have been ministering since 1995, dedicated to serving those who are experiencing unplanned or crisis pregnancies. As one of only two community fundraisers each year, their Spring Banquet will be at First United Methodist

Church on April 30. A fine meal is served up, along with good entertainment. There is always an excellent speaker. The meal is served at 6:00PM and the evening is concluded at 8:00PM. While the evening is free to all, it is to be understood that it is a fundraiser for their ministry. Pat and I have hosted a table for the past several years

and will hosting again this year. We'd like to invite anyone who might like to be with us for that evening. Give us a call to let us know or to get any additional information you'd like to have.

RevLon

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|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Dan Martin                | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Caitlyn Perryman             |
|                  | Kendrick Nuttall          | 28 <sup>th</sup> | David & Alisa Betts (A)      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Aimee Smiley              |                  | Reed Tabor                   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Anna Leasure              |                  | Olivia Thomas                |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Doug & Suzanne Henley (A) | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Gavin Ricketts               |
|                  | Laura Ken Hoffman         | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Russell & Susan Fischels (A) |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Dale & Sharon Davis (A)   |                  |                              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Michael Skultety          |                  |                              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Darrell Engelhardt        |                  |                              |
|                  | Phyllis Klym              |                  |                              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Patsy Sutton              |                  |                              |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Mary George Peyton        |                  |                              |



*April*  
BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES

# April 2018

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu       | Fri       | Sat   |
|---|---|--|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| <i>1</i><br><i>Resurrection Sunday</i><br><i>One Great Hour of</i><br><i>Sharing Offering</i> | <i>2</i><br><i>6PM Great Banquet</i><br><i>Team Mtgs</i>  | <i>3</i><br><i>6PM Session</i><br><i>Meeting</i> | <i>4</i><br><i>Spring Break</i><br><i>No activities</i>   | <i>5</i>  | <i>6</i>  | <i>7</i>  |
| <i>8</i>  | <i>9</i><br><i>6PM Great Banquet</i><br><i>Team Mtgs</i>  | <i>10</i>  | <i>11</i><br><i>5:15 Fellowship Meal</i><br><i>6:00 Activities</i><br><i>7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i> | <i>14</i>   |
| <i>15</i>   | <i>16</i><br><i>6PM Great Banquet</i><br><i>Team Mtgs</i> | <i>17</i>  | <i>18</i><br><i>5:15 Fellowship Meal</i><br><i>6:00 Activities</i><br><i>7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i><br><i>Men's Great Banquet #181</i> →  |
| <i>22</i><br>→  | <i>23</i><br><i>6PM Great Banquet</i><br><i>Team Mtgs</i> | <i>24</i>  | <i>25</i><br><i>5:15 Fellowship Meal</i><br><i>6:00 Activities</i><br><i>7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i><br><i>Priscilla Shirer</i><br><i>Simulcast @ 2nd</i><br><i>Baptist/Greenville</i> |
| <i>29</i><br>→  | <i>30</i><br><i>6PM Great Banquet</i><br><i>Team Mtgs</i> |  |   |           |           |   |