



# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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Bill and Gloria Gaither have written many wonderful Christian songs. Gloria wrote one in particular in the 1960's while she was expecting her first child. The couple was going through some terrible problems. Bill had been seriously sick; their music had been criticized for not being spiritual enough. On New Year's Eve, Gloria writes, "I sat alone in the darkness thinking about the rebellious world and all of our problems – and about our baby yet unborn. Who in their right mind would bring a child into a world like this?" But then something happened. She said, "I can't quite explain what happened in that next moment, but suddenly I felt released from it all. The panic that had begun to build inside was gently dispelled by a reassuring presence and a soft voice that kept saying, 'Don't forget the empty tomb, don't forget the empty tomb.' Then I knew I could have that baby and face the future with optimism and trust for I had been reminded that it was all worth it just because He lives." Out of that experience she wrote the lyrics: "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone, because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives."

When Jesus got up and walked out of that tomb, He changed everything – for you, for me, for the whole world. I want to share with you three simple ways that the resurrection has impacted our lives.

First, because He lives, I have peace. When Jesus appeared to his disciples that first Easter Sunday, the first words out of His mouth were, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19). The peace Jesus spoke of was more than just a sense of calmness or tranquility. It was the Hebrew word "shalom" and it meant wholeness, completeness, serenity, and harmony of life. Jesus died and rose from the grave so that you and I could have peace with God.

Because He lives, I have purpose. Jesus tells his disciples: "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21). Where was He sending them? Everywhere! Their mission, should they choose to accept it, was to spread the word about the cross and the empty tomb – to share the message of Jesus with their friends, neighbors, relatives, and yes, even enemies. Because of Jesus, we know why we exist and what we're supposed to do with our time here on earth. Our mission is to tell people about Jesus as well.

Because he lives, I also have the promise of eternal life. At the end of this encounter with the risen Christ, John tells us, "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). All throughout His ministry Jesus promised life-everlasting to those who believe in Him. Many people today hope for a long and happy life, but Jesus offers so much more. He offers forever – eternity, life without end! The promise of life everlasting is the heartbeat of hope. And the resurrection of Jesus ensures that we, too, will be resurrected.

Easter is the cornerstone of the Christian faith; the celebration of Jesus rising from the grave, conquering death and giving us peace with God, a purpose for life, and the promise of heaven. That's what Easter is really all about. Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.



*Bro J*

## APRIL – He Is Risen!

Thank you, Jesus, for eternal life. Jesus was the first to teach us that each of us has a cross to bear. We may not look as if we are bearing one, but we are. Each of us has some area of pain and suffering. The world around us would have us run from our problems, but that's not God's plan for our lives. We are empowered by the tragedy and triumph of the cross.

Matthew 10:38: *He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*

### Here are a few books from our Library...

Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado. God's plan, His goal is to make you into the image of Jesus. How does this change occur and why does it seem so slow? If God wants me to be just like Jesus, why do I still seem just like me? The author helps you answer these questions and helps you understand God's wonderful ways of transformation. Would you like to know more? Then read this book and remember God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be more like Jesus.

Hope Again by Charles Stanley. This book offers insights into life's really tough challenges – and gives you ways to renew your energy, enthusiasm, and joy as you travel life's bumpy road. It's a beautiful reminder that when we are at our lowest, Christ stands ready to restore us and help us learn to hope again.

Simple Faith by Charles R. Swindoll. The exhausting pace of many who run the Christian race these days leaves them feeling frenzied and frazzled. Is that really the life promised by the Prince of Peace? Have we forgotten that this is the Lord who said, "I will give you rest"? The author shows you how you can walk with Christ down a quieter path. Rediscover here a life of peace and fulfillment built now on works but on trust and simple faith.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

1	Mike Steele
2	Mary Hester
5	Paul Hahn
6	Evangeline Gallimore
	Emily Sparkman
7	Patty Welch
8	Linda McLain
10	Margaret Billmyer
11	Teagan Johnson
13	Carrie Hull Garwood
14	Pam Prentice
16	Ava Huntzinger
17	Rusty Robinson
18	Trisha Price
	Paula Andre
24	Cynthia Huntzinger
29	Kristyn Crotzer
30	Julie Crotzer

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*

## YOUTH NEWS

So... we're cooped up inside because 1) It. Is. Still. Raining. AND 2) We are quarantined. Praise Jesus!!!

God says in Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Can we remind you that our ENCOUNTER time this year has prepared us for this season? We have talked about:

- Relationships and our circle of influence- who can you reach out to today with contagious encouragement? Call someone! Write a letter AND mail it!
- Living intentionally and giving like Jesus- learn to craft the perfect latte at home or master a new rice and beans recipe - then share with your neighbor!
- Digging our spiritual well- we have plenty of time now to really read the Bible. Use the worksheet we gave you (yes, we can send you another copy) or use your own method. Ask questions and journal what you find!

Just because we are not meeting together, does not mean we can not journey together. Our challenge to our youth (and their families) is to study through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). Read them. Repeat. Let's ENCOUNTER Jesus in a whole new way. We love you all!!

Until we meet again.....

Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Julie



# APRIL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>Schedule of Services:</b></p> <p><u>Sunday</u>            Sunday School – 8:45 am            Worship – 10:00 am            Adult Choir Rehearsal – 5:00 pm            AWANA – 6:00 pm (Sept.-May)            Youth ENCOUNTER – 6:00 pm            Worship – 6:00 pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u>            Children's Ministry – 6:30 pm            Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm            Business Meeting – 6:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)</p>						

**All Church Activities Canceled through the end of April**

The deacons met and want you to know that we will continue with no activities at the church through the month of April, as per the guidelines set forth by the state and federal governments. As we get to the end of April, we will assess at that time based on government guidelines as to when we will meet together again for worship services. Until then, note that Bro. J is preaching his "Sunday Sermons" and they are available each week on our website.

Thank you for your faithfulness. Paula is in the office each day, so please do not hesitate to call if you have a need. We have a list of folks who will shop for you, or take care of needs at your request - they are ready and willing. If you wish to drop off your offering, let Paula know when you are coming and you won't have to get out of your car - we are providing "curb side service"!  
 Stay inside, practice "social distancing", and wash your hands!!