



OLD FOREST ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



The Real Meaning of Easter

1 Corinthians 15

1. Christ died for us and rose again.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and . . . He was buried, and . . . He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. (3-4)

2. He verified his resurrection by large public appearances.

After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep. (6)

3. Because Christ has risen, we are not still in our sins.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. (17)

4. Because Christ has risen, our afflicted lives are not pitiable.

If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. (19)

5. We who trust Christ will be raised from the dead at Christ's second

coming.

For as in Adam all [his posterity] die, so also in Christ all will [his posterity] be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming. (22-23)

6. Christ now reigns invincibly over the universe.

For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. (25-26)

7. Our resurrection body will be imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual.

[Our resurrection body] is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. (42-44)

8. Living or dead, we shall be given new bodies in an instant at Christ's coming.

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MAGNIFYING JESUS
THROUGH WORSHIP AND
THE WORD; **MOVING**
BELIEVERS IN JESUS
TOWARD MATURITY AND
MINISTRY, AND **MAKING**
JESUS KNOWN TO OUR
NEIGHBORS AND THE
NATIONS

Calendar:**April 2009 Old Forest Road Baptist Church****1**

6:30 pm Business Meeting
 KSC (Kids Serving Christ)
 7:45 pm Choir Practice

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6:30 pm Leadership Meeting

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9:00 am Tot Time

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9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 6:00 pm Easter Rehearsal

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9:30 am Women's Bible Study

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6:30 pm Bible Study
 KSC
 Praise Band Practice
 7:45 pm Choir Practice

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2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt
 6:00 pm Easter Rehearsal

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9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship (Easter Program)
 Softball Meeting after worship

13**14****15**

6:30 pm Bible Study

KSC

Praise Band Practice

7:45 pm Choir Practice

16**17****18**

8:00 am Iron Sharpens Iron

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9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship

20**21 NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!****22**

6:30 pm Bible Study
 KSC
 Praise Band Practice
 7:45 pm Choir Practice

23**24**

9:00 am Tot Time

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3:00 pm Cookout for College
 Students at Keith Settje's

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9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 Guest Speaker : Dr. Fowler

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9:30 am Women's Bible Study

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6:30 pm Bible Study
 KSC
 Praise Band Practice
 7:45 pm Choir Practice

29**30**

Announcements

Men's Ministry

Iron Sharpens Iron meets the third Saturday in April. All men in the church are encouraged to attend. We meet every month for a time of learning and fellowship. Breakfast is provided so come get a hot meal and learn more about God with your fellow men. We hope to see you there!

There will be a brief meeting following the Sunday service on April 12th for all men participating on the softball team, King's Men. See Keith Settje for more information.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Bible Study meets the first and fourth Tuesday in April at 9:30 a.m. There is childcare provided for the little ones for a small fee. We are having a great time so far this fall so feel free to join us. We are using Lord Teach Me To Pray by Kay Arthur. Please contact Sara Peterson with any questions you may have: 525-5357 or bonkers247@gmail.com.

Ministry Opportunities

If you are willing to serve in the Children's Ministry your help would be greatly appreciated. We are always looking for able people to teach our children to the glory and admonition of the Lord. If you would like to help please contact Chris Peters by phone at 316-0131 (home) or call the church and Stacy will give him the message. You can also e-mail him at prayoften@yahoo.com or prayoften@oldforestroad.org

Important Business Information

There will be a Business Meeting Wednesday, April 1st, to vote on our elder candidates. They are as follows: Keith Settje, Charlie Hesse, and Don Cutworth. Please come and cast your vote on this very important matter.

We are working on an updated church directory. Please stop by the information center to check your information or to sign up to be in the directory. Please see Stacy Wilson or Kelli Wilt with any questions you may have.

Opportunities for All

Come join us Easter Sunday morning (April 12th) at 9:30 for a pancake breakfast and a time of fellowship. Pancakes and drinks are provided by the church. We hope to see you there!

Hello, everyone!

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Easter Program. I am looking forward to an uplifting time of worship on Easter Sunday. Please remember the following rehearsal dates: April 1st and 8th at 7:45 pm and April 5th and 11th at 6:00 pm. We will then take a break from practice on Wednesday, April 15th and resume practice on April 22nd.
Bill B.

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (51-52)

9. Death now has no sting and will be swallowed up in victory.

But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (54-55)

10. Christ suffered for sin and satisfied the law for us.

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (56-57)

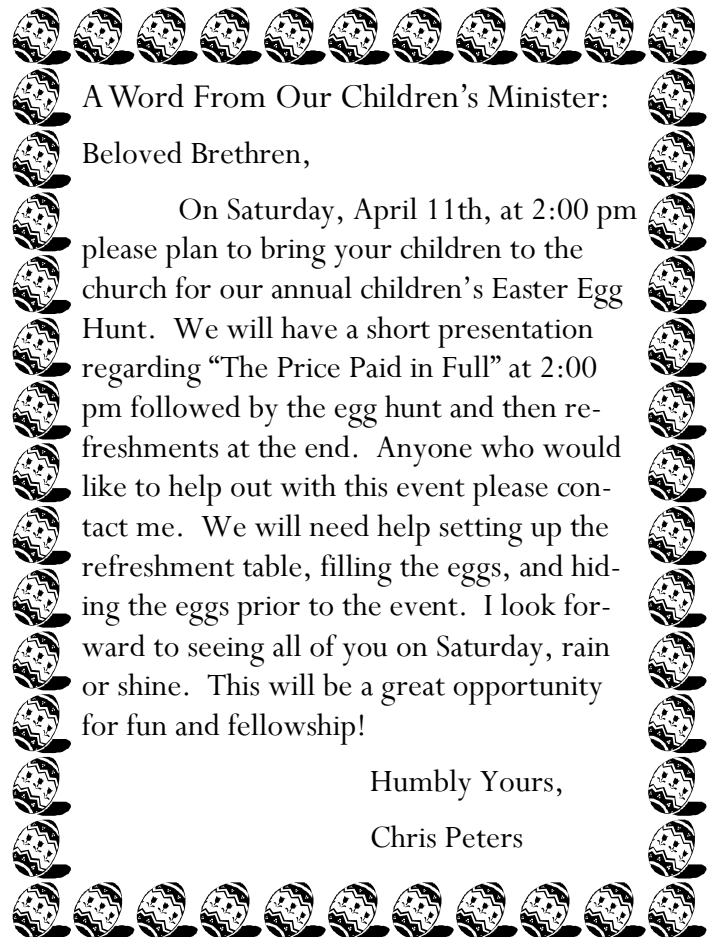
11. Therefore, do huge amounts of Christ-exalting work because none of it is in vain.

Pastor Mike

Kid's Corner

KSC (Kids Serving Christ) meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great program for all of our children to learn more about God and serving our community. There is a Bible Study with Pastor Mike going on at the same time so there is a great place for you to go also. Consider bringing your children to this wonderful program and having some great enrichment time for yourself, too!

Tot Time is meeting the first and fourth Fridays in April. Children ages 2-5 are encouraged to come to this one-day preschool. Bring your little one twice a month to this time of learning and play. Tot Time meets two Fridays a month from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. If you have any questions please see Lauren Clark.



A Word From Our Children's Minister:
 Beloved Brethren,
 On Saturday, April 11th, at 2:00 pm please plan to bring your children to the church for our annual children's Easter Egg Hunt. We will have a short presentation regarding "The Price Paid in Full" at 2:00 pm followed by the egg hunt and then refreshments at the end. Anyone who would like to help out with this event please contact me. We will need help setting up the refreshment table, filling the eggs, and hiding the eggs prior to the event. I look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, rain or shine. This will be a great opportunity for fun and fellowship!

Humbly Yours,
 Chris Peters