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The Past is Present on Easter

“No matter how devastating our struggles, disappointments and troubles are, they are only temporary. No matter what happens to you, no matter the depth or tragedy or pain you face, no matter how death stalks you and your loved ones, the Resurrection promises you a future of immeasurable good, (Josh McDowell).

Some of that “good” is coming our way today, Easter Sunday, 2018. We are celebrating the Risen Savior, the Resurrection and the Life,” “the First fruits of the them that sleep. His resurrection would mean little to nothing for us if He had not come into our hearts and caused us to be born again. We wouldn’t experience our new birth had He not risen. Scripture informs us, “*Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification*” (Ro 4:25, KJV). He rose to justify sinners in the sight of God! In fact, the Bible tells us in 1 Cor. 15:12-20:

“Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.”

Our faith is NOT in vain! Our sinful souls ARE justified before God! We are NOT in our sins! The dead in Christ are NOT perished! The key to the Resurrection of Jesus is that we not celebrate just a distant event, something that happened long, long ago before we came along. His Resurrection is an on-going event, continuing to impact our lives every single day. Our faith in Jesus works because he who was dead is now alive. Our hope works because the Risen Jesus promised we, too, and our loved ones, would rise one day. We can stand before a holy and perfect God with no condemnation because Jesus is alive. Let’s labor to live in the power of His resurrection.

Church Events

- April 1 – Easter & Church Picnic / Missions Sunday
- April 8 – Rev. David Johnston & family
- April 8 – BGMC Sunday / PM Service Berryman A/G
- April 14 – Honors Banquet – Granite City
- April 15 – Overcomers Choir AM Service
- April 22-25 District Council
- April 29 – Missionary Phil Rojak
- May 11 – Graduation Banquet
- May 13 – Commencement
- May 13 – 17 Blythe Revival
- May 13 – Mother’s Day
- May 18-26 – International Student Convention



Sunday School.....9:30
Worship.....10:30
Sunday Night.....6:00
Wed Bible Study.....7:00
& Kid’s Ministry

Ozark Bible Institute Overcomers Choir

Wentzville 1st A/G is in for a treat, a repeat treat. The Overcomers will be with us Sunday morning, April 15, and yes, Alyssa Rodriguez will be front and center. This Pentecostal group of young college students will bring an attitude of prayer and consecration into our service. The Branhams have managed the OBI choir for decades and are veterans at ministering in the local church. They desire to see the fire of Pentecost spread into every church. So, let's get on our knees and prepare for a glorious service on April 15. A free will offering will be received for the choir.

Sunday - April 8th

We want to remind everyone that Sunday, April 8 will be a bit different. The Wentzville Christian School regional student convention winners will be ministering out of town that night. The trip requires the bus, and several of our staff. This has forced us to cancel the Sunday night service. The bus will leave the church at 3 pm, and we will head off to Berryman Assembly of God where Pastor and Sister Hudson minister. The service begins at 6 pm, and our youth will display their art, photography, wood working, and minister in the service. Pastor Hudson will receive an offering to help the students attend ISC in May. They also plan to feed everyone after the service. Since it is a school night and will be a late night, the start time for school on Monday, April 9, will be pushed back to 11 am. You are welcome to come along. The bus seats will be given to students and their family first. If there are any left over, you can climb aboard. If not, carpool and come with us.

Honors Banquet

On Friday, April 13, students from Wentzville Christian School and church will board the bus for the short trip to Granite City to fellowship with other Christian students and schools at the annual Honors Banquet. Bethel Chapel of Granite City, Illinois, hosts the banquet each year for Christian school students 12 years old and up. Normally, each school or church brings a song or drama, or a combination, and they minister at the banquet. Each year also provides a special guest speaker for the banquet. It has been a great experience for our students, and connections and friendships are cultivated. See Sister Karen Rodriguez for more info, and to reserve your place.



Rev. David Johnston

Our church will be treated to the ministry of David Johnston and family on Sunday morning, April 8. David is a graduate of Full Gospel Bible Institute and is a veteran pastor. He and his family also minister in kids crusades around the nation in churches and camps. David originates from Canada, and they currently labor for the Lord in CHOSE Ministries in Canada. Raising awareness of the need brings them to our church next Sunday, and you will be blessed by the ministry of this wonderful family.

