



EASTER SUNDAY

“Raised With Christ”

Colossians 3:1-17

FUMC WEEKLY

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WORSHIP

Sanctuary Worship | Dr. Tim Bruster
 “Raised With Christ”
 Colossians 3:1-17
 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am | Sanctuary
*Full orchestra at all Easter morning
 Sanctuary services*

Children’s Academy
 9:30 am | Children’s Wing
 Children’s Easter Moment
 11:00 am | Wesley Hall

DiscipleChurch
 Rev. Page Hines
 Rev. Brooks Harrington
 8:30 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

RADIUS Youth Worship
 Easter Celebration
 9:30-10:30 | Justin Youth Building

Nontraditional Worship
 eleven:eleven celebration
 Mr. Charles Gaby, MA, LPC
 eleven:eleven easter festival
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Burnett Park
 Corner of 7th & Lamar
 Downtown Fort Worth
 Maps available in the Welcome Center

Dear Friends,

Tony Campolo tells of a sermon he heard his preacher deliver with the wonderful title: “It’s Friday — But Sunday’s Comin’.” What a great summary of the Christian attitude about brokenness!

It’s Friday, it’s the day of the Cross, the day of brokenness, but Sunday, the day of Resurrection, is coming! It’s a cross now that I have to bear, but I believe a resurrection is on its way. I believe that God is ultimately in charge, and something good is therefore going to happen.

It may not be what I want to happen. It may not be what I hoped would happen. It may not be a restoration of the way things were before. But God brings about resurrection, not just resuscitation — and there *is* a difference.

Resurrection means new life; resuscitation means the old has been restored. Because God resurrects, God gives new situations, new surprises we never anticipated, things we may never have imagined — and they will be good.

Because of the Cross and Resurrection we can say that even the experience of death now has given way to new life through the light of Christ. The light that Christ brought into the valley of the shadow of death reveals that not even death has the last word.

If you had lived in the Roman Empire in the first century, you would have noticed a strange custom practiced by the Christians. They would go out to their graveyards with laurel wreaths — the wreaths used in Greek and Roman cultures to crown the victors of athletic contests — and place them on the graves. If you had asked them why, they would have said, “Because we believe that in Jesus Christ we have received victory over the power of death.”

You may receive this message on Friday — the actual day or a “Friday experience” in your own life. But, Sunday’s coming!

We will gather on Sunday to proclaim, along with the apostle Paul, “The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed to us!” And to celebrate that “death has been swallowed up in victory!”

I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Grace and Peace to you,

◆ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ◆

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Experience communion in the style and manner Jesus did as he shared his Last Supper with his Disciples on the night before he died.

Come expecting to be moved by the communion experience as never before:

Maudy Thursday Worship Service
Thursday, March 28 | 7:00 pm

Simultaneous Children's Service
"What Does Maundy Mean?"
Mark Burrows | 7:00 PM | Rm 204

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Chapel Service
Dr. Lamar Smith
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Leonard Memorial Chapel

Before the evening service
Enjoy a light supper and Q&A discussion with Dr. Terry York
6:00 - 6:45 pm | Wesley Hall

Good Friday Service of Darkness
Friday, March 29 | 7:00 pm Sanctuary

Children's Good Friday Service
Children's Supper | 6:00 pm | Rm 263
"Why Do We Call it Good?"
Mark Burrows | 7:00 pm | Rm 204

EASTER SUNDAY

Our Celebration of Easter will be the culmination of our Lenten journey from brokenness to being made whole. Beautiful orchestral music will lead us through prayer, scripture, music, and reflections centering on God's ultimate gift of new life through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

"Raised With Christ" | Colossians 3:1-17

Dr. Tim Bruster

8:00*, 9:30, 11:00 am

Full Orchestra at all Sanctuary Services

**Best seating available at 8:00 am service.*

Other Easter morning services:

DiscipleChurch

8:30 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

Rev. Page Hines/Rev. Brooks Harrington

eleven:eleven easter celebration

10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Burnett Park

A family-friendly Easter celebration wraps our regular 11:11 service in a festival-styled day of reflection and community in nearby Burnett Park, Downtown Fort Worth. (Maps available in the Welcome Center) Rain location, Wesley Hall.



♦ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ♦

4.3 - 5.8 ALMOST CHRISTIAN BOOK GROUP

Wednesdays | Room 154

12:00-1:00 pm | 7:00-8:00 pm

Casey Langley, Director of Youth Ministries, will lead a discussion group on *Almost Christian: What the Faith of our Teenagers is Telling the American Church*, by Kenda Creasy Dean, now available in the Adult Education Office for \$18. Register weekdays in the Adult Education Office or by email: gammerman@myfumc.org.

4.7 FUMC Unplugged

6:00-7:15 pm | Justin Building

Join us for an Open Mic night benefitting the Youth Choir summer tour. Experience the awesome talent of our youth — or share your own! All ages are welcome to attend and/or take the stage with music, readings, poetry, skits, or other gifts. Food and drinks provided. Admission is \$5 — additional donations appreciated!



4.2 UMW DINNER AND SPEAKER

6:00 pm | Wesley Hall

All are welcome at the UMW dinner and lecture with Dr. Alyce McKenzie, Professor of Preaching and Worship, SMU Perkins School of Theology. Cost of dinner is \$10; reservations required. Contact johnyeb1220@yahoo.com.

4.7 NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:45 am | Room 336

A new discussion-based class for young couples, led by Molly and Tom Hardgrove, begins April 7 to explore the essentials of building a solid foundation that will weather life's ups and downs. Contact Rev. Gena Anderson (ganderson@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5067.

XYZ (EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST)

Thursdays | 9:30 am - noon | Rm 224

Play dominoes, 42 and chicken foot, and enjoy lively conversation and great food with the XYZ Seniors. All are welcome to come and play! Questions? Contact Rev. Phyllis McDougal (pmcdougal@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5082.

4.23 UMW TEA & STYLE SHOW

4:00 - 6:00 pm | Ridglea Country Club
Individual tickets are available for \$40 in the Welcome Center Sunday mornings.

4.18 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Wesley Hall

Ushers, Greeters (Blue Shirt Team, Welcome Center, and special events), Television Ministry, First Friends, Docents, Congregational Care, Donation Counters, Parish Nurses, Library and Archive, Front Desk and Office volunteers (and spouses) invited; dress is business casual. RSVP Elaine Johnson at ejohnson@myfumc.org or Reverend Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5065 **by 4.15.**

OUTDOOR MINISTRY RETREATS

4.5 - 4.7 | Mineral Wells State Park

5.3 - 5.5 | Daingerfield State Park

Contact Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5065 about these or other outdoor opportunities.



4.21 LISTENING TO DIVORCE

Sundays, 4.21-5.5 | 9:00 -10:30 am

Foundation Bldg. | Rm 370

A three-week series focusing on understanding, healing, and learning from the past to move into the future. Contact Marianne Wilson (mwilson@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5071.

HIGHER LOVE WEEKEND: BASIC TRAINING FOR THE HEART

Sign up by April 14 for this relationship-changing experience at Stillwater Lodge in Glen Rose Texas June 6-9 led by Charles Gaby, MA, LPC. All inclusive cost is \$245 per person; registration limited to 20. Contact Marianne Wilson (mwilson@myfumc.org) at 817/ 339-5071.



No Basketball or evening programming this week.

4.3 YOUTH DINNER OUT

6:00 - 8:00 pm

The youth will meet for dinner at Mellow Mushroom on Bluebonnet Circle in Fort Worth for dinner and fellowship!

4.26 - 4.27 LOCK IN-N-OUT

Open to all current 6th-12th graders,

the Youth Lock in/out is designed for tons of fun! Cost is \$50; sign up by April 14. Contact Brenda Kegans (bkegans@myfumc.org) at 817/339-3888.

GRADUATING SENIORS are eligible to apply for two scholarships offered at FUMC. The deadline to apply is April 26, 2013. For more information contact Brenda Kegans (bkegans@myfumc.org) at 817/339-3888.



3.29 & 4.1 NO PRESCHOOL

3.30 EASTER EGG HUNT

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Lyle Lodge | 7179 Peden Road, Azle

4.5 APRIL PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

6:30-11:00 pm, ages: 3 mo.-12 yrs.,

Cost: \$30 for first child, \$40 for two and \$45 for three or more. (Please note: there is a \$20 no-show fee)

Batter Up!! We're celebrating Baseball Season! Wear your favorite team's uniform (if you want) and join us for some Home Run Fun! Including: Games, Crafts, Snacks and a Movie. Reservations are required and are due by Wed., April 3rd. Space is limited so make your reservations early!!! Contact Paula Wagstaff (pwagstaff@myfumc.org) at 817/546-4414.

Remember: Children's Ministry and Sunday Morning Nursery volunteers earn a Free Parent's Night Out.

4.8 PRESCHOOL AND PDO AUCTION

Joe T. Garcia's | 6:00 - 9:00 pm

RESURRECTION PEOPLE GO THE SECOND MILE

Each Easter we give a "second-mile" gift to our missions and outreach programs as an expression of our gratitude for God's grace as we continue to share God's love with those in need. As Resurrection People we are called to be in partnership with God and with one another to bring the hope of resurrection to people living in despair.

This year's Easter Offering goal is \$50,000. Your gift to the Easter Offering provides direct support to many of the vital ministries of our church as we reach out to those beyond our immediate church family through the great work of the United Methodist Church:

• **FIRST STREET METHODIST MISSION:**

Supporting the feeding ministries at the First Street Methodist Mission.

• **OUTREACH MINISTRIES:** Supporting: Crime Victims Council, Justice for Our Neighbors, FUMC Methodist Justice Ministry, United Community Centers, and Habitat for Humanity

• **CHURCH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT:** Support starting new churches in the Central Texas Conference through the Church Growth and Development Shares Program.

• **PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY:** Help fulfill our church's commitment to provide the office of Global Theological Education in the new building at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

This is an important moment in the stewardship life of this church. The Easter Offering represents a vital part of Jesus' ministry and a special emphasis of First Church. We will receive Easter Offerings throughout the Season of Easter (March 31 through May 19). Offering envelopes will be in the pew pockets in the Sanctuary (or you can simply designate "Easter Offering" on your check), or give online at www.myfumc.org and be sure designate your gift as "Easter Offering."

Please give prayerful consideration to your second-mile gift commitment. The difference you make in the lives of others is a vital part of fulfilling our mission as a faith community.

SAVE THE DATE

More details coming soon!

6.9 KENDA CREASY DEAN will visit FUMC to lead an event and preach in both sanctuary worship services before serving as speaker for the 2013 Central Texas Annual Conference.

6.7 - 6.9 HIGHER LOVE WEEKEND:

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6.6 COFFEE, POVERTY & JESUS BOOK CLUB

Our May CPJ Book Club selection is *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain, now available for \$10 in the Adult Education Office.

5.2 ROOM IN THE INN VOLUNTEER TRAINING

6:00 pm | Justin Building

Room in the Inn offers food and shelter on Thursday evenings to 12 homeless men during July and August. To participate, plan to attend the mandatory new volunteer training meeting. Volunteer opportunities range from preparing the Justin Building, driving our guests to and from the Day Resource Center, preparing meals, and visiting and staying overnight with our guests. To attend the training or if you are interested in volunteering but can't attend this mandatory training session, you must contact Rev. Page Hines (phines@firststreetmission.org) at 817/339-8881.

TEACHERS & TOPICS

Classes Meeting on Easter Sunday, March 31

Cana Disciples | Room 332 | 9:30

Covenant | Room | 331 | 9:30

Good Neighbors | Room 334 | 11:00

In Depth Bible Study | Room 350 | 8:30

Journey | Room 230 at 10:00 am | Easter Brunch

Koinonia | Room 224 at 9:30 am | Carrie & Ken Hinze

Loyalty | Room 334 at 9:30 am | Larry Eason

New Horizon Singles | Room 231 | 9:30 am | Barry Hudson

New Passages | Room 352 | 11:00 am

Sojourners | Room 335 | 9:30 am | Jane and Brendan Furnish

Twosome | Room 154 | 9:30 am | Dick Rightmire

Veriditas | Room 272 (Foundation Bldg) | 9:30

Wesley Bible | Room 350 | 9:30 am | Dr. Ron Ballard

NOTE: If the class you are interested in does not list topics or teachers for this month, we did not receive the information prior to deadline.

ADULT CLASSES: Please contact Gayle Ammerman

(Gammerman@MyFUMC.org) at 817/339-5091

*with your **May** study topics by **April 8**.*

No Blood Pressure Screenings:

March

31 Easter

May

12 Mother's Day

26 Memorial Day

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Kent Kilbourne

IN MEMORIAM

Louise Canafax

Marlene Suddeth