



The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits,' the pioneer of life,' He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so.

The Resurrection, and its consequences, were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought: what we call the 'gospels', the narratives of Our Lord's life and death, were composed later for the benefit of those who had already accepted the gospel. They were in no sense the basis of Christianity: they were written for those already converted. The miracle of the Resurrection, and the theology of that miracle, comes first: the biography comes later as a comment on it. Nothing could be more unhistorical than to pick out selected sayings of Christ from the gospels and to regard those as the datum and the rest of the New Testament as a construction upon it. The first fact in the history of Christendom is a number of people who say they have seen the Resurrection. If they had died without making anyone else believe this 'gospel' no gospels would ever have been written.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the single most important event in the history of the world, and it is not close. If the resurrection did not happen, no one, and that means no human, would be able to live in the presence of God for all eternity. Jesus Christ conquered the grave – the tomb was empty! – and because of this – all believers can live with God for eternity and spend eternity worshipping the Father.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Zeb Carter
Juanita (Abby's Mother)
Tim Taylor
Linda Fry
Vernon Bartlett
Pam Aldrich

Terry Nash
Vance Wendelburg
Dennis Rosenbaum
Brenda Reno
Marsha Dryden
Hunter Marks
Merry Lynn Weatherby

Jack Bailey
Marvin Miller
Gerry Hudson
Lupe Hudson
Nolan Adams
Orvalee Aldrich
Destiny Huffman

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

The Youth Group will NOT meet tonight.

Work and Worship Weekend [Next Friday-Sunday]

Silver Maple Camp is hosting a work and worship weekend this Friday through Sunday. You can come for all of the weekend or just part of it. You can register at silvermaplecamp.org - please register if you plan to come (it is free) so we have an idea how many will be there. Saturday will be the work day with many tasks to be completed. Talk to Tom if you have questions about the tasks that will be worked on.

Graduation Reception [May 4]

Everyone is invited to a high school graduation reception for Dominic Rogers and Jorja Blakeslee on Sunday, May 4th, right after potluck. Remember not to bring dessert that day, as refreshments will be served at the reception.

Save the Date:

May 4 - Graduation Celebration for Dominic and Jorja
May 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
June 1-7 - SMC Early Session
June 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
July 6-12 - SMC First Session
July 13 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
July 13-19 - SMC Second Session
July 20-26 - SMC Third Session

Birthdays

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl & Janet Feril

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #266 - Majesty

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Hunter Marks (1 Peter 1:3-5)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #464 - Because He Lives

Song: #353 - One Day

Communion: Orrin Feril

Song: #269 - Thomas' Song

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #909 - There's A Fountain Free

Closing Prayer: Zach Marks



Giving Link

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril, Zachary Marks
Minister: Zeborah Carter