

# FROM BRIDGE STREET

News & Updates From Our Church



## THE GREATEST SACRIFICE

There are many great things that we can recall to our minds when we think about it. Maybe it is the greatest catch, the greatest moment in your life, or the greatest period.

There are many great things that take place in our lives that we carry the memory of. Some may be more vivid than others.

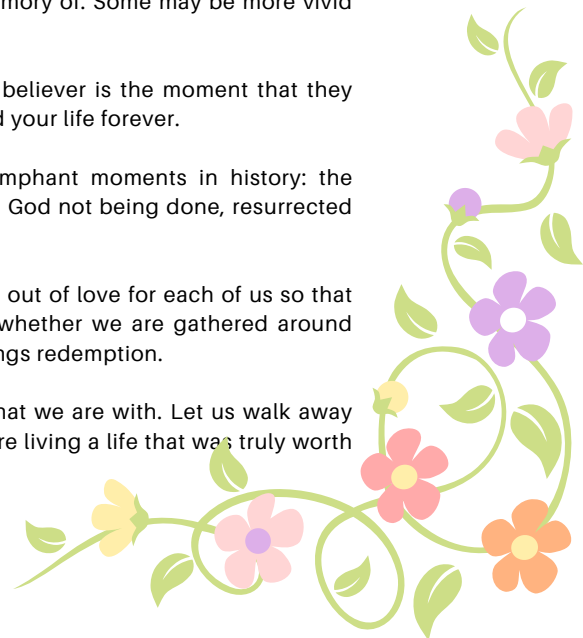
Looking at it through the spiritual lens of life, the greatest moment for the believer is the moment that they believed in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior. It was a moment that changed your life forever.

We take time this month to celebrate one of the greatest and most triumphant moments in history: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the act of love He died for our sins, but God not being done, resurrected His Son so that we may inherit eternal life.

It is more than an Easter Egg or a character. It was something that was done out of love for each of us so that we could be with Him eternally in Heaven. This Easter may we take time, whether we are gathered around family or friends, to remember the sacrifice that washes away our sins and brings redemption.

May we take time as we are at the table to share our testimony with those that we are with. Let us walk away this Easter season being in a closer walk with the Lord and making sure we are living a life that was truly worth His sacrifice.

Pastor Eric



# ***EMBRACING SPIRITUAL RENEWAL***

BY ERIC TRUESDALE

""Behold, I am making all things new." - Revelation 21:5

As the world around us awakens with the vibrant colors and fresh scents of spring, it's a beautiful reminder of God's promise of new things. In this season of renewal, we are reminded of the transformative power of Christ's resurrection and the new life it brings to all who believe and trust in Him. Here are a few ways you can renew your spiritual life.

## Growing in Faith

Just as the seeds buried in winter burst forth into new life, spring calls us to grow in our faith. Let this season be a time for deepening our relationship with God through prayer, worship, study, and fellowship. It's a time to nurture the seeds of faith planted within us, allowing God's Word to take root in our hearts and minds.



## Cultivating Community

Spring is not just a season of personal growth, but also a time to strengthen the bonds within our church family. Let's reach out to one another in love and support, fostering a spirit of unity and encouragement. As we come together in worship and service, we create a vibrant community that reflects the love of Christ.

## Planting Seeds of Hope

The beauty of spring reminds us of the hope we have in Christ. Let's share this hope with others, being a light in our community. Whether it's through acts of kindness, words of comfort, or simply being a listening ear, each interaction plants a seed of God's love in the hearts of those around us. It allows us to be like Christ to those that we interact with around us.

## Reflection and Prayer

As we enjoy the beauty of spring, let us take time to reflect on the areas of our lives where we seek renewal. May this season be a period of spiritual awakening, where we draw closer to God and experience the fullness of His love and grace. May the Lord show and guide us in the areas that we may need to nurture and grow.

Father, as the earth blossoms with the signs of spring, let our hearts be renewed in Your love. Guide us in growth, strengthen our community, and help us to be bearers of hope to those around us. Remind us of the cost of our adoption as heirs. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# ***LUKE 10 MINISTRY***

BY PASTOR ERIC  
TRUESDALE

Last month we gathered non-perishable food for a new ministry we are starting in the church to assist our community. The ministry is called the Luke 10 Ministry and the scripture deals with the Good Samaritan.

This ministry was inspired by the need in our community. Several months back there was an issue with a couple who had nowhere to go and no food. The only support we could offer was to buy them food. However, sometimes this is not the most beneficial in serving the best interest of the church and as good stewards. After much prayer, this ministry has started to come together to assist those in the community.

With food on hand, we can help immediately when someone needs assistance. It can be something such as a family that loses a home for some reason or a family that has fallen on hard times. There are many scenarios where this may best serve those in our community.



We will continue to collect food items as an ongoing ministry. If the food gets close to expiration, then we will donate it to a local food pantry.

In addition there was a discussion of what we are calling Luke 10 Bags. These are what some have seen called Blessing Bags. They will include essential items that someone may need for hygiene, toiletries, and other necessities. We will have these on hand at the church to give out if a need arises in the community.

The ultimate goal is to try and get one Blessing Bag in every car for the congregation. This way if you see someone in need, you can give them a bag to help with their need. I am by no means telling you to stop for just anyone. However, if you feel the Spirit leading you to help someone that may be in need, you can just hand them a bag out your car window.

We are missionaries here at home as much as we abroad and need to serve the community the best that we can in the sphere that the Lord has provided. I pray that this ministry will be able to accomplish this for us at First Baptist Church.

There will be more to come about this ministry.

First Baptist



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Let all that you do be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

**March 2024**

## Upcoming Events

March is Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Missions  
3rd- 10th Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer  
3rd- Deacons Meeting- 6 pm  
4th- Current Missions  
5th- Trustees Meeting- 5 pm  
5th- Vision Group- 5:30 pm  
13th- Golden Group- 12 pm  
20th- Sewing for Missions  
24th- Easter Egg Hunt (all ages) 3-5 pm  
25th- Roundtable- 2 pm  
26th- Constitution and By-Laws  
29th- Offices Closed for Good Friday  
31st- Sunrise Service at Lake Inspiration- 7 am  
31st- Easter Sunday (Regular Services)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Thom Stone- 2nd  
Griffin and Sandra Miller (Anniversary)- 4th  
Susan Connor- 7th  
Hamp Thornton Jr-8th  
Caden Truesdale- 9th  
Rhonda Toole- 10th  
Donna Barnes- 12th  
Cathy Doyle-13th  
Sandy Lesperance- 16th  
Judy McGee- 17th  
Ken Fleming- 22nd  
Julie Beth Taber- 23rd  
Rhea Ridgeway- 23rd  
Allison McCrary- 27th  
Ed Hutto- 27th



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