

SANDUSKY BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE ROCK

As we approach Easter there is a question I want you to think about. Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important? Below I have given ten reasons why. As you read this article, I want you to reflect upon the Biblical reasons I provide. And, when I provide the scriptural references to support my answer, I would like you to stop and look up those verses and read them.

First, the resurrection gives witness to the immense power of God Himself. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in God. If God exists, and if He created the universe and has power over it, then He has power to raise the dead. If He does not have such power, He is not worthy of our faith and worship. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death, only He can reverse the death itself, and only He can remove the sting and gain the victory over the grave (1 Corinthians 15:54–55). In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sovereignty over life and death.



Second, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is also important because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely, the Son of God and Messiah. According to Jesus, His resurrection was the “sign from heaven” that authenticated His ministry (Matthew 16:1–4) and the proof that He had authority over even the temple in Jerusalem (John 2:18–22). The resurrection of Jesus Christ, attested to by hundreds of eyewitnesses, provides irrefutable proof that He is the Savior of the world (1 Corinthians 15:3–8).

Third, the reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His sinless character and divine nature. The Scriptures said God’s “Holy One” would never see corruption (Psalm 16:10), and Jesus never saw corruption, even after He died (Acts 13:32–37). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, “Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin” (Acts 13:38–39).

Fourth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the supreme validation of His deity; it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection (Acts 17:2–3). Christ’s resurrection also authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ’s resurrection, we have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be “useless,” the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven (1 Corinthians 15:14–19).

Fifth, Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), and in that statement he claimed to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life. Jesus does more than give life; He is life, and that’s why death has no power over Him. Jesus confers His life on those who trust in Him, so that we can share His triumph over death (1 John 5:11–12). We who believe in Jesus Christ will personally experience resurrection because, having the life Jesus gives, we have overcome death. It is impossible for death to win (1 Corinthians 15:53–57).

CALENDAR

MARCH 6TH

6:00 p.m.

LBA Executive Committee
Orientation @ SBC

MARCH 20TH

2:00 p.m.

LBA Leadership
Committee Meeting

MARCH 21ST

6:30 p.m.

Church Business
Conference

APRIL 1ST

Easter Sunday

APRIL 18TH

6:15 p.m.

Fellowship Meal

APRIL 20TH

2:00 p.m.

LBA Leadership
Committee Meeting

APRIL 21ST

LU Serve with our church



Your Honduras mission team has returned safely and we were so blessed to serve the Lenca Indians. We want to thank all of you for your support and for being a vital part of this mission. Your generous donations enabled us to provide 32 food buckets to the ladies and families in need. We also were



able to build a portion of a security wall for the kindergarten school. In addition we did some essential wiring at the school and held Bible School for about 130 children. Your gifts of bears, crayons, dish clothes, cars, and ponchos were appreciated by all.

You provided all of the things that we needed to make these beautiful people's lives a little brighter. They also knew that we were representing Christ in all of the programs. Thanks to all of you for everything -- especially your prayers.

Mel and the Honduras Mission Team



Coming soon:

Did you know 95% of Christians never share their faith? The North American Mission Board is providing a new tool for Christians to share the gospel called LiveThis.

It is a three week training series created to prepare churches to have gospel conversations. Look for more information about this training in the coming weeks.



SERENADE

As we prepare for the months ahead, I always enjoy picking out music to celebrate our risen Savior - the greatest day in History! We need to celebrate Christ's resurrection on a daily basis. I hope that the pieces I've picked leading up to Easter Sunday encourage you to worship Him, not just on Sundays but during the week. May the music help you focus upon His overwhelming love!

Thank you, Choir, for your faithfulness. I'm so thankful to have such dedicated members. Our preparedness for Sunday Worship reflects the hard work you put into practicing every week!

Exodus 15:2 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

-Sarah

MARCH

- 2 Linda Eagle
- 4 David Cofflin
- Peyton Myers
- 5 Nancy McCormick
- Lindsey Ostergaard
- 9 Iris Wheeler
- 13 Debra Magann
- 15 Pat Baber
- 16 Gary Meisner
- 19 Zine Lully
- 26 Lori Trask

APRIL

- 2 Jessica Cofflin
- 6 Roberta Cash
- 10 Maggie Carey
- 14 Louis Gallaher
- 15 Bessie Gray
- 19 Mike Wilson
- 20 Gloria Lynch
- 21 Milton Cole
- 26 Kathleen Irby
- Dakota Maberry
- 27 Kaye Ragland
- Candler Paige
- Mitchell Paige
- 28 Pam Gallaher
- Jonathan Rivera
- Joseph Rivera
- 29 Tyler Cole

ON MISSION
**HERE &
NOW**

**Week of Prayer for North
American Missions &
Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering**

**March 4th - 11th
Goal: \$500.00**

Our church will be partnering with Liberty University again this year in the Serve Lynchburg event on Saturday, April 21st. The purpose of the event is to engage students and churches for outreach ministry in and around Lynchburg. This year, we will be providing "handyman" ministry for our church members and your neighborhood friends. That will include minor carpentry, yard work, painting, general clean up, etc. If you or your neighbors would like to be served that day, please contact our deacons or Rev. Vogt as soon as possible, and no later than Sunday, March 21st so we can finalize the schedule of work to be done.



Sixth, Jesus is “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). In other words, Jesus led the way in life after death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is important as a testimony to the resurrection of human beings, which is a basic tenet of the Christian faith. Unlike other religions, Christianity possesses a founder who transcends death and promises that His followers will do the same. Every other religion was founded by men or prophets whose end was the grave. As Christians, we know that God became man, died for our sins, and was resurrected the third day. The grave could not hold Him. He lives, and He sits today at the right hand of the Father in heaven (Hebrews 10:12).

Seventh, the Word of God guarantees the believer’s resurrection at the coming of Jesus Christ for His church at the rapture. Such assurance results in a great shout of triumph as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:55, “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Eighth, The importance of the resurrection of Christ has an impact on our service to the Lord right now. Paul ends his discourse on resurrection with these words: “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58). Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ’s sake (1 Corinthians 15:30–32), just as our Lord did. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thousands of Christian martyrs throughout history have willingly traded their earthly lives for everlasting life and the promise of resurrection.

Ninth, the resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

Tenth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves who Jesus is. It demonstrates that God accepted Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf. It shows that God has the power to raise us from the dead. It guarantees that the bodies of those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life.

Hallelujah, Jesus Christ is RISEN!

- Ed -

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are collecting items for the 2018
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.
This is a year-long, church wide effort.

Item suggestions include:

- Little Stuffed Animals
- Crayons
- School Supplies
- Socks
- Combs
- Brushes
- Crafts
- Bracelets
- Toothbrushes
- Bar Soap
- Wash Cloths
- Balls
- Little Dolls
- Puzzles
- T-shirts

*No Toothpaste, candies or liquids please.