



Bible-based. Christ-centered. Family-focused. Mission-minded.

Welcome! We're glad you are here!
Sunday - March 31, 2024

The Tomb is Empty!

by Troy Spradlin

Grief is such an agonizing and overwhelming emotion. It clouds your mind, making it hard to focus on things. Can you imagine just how heavy the hearts of the disciples must have been come Sunday morning after the Passover? The man whom they deeply loved, admired, believed in, and followed had been brutally executed. All their hopes and aspirations vanished in an instance. What now? Where now? Then, *"very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb"* (Luke 24:1-2). Instantly, their hearts filled with fear and wonder. This was the moment that changed everything, the moment that redefined all hope and possibility!

"Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles" (Luke 24:9-10). Imagine the range of emotions the disciples must have experienced in that moment, hearing the news from the women - confusion, joy, and fear all mingled together. For some, it was too much! So, *"Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first"* (John 20:3-4). Peter and John found the tomb in the same state as the women - empty! We can assume that the emotions of grief, now mixed with utter confusion, must have consumed the disciples. "What have they done with Jesus' body?" must have been the dominant discussion among His followers. So, they retreated and *"the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews,"* (John 20:19)



The reality of the situation was cemented when Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples. *"Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen"* (Mark 16:14). This verse hints at the emotional state of the disciples at that time. They knew that no one had ever risen from the grave on their own accord! Sure, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:43-44), and brought back Jairus' daughter from death (Luke 8:49-56), but Jesus did that with His miraculous powers. Now, Jesus Himself had been put to death. Who would bring Jesus back to life? Yet, the tomb was empty!

The significance of the empty tomb cannot be overstated, for it is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. It is the consummate symbol of victory over death, the promise of new life and redemption (John 14:6). It is the proof that Jesus is not just a man, but also the Son of God, the Savior of the world. And for His disciples, who had followed Him so faithfully, it was a moment that changed everything. It was a call to action! And they went everywhere preaching! The empty tomb is still a call to action for the Lord's disciples today. It is a commission to spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the ends of the earth. It is a reminder of the power of God, and the promise of eternal life (Romans 1:16-17). It is not A TRUTH of Christianity it is THE TRUTH of Christianity. No other religion has ever challenged death, hell, and the grave and won. With all other religions, the grave always wins. There is no other religion that can point to the hope of a resurrection. There is no other religion that has an empty tomb!

Today - and every day, for that matter - let us remember the monumental importance of that empty tomb, as it represents the power of the Jesus' resurrection. Let us hold fast to the hope and promise it gives to all who follow Him. Let it inspire us to live lives of faith, love, and service. For in the empty tomb is a powerful symbol of hope, new life, and that death is not the end! The empty tomb serves as a testament that if Jesus has the power to overcome death itself, then we can put our faith and trust in Him to provide that resurrection for us in the last day, He has the power! *"For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God."* (2 Corinthian 13:4)

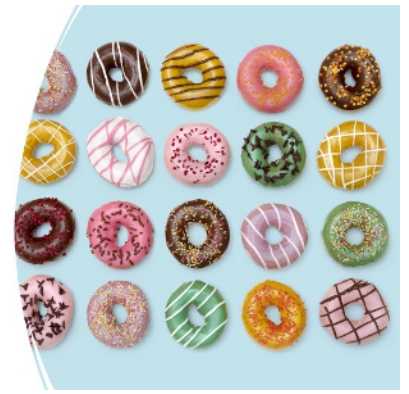


MSYG EVENTS & INFO

**SNAC
AFTERNOON
EDITION**
April 7 | Wilsons

**YG BIRTHDAY
NIGHT**

Wed. April 10th
4:30 pm in the FH



**MSYG
SERVICE DAY**



**MIRACLE
LEAGUE**

A P R I L 13

MSYG
Parent Meeting

April 14 | 4:30 pm | Room 303

NEW YG PARENT ORIENTATION @ 3:30

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2023-2024

APRIL 21 – HOSTED BY MARGARET STREET

**WORSHIP LEADER: ELLIOT WILSON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TROY SPRADLIN**

SMALL GROUPS FOR STUDENTS – 3:30

WORSHIP – 4:30

FELLOWSHIP MEAL – 5:30

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AT INFORMATION STATION



Join us for our
**2024
GRADUATION BANQUET**
Sunday, May 5 | 6 pm Service | Banquet to Follow



Gulf Coast Bible Camp
120 Bible Camp Road
Lucedale, MS 39452

Camp Sessions & Dates:

Baldwin County Week:
May 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)

Gulf Coast Week:
June 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)

Middle & High School Week:
June 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)

Junior Week:
June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)

Hattiesburg Week:
July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

register at gulfcoastbiblecamp.com

GILEGACY
YEAR THREE · JULY 18-21 2024
Sign up & pay by April 28th

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

*"For though He was crucified in weakness,
yet He lives by the power of God"*
1 Corinthians 13:4



*Digital access to our Calendars on your
computer or personal device.*

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Church Calendar on teamup.com*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Justin Barnhart - ER, health
- Joe Bartell* - hip replacement, recovery
- Cassie Buchanan* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- Sherry Davis* - prayers for peaceful final days
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Patrick Hamilton - (McGriff*)
- Benny Hunton - ICU, sepsis (Gateway)
- Gloria Martin* - humerus broken, recovery
- Donald McGriff* - serious health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Sharee Patrick - tests, prayers (Jeanna's sister)
- Edwina Sumrall - broken tailbone, prayers
- Edith Sullins - heart damage, rehab (Hatcher*)
- Ted Russell* - stent replaced, recovery
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation (Pace)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Gary Good* - loss of sister
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family* - loss of Terry
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis* - Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Donna Dudley - Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rose Health Care
- Larry McDaniel* - Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Expectant Mothers

- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Rachel Bugsby - heart surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard - aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton - severe health issue (McGriff*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae, health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Victoria Martinez - thyroid, prayers
- Theresa McHargue - ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner - (Helms*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Lynn Colada - (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jennings - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Greg Lewis* - lung cancer
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - lymphedema, bone
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Eli Whitney* - pancreatic
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Students in College

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| • Haley Bartell | • Savannah Smith |
| • Seth Crider | • LizAnn Webb |
| • Stephen English | • Nick Webb |
| • Caitlyn Frizzell | • Lily Weathersbee |
| • Jackson Lash | • Reed Wilson |
| • Caleb Owens | • Lexi Wildes |

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Joe and Gloria Martin* - Identified 2/4/24

Guest Speaker
CODY BOSTON

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

GOSPEL MEETING & Revival

14-16 APRIL 2024 | MARGARET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 9 & 10 AM | SUNDAY 6 PM | MON & TUES 6:30 PM

KINGDOM LEADERS

MEN'S MINISTRY

JOIN US!

April 18th @ 6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

SERVING WITH HONOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31

MORNING

Opening Prayer Mike Scott
 Song Director Caleb Overton
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Why Jesus?"
 Scripture Reading Matthew Henry
 John 14:1-6
 Closing Prayer Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Josh Owens Nick Bartell
 Jake Newcomb Parker Godwin
 Paul Lipford (Balcony)
 Comments Phillip Webb

EVENING

Opening Prayer No Service
 Singing No Service
 Scripture No Service

 Comments No Service

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Jan Holmes
 PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
 Greeters Jan Holmes
 Secure Building Blake Hatcher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Mark Hitchcock
 Opening Prayer Josh Jennings

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 148
 AM Worship 228
 PM Worship 122
 Wed. Night Bible Class 125
 Contribution \$8,875

Weekly Budget: \$11,558

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 4/9/24@ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 4/9/24 @ 5:30 PM
 - 4/10/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 4/11/24 @ 2:30 PM

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!

OWLS BIBLE STUDY

ANGELS AND DEMONS

Every Thursdays @ 10:30 AM

Starting February 1st

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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