

SFBC FAMILY NEWS

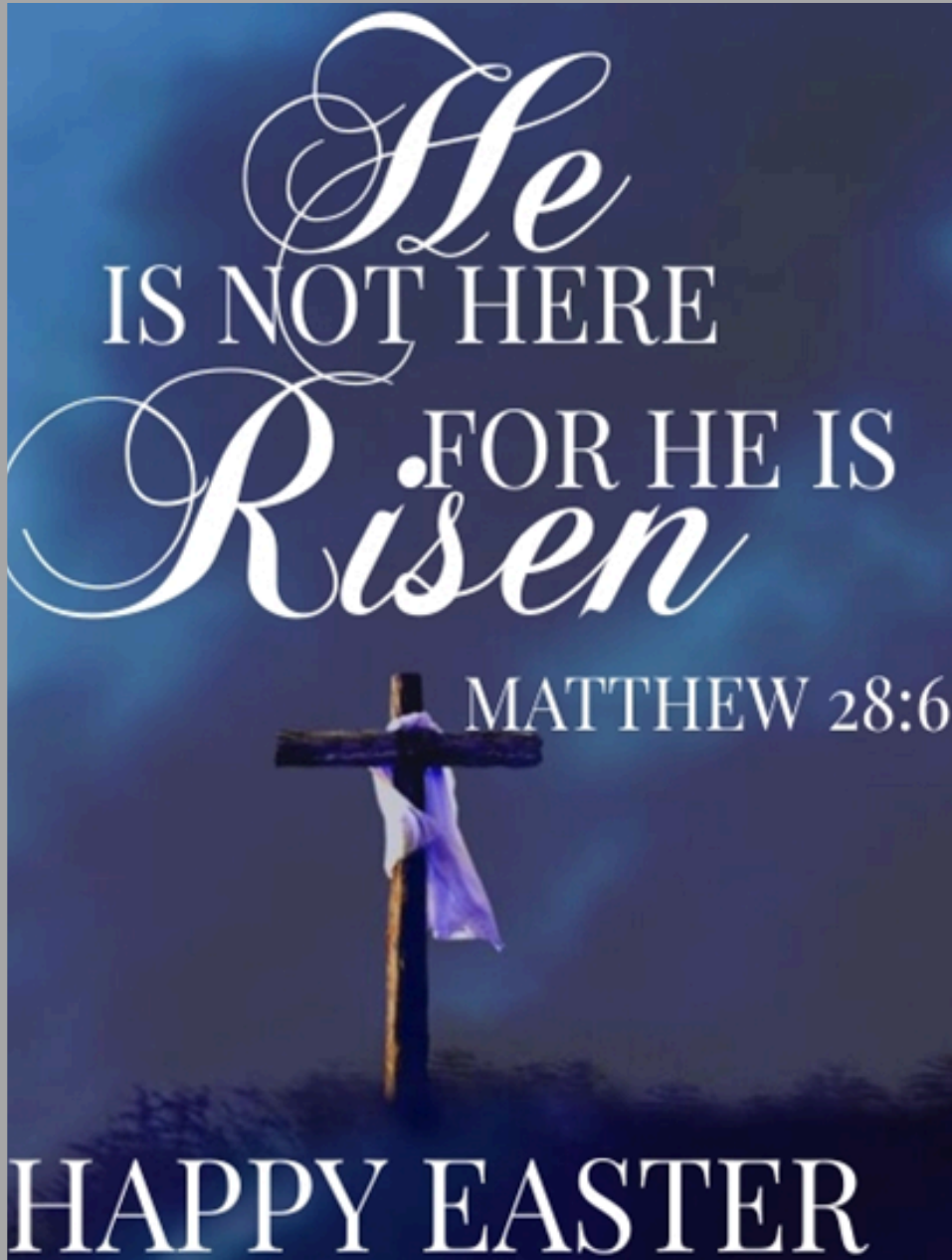
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He
IS NOT HERE
Risen
FOR HE IS
MATTHEW 28:6
HAPPY EASTER

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PASTOR DR. ANDY DEWITT

Dear Church Family,

*“And the angel said to the women, [a]Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. 6 He is not here, for **He has risen**, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying” (Matthew 28:5-6). Slow down; read these verses again; especially, notice the words in bold print— **“He has risen.”** This changed everything for Jesus’ disciples. Even though Jesus told His followers on three different occasions that He would be crucified and raised again on the third day, they did not understand that it would really happen. The resurrection transformed the fear-filled band of men into bold witnesses to the reality that Jesus was dead on Friday and alive on the following Sunday—to never die again! Of all things, an advertisement for a car included as phrase that is applicable for the resurrection of Jesus. The Chrysler Corporation released a new car line: the Intrepid. After singing the praises of all that this car would do, the tag line was “This changes everything.” Indeed, Jesus’ resurrection changes everything.*

Unfortunately, the excitement of and change in the followers of Jesus that the resurrection ignited, has waned in followers of the Lord Jesus today. 2000 years have passed and the hope that the resurrection once gave Jesus’ followers has been diminished by the demands of life. The enthusiasm that His early followers had should be alive in us—but it’s often not. Peter warned that this possibly could occur. In 2 Peter 3:3-5, he writes: *“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers [a]fell asleep, all things continue just as they were from the beginning of creation.’”* The glory of Jesus’ resurrection also points to His glorious return—this is what Peter points out. Therefore, what can we do about it?

Leading up to Easter, we are having some special services to help us focus on the glorious resurrection of the Lord. First on Thursday April 2, beginning at 6:30pm, we will focus on the Passover Meal and the importance it served for Jesus’ disciples and for us, too. The Lord’s Supper was instituted during a traditional Jewish Passover meal. Secondly, we will additionally have a Good Friday Service at 6:30pm also. The crucifixion of Jesus is essential in grasping the importance of His death, burial, and resurrection. Additionally, Easter Sunday’s schedule begins at 7am with a Sunrise service, followed by a hot breakfast at 8am, Bible Study (Sunday School) at 9:30am, and a second Easter service at 10:45am.

Will these events and worship opportunities restore the zeal the disciples experienced? I wish they could--but no. That depends on your hunger for Christ, and your (and my) passion for holiness. Then the zeal that the early followers of Jesus had will be in our hearts, too! **“He has risen.”**

Until He Comes,

Andy

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CHRISTOPHER SPENNER

How would you respond if someone asked you how you knew that Jesus had risen from the dead? You might point them to the Bible, and that is certainly a good place to start any conversation about Jesus. But what if they do not believe the Bible and you are trying to convince them? What if they believe the Twelve Disciples and the early church were following an elaborate lie meant to drag people into their religion. What answers do we have for questions that target the resurrection of Jesus?

First, some argue that Jesus did not really die at all, and faked His own “resurrection.” This view assumes that maybe the gospel authors misunderstood Jesus and His death and that He simply fell unconscious on the cross and then freed Himself from the tomb. The problem with this is that the Romans were quite thorough. Not only did they check to break His legs to accelerate death, but once they realized He was indeed dead, they pierced His side with a spear (John 19:34). For a man to endure this, and then remove the stone in front of His tomb from the inside would be downright impossible.

So if He did indeed die, the second option is that the Disciples stole the body. Perhaps they raided the tomb in the dead of night and simply pretended that Jesus had returned. The problem with this is that the tomb was set with a guard immediately after Jesus was buried. The Pharisees predicted that Jesus’ followers would possibly attempt to “fake” a resurrection (Matthew 27:62-66). So if the Disciples had tried to take the body, there would have been a commotion.

To me there is one proof of the Resurrection that stands above all others. The official formation of the Church at the Pentecost that followed was utterly explosive. Peter preached a sermon that reached thousands for Christ. From there, the church spread rapidly through the next few decades. All that the Pharisees had to do to stop this new religion founded by a man they hated above all others would be to simply produce the dead body of Jesus. But they could not, and they still cannot. The tomb remains empty to this day. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and because of Him we can have hope in this world.

WOMEN ON MISSION & LIBRARY

Thanks to the volunteers who represent SFBC each month at the Food Pantry. We need more food donated each month. Your donations can be placed into the grocery cart in the main hallway. The items for April are peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese and granola bars.

We will be blessed at our April 6th meeting with a special guest speaker, Aleena. She will be sharing her life story of abuse from her husband and experience of family issues. She will share how she has risen above all of this with God's help. Our desire is for people who live or know of someone living in this type of atmosphere to hear her story. It is her desire to draw awareness of abuse and that there is help from the Lord and therapy as well. Following her time of sharing, we will be enjoying a brunch and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

Blessings,
Karen



Women on Mission
Growing Closer To Christ

Library News

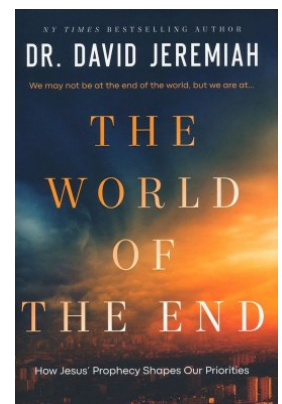
The World of the End has just been donated to our library. Doesn't that title capture your attention?? On the front cover, Dr. David Jeremiah says, "We may not be at the end of the world, but we are at... the world of the end."

We always expected life to be filled with ups and downs, but lately it feels like the downs are winning. Our world is paced with lies and loss of trust, wars and rumors of war, devastation and disaster, pressure and persecution, lawlessness and lovelessness. Some days it feels like bad news all around, and with bad news comes questions: "Why is this happening?", "When will it stop?", "What can we do?", and even "Is this the end?"

Within these pages Dr. Jeremiah focuses our attention not on the problems at hand, but on the hand of God. That's because Jesus Himself told us what to expect from this season of history when He delivered His sermon to the disciples in Matthew 24-25 of what to expect during the end times which scholars have called "the most important single passage of prophecy in all the Bible." (The Olivet Discourse)

With his trademark clarity, Dr. Jeremiah reveals exactly what Jesus promised us and what He expects of us as we approach The World of the End.

Happy Spring!
Dina

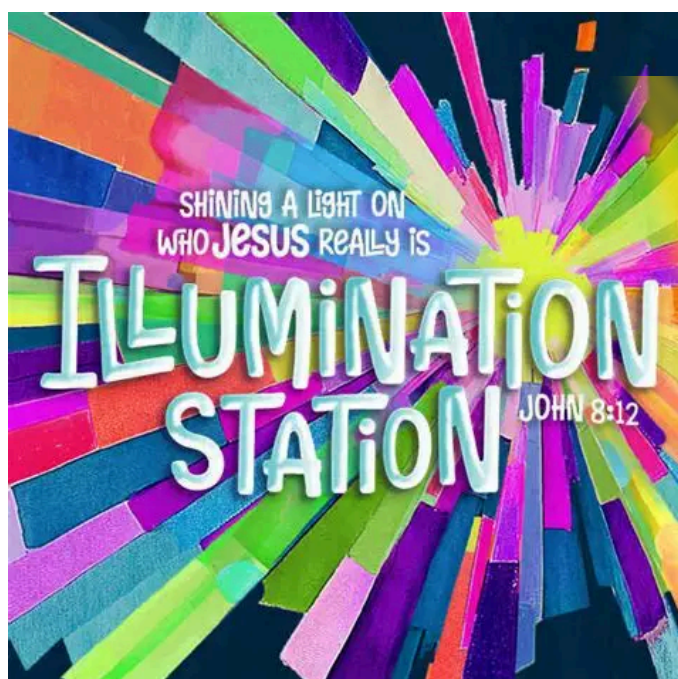


TRUSTEES' REPORT

During the March 3, 2026 trustees' meeting, the trustees approved the purchase of a new griddle for the kitchen and hired Meagher Pest Control to spray for pests in the church. Several people have mentioned seeing wasps in the sanctuary. Some are alive, but most are dead. An investigation is ongoing to locate a nest or the source of their existence in the sanctuary. During the month of March, a leak from the roof was fixed, ceiling tile has been replaced in a couple of areas, and burned out led light bulbs have been replaced. The trustees have been searching for a company to purchase HVAC filters and are now purchasing them from Koch Air. Work has begun in straightening up the maintenance room which has been in disarray for a few years. The trustees will determine what items need to be disposed of and what needs to be kept. A booster water pump on the second floor was heard making a noise and the pump will need replacing. Two leaking cores in the sanctuary radiators also are being replaced. The systems are aging and need more and more attention until they are replaced. The trustees also approved the installation of stall divider extensions in the new women's restroom for more privacy.

Concerning the grant presented and approved by the church at the January business meeting, the trustees will give reports when information becomes available. This grant project, which addresses our security equipment and needs, will take several months to complete.

Dallas Bundy
Chairman of the Trustees



Date	Greeter	On Call	Security
05	Greg Strother	Gary Watson	Dallas Bundy
12	Mike Pugh	Myron Lloyd	Jon Wieldt
19	Steve Smith	Tom Reed	Dale Helpingstine
26	Gerald Purcell	Greg Strother	Ronnie Donoho



Children's
CHURCH!

Date	Teacher	Assistant
05	Melissa Spenner	Deric Rice
12	Susan Wieldt	Debbie Pugh
19	Melissa Spenner	Lesla Morris
26	Annette Hardcastle	Connie Seymour

NURSERY
VOLUNTEERS

Date	Worship #1	Worship #2
05	Dina Reed	Susan Salliotte
12	Maggie McNeal	Reha Lloyd
19	Paula Strother	Janet Smith
26	Barb Helpingstine	Sheri Peradotti



Date	Volunteer	Pianist
05	Paula's Class	Kathy King
12	Mike & Angela Brooks	Lynette Wiedle
19	Karen Watson	Judy Bundy
26	Mike & Angela Brooks	Lynette Wiedle



Centralia Manor - 1910 E. McCord St.
Faye Wood #206

RUTH - WOMEN'S INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Ruth Women's Inductive Bible Study special

SUMMER opportunity!

This study of *Ruth* will delight the heart of women in all life seasons...while it shares God's big plans and care for us...and teaches us how to study God's Word carefully, inductively, with attention to all He says to us in this **3-lesson study in June!**

The story of *Ruth* showcases God's provision and faithfulness in the lives of ordinary people. See how this story of redemption points to our ultimate Redeemer, Jesus Christ!

Ruth Information

Class dates: June 4, 11, 18. 9 am or 6 pm

Salem First Baptist Church, east entrance.

Cost: \$10 each.

For more info, call/text Anne 812.595.0903

CELEBRATE EASTER

at Salem First Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday - 4/2 6:30 PM

Good Friday - 4/3 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service - 7:00 AM

Breakfast - 8:00-9:15 AM

Bible Study - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

"He Has Risen"

*How beautiful ~ to celebrate Easter
New life, starting over, all sins forgiven*

*Jesus, Son of God
His precious love for us
Paying the price
Eternal life awaits*

*My God of a 6-day creation
Is also a God of a 3-day resurrection*

Declare the praises!

By: Bev Smith



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HAS
RISEN!**

APRIL



2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30PM Youth 6:00PM Adult Bible Study Mission Kids Praise Team	2 Maundy Thursday 6:30PM	3 Good Friday 6:30PM	4
5 <i>JESUS HAS RISEN</i>	6 6:00AM Prayer Meeting 9:30AM WM	7	8 5:30PM Youth 6:00PM Adult Bible Study Mission Kids Praise Team 7:00PM Deacons Mtg.	9	10	11
12	13 AHG/TL 5:30PM	14	15 5:30PM Youth 6:00PM Adult Bible Study Mission Kids Praise Team	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 5:30PM Youth 6:00PM Adult Bible Study Mission Kids Praise Team	23	24	25
26 4PM Church Council	27 AHG/TL 5:30PM	28	29 5:30PM Youth 6:00PM Adult Bible Study Mission Kids Praise Team	30		

Doug Cosby	Apr. 01	Frank Richards	Apr. 18
Jackson Lingafelter	Apr. 01	Melissa Spenner	Apr. 18
Bev Smith	Apr. 02	Jody Kuder	Apr. 19
Terry Word	Apr. 04	Lisa Smith	Apr. 19
Cheyenne Thompson	Apr. 05	Myron Lloyd	Apr. 20
Joseph Oziemkiewicz	Apr. 06	Stephen Richards	Apr. 20
Clinton Baker	Apr. 08	Vivian Petrea	Apr. 21
Margo Cape	Apr. 08	Nancy Stallard	Apr. 22
Gena Farley	Apr. 09	Judy Bundy	Apr. 25
Connie Smith	Apr. 10	Steve Farley	Apr. 26
Ashley Savage	Apr. 15	Tim Shreve	Apr. 30
Kathy Meador	Apr. 16		





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"Being the Church in Salem and Beyond"

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Join Us. . .

Sundays

8:30-9:20AM

in Fellowship Hall

Sunday

8:30 ~9:20AM

9:30AM

10:45AM

5~7:00PM

Cafe' Agape

Life Groups for all ages

Morning Worship

Awana

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Office Hours.

Monday - Thursday

9:00-4:00

Closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch

Friday 9-12

For YouTube:



Wednesday Evening

5:30PM **Yourth Bible Study**

6:00PM **Adult Bible Study**

Mission Journey Kids

Praise Team Rehearsal