



"WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST"

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Friends and **F**amily of **C**ross **W**alk,

Easter this year falls on April 21, 2019. My mother's birthday is April 21st. Were she living today, she would be 108 years old! Actually, she is living today because our Redeemer lives!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is critical to our Christian faith. As Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth (1 Corinthians 15:15b-20) ***"for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead. But He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ is not raised either. And if Christ has not been raised your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."***

Some doubt the truth of the resurrection because of varying accounts following Jesus' resurrection. However, these different perspectives I believe add validity to its truth. If the eye witness accounts were word-for-word reports then, one might suspect collusion.

Justin Brierley, in his recent book *Unbelievable*, refers to Mike Licona and Bart Ehrman, both New Testament scholars who have very differing takes on the resurrection of Jesus. Ehrman abandoned his Christian faith after encountering perceived

problems with New Testament accounts regarding the resurrection. He particularly noted the different number of women and the accounts of angels at the empty tomb.

Licona responded differently. He argued that true eyewitness experiences reflect various details of the same event. These differences were convincing historical evidences which confirmed the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

God's word is completely reliable and trustworthy in every way. With grateful hearts we stand on His solid Rock!

I know there are a number of you, like me, who have loved ones on "the other side of the river." Because of His perfect sacrifice, we will one day see Him face to face and be reunited with those who have gone before us.

Your brother and fellow witness in Christ,
Kirk



Messages for the Month

April **07**, 2019 – **Isaiah 43:16 - 21** “*The LORD Is Doing a New Thing*” 5th Sunday in Lent – **Communion**

April **14**, 2019 – **John 12:9 - 13** - “*The Next Day*” – **Palm Sunday**

April **21**, 2019 – **Colossians 2:8 - 15** - “*Being a Biblical Christian*” – **Easter Sunday**

April **28**, 2019 – **Revelation 1:4 - 8** – “*Jesus Is Coming Soon*” – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Our Staff

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Class of 2019:

John Carson, Courtney Scollard &
Maurice Briere

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Carol Jordan, Jim Slyman &
Maurice Brier

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Greg Waldrop



BIRTHDAYS



Lee Burnett – 6th
Emily Burnett – 6th
Karen Walkup – 7th
Bob Donnell – 9th
Ryan Pierce – 11th
Clyde Baker – 15th
Kirk Werner – 18th
Rusty Webber – 23rd
Rusty Esch – 28th
Greg Davis – 29th
Diana Hawk – 30th



Davin & L.J. Olafson - 9th
Randy & Mary Alice Wagner - 25th





NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 07: Dawn Briere & Brenda Clabo

April 14: Laine Donnell & Stan Fletcher

April 21: Laine Donnell, Dawn Briere &
Debbie Lutton

April 28: Carol Jordan & Sue Werner



KIDS CROSSING

with **Courtney Scollard**

April 07: Irving Rosa with Jim Odle

April 14: Jeanne Cecil

April 21: Travis Baker

April 28: Anna Baker



New Hopewell School



It is flu and virus time and there is a need for **disinfectant sprays**, **disinfectant wipes** and **tissues** for those runny noses.

New Hopewell is a low-income school and there are children who are unable to get to school on time and come to school without breakfast. The office would appreciate breakfast foods like **breakfast**

bars and **pop tarts** type foods to give to these children to tide them over until school lunch.

It is easy to help this school by picking up some of these items when you shop. The teachers and staff pay for these supplies out of their own pockets. The school funds do not cover these items. The supplies do not have to be name brand items and *your help would be greatly appreciated*. Please place them in the **blue tub** at the rear of the church. Thank you again, for your help.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CrossWalk Café

Our next Cafe' will be **April 7, 2019**. It's an Easter celebration. An age-old question: "Which comes first? The chicken or the egg? Perhaps the chicken? Both will be a part of our Cafe' as we enjoy an Easter Egg-stravaganza! Bring your favorite chicken dish to share.

If you are asking yourself, "'shell' we go or not?" the egg-act answer is "*wild chickens couldn't keep me away!*"

THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!



The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the **Refreshment Ministry Team**. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you.* **Please remember that you are NOT responsible**

for providing breakfast for everyone. This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is their gift to the church in service to our Lord.* Be sure and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

**The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.*



SUNDAY MORNING **Refreshment Schedule**

April 2019

Carol Jordan 573-8679
Laine Donnell 681-7117
Cathy Tolbert 274-0889

May 2019

Nancye & Rusty Esch 977-4229
Betty & Frank Clepper 573-8784

June 2019

Jane & Ricardo Gracia 579-0899
Regina Miller 207-7097
Wanda & Albert Wayman 850-4039



CrossWalk family, if you see a need to replenish coffee supplies such as coffee, hot/cold cups, paper towels, kitchen dish soap or men's/women's room supplies, **please let us know by;** (1) **noting what is needed on the bulletin board in the kitchen for refreshment supplies** and (2) **noting on the rest room listing in the rest rooms** so that supplies can be replenished **before they are completely out.** If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell* or *Sue Werner*. Thank you!



Maundy Thursday Service

Please consider joining us **April 18th at 7:00 p.m.** for our Maundy Thursday worship service. This service derives its name from the Latin term *mandatum* which means "command." Jesus, on the night he was betrayed gave this command in John 13:34-35: ***"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*** This is a special time of reflection on what it means to be His disciple. What it means to love as Jesus loves.





Family Promise 2019 Schedule

So that you can go ahead and get the dates on your calendars, the weeks that we will be supporting **First Baptist Knoxville** are as follows:

July 21-28

September 29-October 6

December 8-15

Family Promise is always accepting gently used household items such as furniture, towels, kitchen items (plates, utensils, kitchen gadgets, etc.). So, think of them as you do your spring cleaning!!!

If you would like to be added to the Family Promise email list, please let **Courtney Scollard** know.

Thank you!



Photo Studio

As announced a few weeks ago in church, we are taking pictures for the new **church directory**. *If you did not have your picture taken on the week you were scheduled, please contact me at 425-466-3995.* If you have not yet submitted your information sheet, please do so as soon as possible so you can be included in the directory.

Pictures will be taken after church. You will be asked to review your information sheet at that time also, just to be sure nothing has changed.

No pictures on April 7 due to Crosswalk Café.

April 14 Last name **Q** thru **Z**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

In His service,

Becky Baker



Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? It's a great way to introduce people to our church. Navigate through the site and see pictures of church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends. The web address is www.crosswalkepc.org.



CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE

Apr 03 – Apr 06 – Debbie Lutton & Deb Banta

Apr 10 – Apr 13 – Debbie Lutton & Deb Banta

Apr 17 – Apr 20 – Stan & Susan Fletcher

Apr 24 – Apr 27 – Stan & Susan Fletcher

PLEASE!!

If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.





Save the Date!
Saturday, September 28, 2019
10am - 3pm

Contact Courtney Scollard if you would like to help with planning.



Ladies' Fellowship Brunch

Saturday, April 27
9:30am - 12:30pm

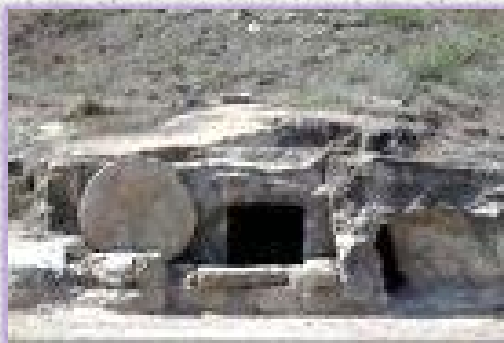
Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Bring a friend and enjoy some sister-time!

Contact Karin Morton or Courtney Scollard for more details.



"The Resurrection of Jesus"

John 20:1-18



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The other Gospels record that the enemies took extreme measures to assure that Jesus' body could not be removed from the tomb.

But now, with the tomb found empty and the enemy unable to reveal the presence of Jesus, the only logical conclusion is that He has risen.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

John 20:1-18

Verse 1: "first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb."

This woman was Mary Magdalene, not to be confused with (Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus), who anointed Jesus feet with her tears at the home of Simon the Leper.

Being the first day of the week would mean the Sabbath had ended before Mary visited the tomb. It would have taken several men to move the huge disk-shaped stone used to seal the tomb.

Jesus could have left without moving the stone; it was removed so others could see that His body was not there. Jesus' Resurrection from the dead offered more proof that He was the Messiah. It would also show that those who had crucified Him were murders.

The enemies had understood that His reference to the sign of Jonah meant that after three days He would rise from the dead.

Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb on the first day of the week. Therefore, the first day of the week, "Sunday" is recognized by Christians as the "Lord's Day, or, "Resurrection Day."

Verse 2: "So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Most believe that the "Other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved," was John, the writer of this Gospel.

The disciples had rejoined after being scattered and were not far from Jesus' grave. **"We do not know where they have laid him:"** Mary had not understood that Jesus would be resurrected and assumed that His body had been stolen.

The use of **"we"** means that Mary Magdalene did not go alone. According to Matthew 28:1, the other woman was still another Mary, but Scripture does not identify this other Mary.

The name, **"Mary"** was popular in that day, and several of Jesus followers were named **"Mary."** Some scholars think the other Mary could have been the wife of Clopas, as mentioned in John 19:25, or the mother of James and John in Matthew 27:56.

Verses 3-4: "So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first."

The disciples both ran as fast as they could to see for themselves that His body was indeed gone. Although John outran Peter and reached the scene first, Peter was the first to enter the grave.

It matters little, but many have speculated on why the Holy Spirit wanted to record that one outran the other and that the other entered first (verse 6). Some humorously say that John merely wanted all of eternity to know that he could run faster than Peter.

However, John was very kind in his account of Peter's cowardly actions during Jesus trial before the Chief Priests, much more so than the other Gospels, and is now portraying the fearless, totally dedicated side to Peter that we knew before the trial.

Verse 5-7: "And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself."

Since Scripture does not tell us why John did not enter the tomb we can only speculate. Some think,

that although he was the first there, he may have been temporarily stunned at the scene before him.

The linen clothes used to wrap Jesus' body remained undisturbed as though He had just risen through them. The wrapping for His head was neatly folded and separate from the others. The grave could not hold Him, He was alive and had no need of grave clothes; soon He would again be clothed with the glory of Heaven.

Verse 8: "Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;"

Once again John declares that he is an eyewitness. Although he did not understand the Scripture concerning the resurrection, the empty tomb convinced John that Jesus had supernaturally risen from the dead.

Verse 9-10: "for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes."

First Peter went in, then John, and John **"saw and believed."** Until that moment the disciples had not fully understood that Jesus would live again.

Jesus had told the disciples on numerous occasions that He would be crucified and then rise again on the third day. Even so, Peter and John were shocked to find the empty tomb. Now, perhaps with a mixture of hope and unbelief, the disciples not knowing what else to do, returned home.

The other woman who was with Mary (verse 2), is not mentioned again and had apparently also left. As we will see, neither Mary or the disciples understood the resurrection until confronted with overwhelming proof.

"JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE" John 20:11-18

Mary Magdalene came from Magdala. It was not unusual for someone to be identified by their birthplace, (Saul of Tarsus, Jesus of Nazareth), etc. Magdala was on the shores of the Sea of Galilee but is no longer in existence. Mary Magdalene is often

confused with the woman in Luke 7:31-50 with the alabaster jar, who was called a sinner.

After Jesus had cast out seven demons and healed her of an unidentified illness, Mary Magdalene became a devoted follower and disciple. She was the first to witness the empty tomb. There can be no doubt that she was respected and admired by Jesus. It seems artists have always loved to paint her, and there are about 25 famous Mary Magdalene portraits.

Mary Magdalene was mentioned 12 times in the four Gospels, which is more than most of the disciples. She was a faithful disciple of Jesus and remained as close as possible throughout the crucifixion.

JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE

Verse 11: "But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept, she stooped to look into the tomb."

John does not tell us when Mary returned to the tomb, merely continues his account with her there. Mary was weeping for the suffering of Jesus, for His death, for the loss to her and her friends, and because she could not find His body.

Jewish people took the first seven days of mourning so seriously that mourners could not wash, work, or even study the law. To them, the missing body would have been intolerably tragic.

The enemies had understood when Jesus said He would rise from the dead, and, according to the Synoptics, had placed special guards around the tomb to keep the body from being stolen.

Later, the Jewish leaders would spread the preposterous lie that the disciples had stolen His body and were only pretending that a resurrection had occurred. Mary, now alone and grief-stricken, did not leave the tomb with the others but stooped to see inside.

Verse 12: "And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet."

In Jewish tradition, white linen garments were worn by Jewish priests, other ancient priests, and by angels. These messengers dressed in white had come from Heaven to attend the resurrection of the Son of God, and to honor and worship Him as they had done at His birth, (Heb 1:6).

However, perhaps due to her grief, Mary shows no indication that she even recognizes them as angels. Most of those in Scripture who encountered angels were struck with fear, but if this was true for Mary, there is no mention of it.

THE ANGELS TALK TO MARY

Verse 13: "They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

Mary was crying because she thought the body of the Master had been stolen. She did not know the Lord had risen, the victory won, and that this would soon become a glorious event.

It is possible her grief was so great that she did not notice they were angels, and after answering their question, turned away.

JESUS TALKS TO MARY

Verse 14: "Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus."

"Then she turned and saw Jesus." and as with the angels, she did not recognize the Lord. There has been endless speculation concerning Mary's failure to recognize Jesus.

Most believe it was due to her tears and profound emotional state. Some think it was due to a change in the appearance of Jesus' resurrected body and refer to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who did not recognize Him, (Luke 24:13-35).

However, according to Scripture, **"Jesus opened their eyes,"** which would indicate that He had controlled their recognition of Him, and so it may have been with Mary.

It is important to note that the Gospel of John does not mention any change in the appearance of Jesus' resurrected body. It would seem that, except for the scars left by the crucifixion, it was the same body as before the resurrection.

Verse 15: "Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Mary was still suffering bitterly from the events of the past few days that ended with Jesus' crucifixion; she was perhaps in a state of shock, and now even His body was gone.

She had lost her Master, and friend. Jesus was different from all the other men she had ever known; because there was no guile, no deception, no covert sinful actions toward her, nor anyone else, and now He was gone. In this distraught condition, with her back to Him and perhaps weeping uncontrollably, Mary did not recognize His voice - until He called her name.

Verse 16: "Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher)." (ra BOH nigh)

Jesus' familiar greeting filled her heart with recognition, and she exclaimed Rabboni! (Rabboni is more personal and less formal than Rabbi), and could mean, "My dear teacher."

Verse 17: "Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'

Mary did not yet understand the resurrection, and not wanting to lose Jesus again, was either clinging to Him or attempting to do so; either way, it is clear that Jesus did not want her to touch Him.

Jesus did not refuse to be touched after the resurrection and had even invited His disciples to see and touch the scars in His hands and side, but here He says, **"I have not yet ascended to the Father."**

Can we not sense the urgency as He said to Mary, **"Go to my Brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"** "Brothers!" In using this terminology Jesus was saying, "Tell my disciples it is done!"

Verse 18: Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her."

Mary announced to the disciples that Jesus had risen from the tomb and that she had seen and talked with Him. Even though her message was not well received, she had only shared what she knew to be true.

The resurrection of Jesus was now accomplished, making it possible for all who believe to become brothers/sisters and join theirs with Christ. The miracle He had promised Nicodemus, in John 3:3, was now in effect! Eternal life was now possible for all who would believe.

The Gospel of John does not tell of any later meetings between Jesus and Mary, but there are many things we are not told, so perhaps He did; if so, wouldn't it be great to know the things He said to Her.

"JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES"

John 20:19-23

It was the third day after the crucifixion of Jesus. Early that morning Mary had rushed to the tomb, only to find that the body of Jesus was gone. There were angels in the tomb who had told her that Christ had risen. Then, still in the garden, in what must have been a state of confusion and shock, she had met Jesus.

She had run to tell Peter and the Beloved Disciple (John), who had then verified the empty tomb. The "Feast of Unleavened Bread" was still going on, and none of the disciples would have left Jerusalem until it was over.

By now, the disciples, and perhaps Mary, had told the others. It was now evening, and all the disciples, except for Thomas, were together.

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

John 20:19-23:

Verse 19: "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

We aren't told that Mary or anyone else other than the disciples were there. The doors were closed and locked for fear of the Jews, and suddenly "Jesus came and stood among them."

Jesus' first words with His disciples after the crucifixion, were, **"Peace be with you."** These were also the last words He had spoken, possibly in the same room, just before He went out to face the false courts and crucifixion.

Verse 20: "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord."

Both peace and joy flow from the presence of Jesus. On the night of His arrest He had promised they would have joy when they saw Him again, and now they do:

"So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you," (John 16:22).

Wounds were sometimes shown as evidence in court; It was used here to prove to the disciples that it was He who had been crucified.

This appearance and evidence were convincing. The ones who saw it never wavered or doubted afterward. The disciples would later stand before a hostile world, and, in the face of death, deliver the message of Jesus on the Cross.

Verse 21: "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

It is not the peace offered by men, but from God that passes understanding:

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:7).

Prophets often appointed successors to carry on their work, as Jesus is doing here. The sender would teach and authorize agents with his authority so that he could accurately represent him.

Jesus was issuing the Apostles their missions. He was sending them with full authority to pronounce the Divine prerogative, as Jesus would do Himself.

They were to tell the world they were no longer required to offer the blood of bulls and goats. Their sins could only be forgiven through Jesus the Son of God; the One who had delivered the ultimate sacrifice by giving His life for the forgiveness of all sin.

Verse 22: And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Many scholars see a similarity of Jesus breathing on the disciples, and of Genesis 2:7, when God breathed into Adam the breath of life. The word used in Genesis is, *emphysao*, and is the same word used here, interpreted by many to mean, a new beginning of life.

Although there is no Scriptural confirmation, some see this as a special infilling of the Holy Spirit for the disciples. The relationship to verse 22, is that Christ sent them the Holy Spirit, and salvation, at this time; then later, on the day of Pentecost, filled them with the power of the Holy Spirit to go into all the world to preach the Gospel.

This is at the heart of the deeper things of God. I encourage everyone to read **"Acts 2"** repeatedly until satisfied with the meaning of this Scripture. These are very deep Scriptures, aren't they! And, so are the ones to follow.

Verse 23: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Some doctrines teach that a priest or preacher can forgive sins." My problem with this is that I cannot find enough substantial Scripture to indicate that was God's intention.

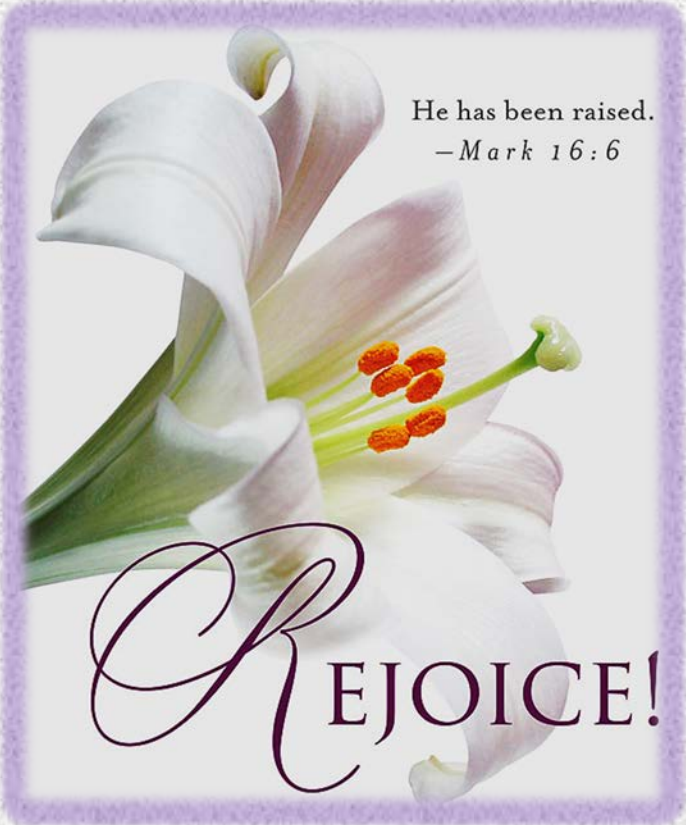
We can only trust answers found in God's written Word. His Word says **"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"** (1st Tim 2:5). If man could forgive sins, he would become still another mediator between God and man, however, as we have just read, there is only one mediator, and that is Jesus Christ.

We are repeatedly told in other Scripture, that Sins are paid for, and forgiven, only through the blood of Jesus; only God has that power and authority. The only unforgivable sin is the rejection of Jesus.

The Scriptural teaching concerning forgiveness is that since Christ has come, those who have been born again, can go directly to the Father with no need for a preacher, priest, or anyone else, and ask forgiveness. This was also what Peter taught:

And Peter said to them, **"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,"** (Acts 2:38).

Because Jesus, (our mediator), is seated at the Father's right hand, we can personally ask for and receive, forgiveness.



2ND ANNUAL CLEAN OUT THE HOUSE



**FAMILY PROMISE OF KNOXVILLE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!
CLEAN UP DAY AT THE DAY CENTER**

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9am-3pm**

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