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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

I was reading with some kids at Iowa Elementary School this week, and the cover of the reader we were using had cute bunnies on it. The book talked about how the bunnies "Hop! Hop! Hop!" It struck me as I asked the kids about the cover of the book and about the bunnies that many children think of Easter as only being about bunnies, baskets, eggs, and candy. So many in our society today have not heard or don't recognize the true reason for Easter and that it is a celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

As we interact with our neighbors and the community, I encourage you to be mindful that this post-Christian culture often does not acknowledge or know that there is a faith-based significance to holidays like Easter. What can we do to help people learn about the hope we have in Jesus?

PRAY: Begin praying today for your neighbors and others God has placed in your path, asking Him to guide you in sharing the truth of Christ and the hope of the resurrection with them.

SHARE: Be prepared to share your redemption story, how God saved you, and what He saved you from. Be ready to share how that redemption story lives on in your life. Sharing what God has done and is doing in your life is what God calls us to do as His witnesses.

INVITE: Invite people to know Jesus. This often happens over time as you consistently interact with them. This may include inviting them to church to participate in services and activities where we celebrate the Resurrection and share the Good News. Consider inviting those God has laid on your heart to join you at the Seder Dinner, the Family Easter Event, the Good Friday service, and our Resurrection Day services and breakfast (all details are in this newsletter).

God has placed you where you are for His purpose. You interact and connect with people that He is drawing to Himself. Ask God to help you share His love with people who need to know that Easter is not just about bunnies and candy, but it is about a love story that never ends and will transform their lives in the most beautiful way, all because of Jesus.

~Pastor Kym

Church Events

- April 2 - Lunch Bunch; Solo Mamas Closet
- April 4 - Date Night
- April 6 - House of Prayer
- April 7 - Bridal Shower
- April 13 - Palm Sunday; KIDS Program; Missions Service
- April 15 - 50-UP Fellowship
- April 16 - Family Easter Event
- April 18 - Good Friday Service
- April 20 - Resurrection Sunday
- April 24 - Book Club
- April 25 - Kids Nerf Nite
- April 27 - Baptism Service; Kids' Dept. Training

Look what's happening...

Bridal Shower - Monday, April 7 @ 7pm

All ladies are invited to come celebrate Braenna Waldron and her upcoming wedding to PJ Simpson. (PJ is the son of Paul & Tess Simpson). The celebration will be in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered on Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3P7OWMHXSQXA>).

Lunch Bunch April 2 - ALL WOMEN (young, old, married, single) who want to have fellowship together are invited to join in on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and come meet new people! Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP April 15 @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be our very own Don & Patti Glaze! We will be serving Breakfast for Dinner. The meal is provided but please signup at the Welcome Desk so we can provide enough food. Also, mark the sheet if you need a ride.

Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club - April 24 @ 6:30pm in Room 106. This month we will be reading "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Elizabeth Boyle. Contact Mimi Eshelman if you have questions.

Missions Service - Sunday, April 13 @ 6pm

The NNU Engineering students will be sharing about their upcoming trip to Guatemala and the project they will be doing there. We will be taking a love offering to support them. Checks can be made payable to Bethel with "NNU to Guatemala" in the memo.

Solo Mamas Closet - first Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Thank you for your donations to help this ministry. Going forward we are asking that donations **only** be brought the week of the Closet (Sunday to Wednesday). As many know, storage is a struggle. Contact Kristi Barnes if other arrangements need to be made.

Date Night - Friday, April 4th @ 6:30pm

It's not too late to sign up! Enjoy dessert with your spouse, fiancé, or your boyfriend/girlfriend. You will learn about "Better Love" with Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott! Register with the QR code or email Pastor Kym at pastorkym@bethelnazarene.org.



Ladies' Bible Study - the next study will start April 8 @ 9:30am (6 weeks). "Finding I Am" by Lysa TerKeurst; led by Susan Waterman. Books are \$25 on Amazon or sign-up for one at the Event Table. Let us know if you need childcare (birth to Kinder only).

Baptism Service - Sunday, April 27

We will be celebrating baptisms on the Sunday following Easter. We'll start our 2nd service a little early at 10:30am for this special time and then transition right into regular Sunday worship. Contact Pastor Derek if you would like to be baptized.

Summer Camp Registration for Trinity Pines is open!

Early-Bird pricing goes until May 15 this year. We will be offering scholarship funds for campers this year. You **MUST** fill out a Bethel Scholarship form (available in the foyer) and turn it into the office by May 18th for pastoral approval to receive scholarship funds. There are also scholarships available through the District. Mark your calendars! www.tpines.org

Genesis Camp - Girls: June 9-11; Boys: June 11-13

KIDS Camp - June 23-27

Sr. High Camp - June 16-20

Jr. High Camp - July 14-18

Kids' Dept. Training ~ Sunday, April 27 @ 12:15pm - we will be hosting the next part in the Reach Hurting Kids Workshop. This is for volunteers to have the tools to help kids affected by trauma. Lunch and childcare are provided. Anyone who volunteers with children in any department (and parents!) is encouraged to attend! Sign-up with Kaisha.

Palm Sunday ~ Kids Program

April 13 ~ both services

Good Friday Service

April 18 ~ 6:00pm

Resurrection Sunday Services

Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am

Fellowship Breakfast ~ 8:00am

Engage Worship ~ 9:00am

Traditional Worship ~ 10:45am

**No Sunday School, Childcare or Evening Service*

Family Easter Event

Wednesday, April 16

6pm - 8pm

Bunnies. Eggs. Candy. It all falls short of what Easter truly means. This is an all-church event, no one is too old to attend. Experience the real meaning of Easter in engaging stations that will draw each of us closer to Jesus.

A light meal will be served from 6-7pm, and the stations will be open from 6:30-8:00pm. You can take your family through at your own pace.

This is a great intergenerational opportunity!

Contact Kaisha or Lydia if you have questions.

(No childcare this evening).