



The Trumpeter

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LIVING IN LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, ESV)

Recently, my 9-year old son, Oscar, told me his favorite day of the year is Easter. I thought that was interesting. You would think most kids would cite Christmas as their favorite day of the year, with all of the focus on gift-giving and family fun. But for Oscar, Easter was even more important than Christmas.

In our family, Easter has always been a huge thing. It has ALWAYS centered around Jesus and the resurrection. Lisa and I have been careful to help our kids focus on the Lord and on the amazing things he has done for us—both at the cross and the empty tomb—since they were tiny. It’s probably because Lisa and I have never waived in our excitement about these profound realities ourselves. By extension, Easter Sunday has always revolved around church family: The traditional Easter brunch at church, the kids’ egg hunt, and the culminating event: The worship service! After church, the rest of the day we spend together relaxing and enjoying each other’s company. And I have been known to sneak in a nice afternoon nap!

This doesn’t seem like the sort of thing that should be done only one day per year. Like Oscar, I sort of wish that every day were Easter!

In Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, he did not only remind his audience of the most central part of

his message, namely, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. He also went on to tell them that it was more than just an interesting story—but rather a world-changing reality witnessed by hundreds of people. The truth of those amazing events of Holy Week would not only forever alter the course of the lives of those who had witnessed it, but indeed they would also produce a ripple-effect that would alter the course of human history at large. Though we live so many centuries apart from these events, our lives are no less effected by them.

Easter came early this year—on March 31, to be exact. In fact, you may be wondering why I’m writing about it in a newsletter that doesn’t even technically cover that part of the year. Well, the reason is this: As those who believe in Christ for eternal life, we should live every day of our lives in light of what Easter is all about—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his ultimate victory over sin and death. Because of Jesus, we have life! Because of Jesus, we have the joy of the Lord which nobody can take away from us!

No wonder it’s Oscar’s favorite day!

Living in light of the resurrection with you,

—*Pastor Matt Toupin*

Mission PDX

We are everyday people

LOOKING UP to God for meaning in life;

REACHING OUT across cultural boundaries

with the hope of Jesus;

RAISING UP a generation in the way of Jesus;

LIVING AS FAMILY, different though we may
be; and

SERVING TOGETHER for the good of others.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

We are so grateful to our church family for your marked generosity in giving to missions this past quarter! As you know, there were several special fundraising drives for various purposes. With your help, we raised the following:

Mission J.13 Youth Fundraiser: \$1,384

Assistance Ministry Offering: \$1,061

We are also exceedingly grateful to all who gave generously through tithes, offerings, and special donations during the first quarter of 2024.

By God's grace and with your help, FBC will continue to make a huge impact for the Kingdom of God in Downtown Portland and beyond!

—*FBC Diaconate Board & Missions Team*

In Memorium

Our Christian sympathies go to Alice Long, and her family, in light of the passing of Richard Long, on January 8, 2024. Condolences can be sent to Alice at:
50900 Dike Rd Slip G, Scappoose, OR 97056.

Our Christian sympathies go to Josh and Kelly Brown, and their family, in light of the passing of Josh's father, Jim Brown, on January 19, 2024. Condolences can be sent to Josh and Kelly Brown at:

2068 SW 8th Drive, Gresham, OR 97080.

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The next Trumpeter deadline is **June 10, 2024**.

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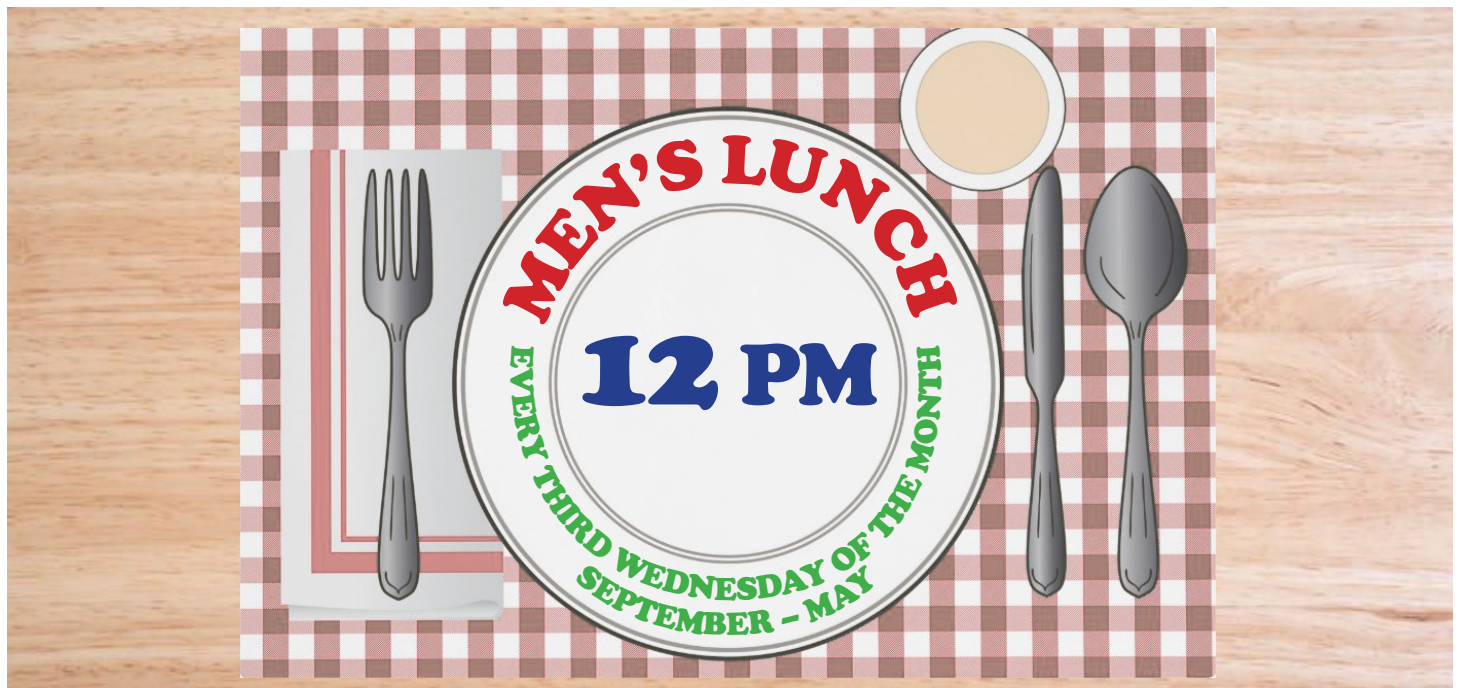
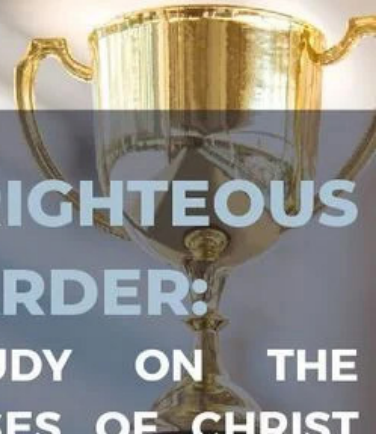
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THE RIGHTEOUS REWARDER:

A STUDY ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST TO THE OVERCOMER

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Remember What Jesus Did

“Bless the Lord, my soul, And do not forget any of His benefits; Who pardons all your guilt, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with favor and compassion.” (Psalm 103: 2–4)

1. HE CARRIED OUR GRIEFS AND SORROWS.

“Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4a NKJV). This whole, profound chapter of Isaiah is a discussion about Jesus, the suffering servant. This ancient Hebrew scripture is one of the hundreds of prophecies that point to Jesus and validate that He is the Lord. It foretells aspects of the Messiah, the redeemer of the world, to the Jewish people and defines features of His mission. He was acquainted with grief and sorrow (Isaiah 53:3). He can sympathize with our weakness; He was tempted in all points as we, yet He never sinned (Hebrews 4:15).

2. HE PAID THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR OUR SINS.

When Jesus died on that center cross, the thief on one side mocked him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us” (Luke 23:39 NKJV). The other one asked, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom” (Luke 23:42 NKJV). These were both guilty criminals. But Jesus was innocent. He paid the death sentence for our sins, transgressions, iniquities, disobedience, wrongdoing, and failure. Jesus took it all, and He was crushed for our iniquities, pierced through with our transgressions – nails were driven through His hands and feet, a crown of thorns pierced His head, a spear pierced His side (Isaiah 53:5).

3. HE SUFFERED FOR US. “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes, we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5 NKJV). If you study the Roman approach toward crucifixion and the issue of whipping, it was brutal. Jesus endured unspeakable ill-treatment. I’ve heard

from people who have had tattoo work done that some sessions lasted three or four hours. They said there was a certain point when the natural painkiller response in the brain was depleted, and there was no more protection. Jesus, with all of His nerve endings sending pain messages to His brain, all of His adrenaline pumping, and probably all of His endorphins dissipated, took on an unbearably harsh sentence for us. But while enduring all of this, He said of those who condemned Him to death, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). That ought to make you fall in love with Jesus right there.

4. JESUS COVERED IT ALL. Jesus took what sin produces – death and everything under it, including sickness and disease, griefs and sorrows, and even the emotional realm with mood issues – and covered it with His substitutionary work on the cross. I’ve held to these scriptures through the years of my life. When I get symptoms in my body or read reports about the flu and sickness season, I speak that in the name of Jesus, He bore my sins and carried my diseases, my griefs, and my sorrows, and by His stripes, I am healed. God has covered it all; you can stand and believe for healing for every part of you.

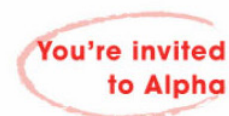
DAILY CONFESSION: I bless the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me; I bless His holy name. Jesus was pierced for my offenses; He was crushed for my wrongdoings; The punishment for my well-being was laid upon Him. By His wounds, I am healed. I will remember all of His benefits. He pardons all my guilt, heals all my diseases, and redeems my life from the pit. He crowns me with favor and compassion and satisfies my years with good things so that my youth is renewed like the eagle (Psalm 103: 1–5; Isaiah 53:5).

Keep pressing on!

—Pastor Sam Raj

Join a conversation...

Join a group conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith together.



Continuing this Spring... Alpha: A Conversation About Faith

What is Alpha?

Alpha is an open and informal conversation about life, spirituality, and the person of Jesus without judgement or pressure. We want to hear your thoughts and questions as we explore these themes together without the pressured atmosphere that usually comes with these conversations. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring faith, typically run over nine weeks. Each talk looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Join us at Drop-In for a hot meal at 2:00 pm and then head up to the Social Room (across from the Resource Center) for the Alpha course at 3:00 pm.

Where: First Baptist Church of Portland, Social Room (enter 11th Ave. side of building)

When: An 11-week course, offered from 3:00 – 4:00 pm every Thursday, February 1 – April 25, 2024, after the Drop-In meal.

Join a Life Group Today!

There are so many ways to get connected with a smaller community within First Baptist Church. Our Life Groups are always open to new people. So, check out the options below and get involved today! Contact the church office (office@fbc-portland.org) to learn more about a group you are interested in.

Sundays: Cambodian Sunday School Life Group
at FBC Cambodian Sunday School Room with Pastor Peter, at 10:00 am.

Tuesdays: Prayer Life Group
Prayer Room, with Pastor Anthony, at 11:00 am.

Wednesdays: "Life Group East"
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, we will offer a Sermon-Based Life Group at Grace Baptist Church, focusing on folks from FBC who live on the East Side, and inviting our friends at the Grace church to join us as well. (200 SE 76th Ave. Portland, OR 97215), at 7:00 pm.

Wednesdays: "Life Group West"

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, we will offer the Sermon-Based Life Group at Cedar Hills Baptist Church, focusing on folks from FBC who live on the West Side, and inviting our friends at the Cedar Hills church to join us as well. (2470 SW Roxbury Ave. Portland, OR 97225), at 7:00 pm.

Wednesdays: Cambodian Bible Study Life Group
on Zoom with Pastor Peter, at 7:00 pm.

Wednesdays: Men's Lunch Life Group
at Dining Hall, with Pat Forrester, at 12:00 pm. Third Wednesdays only.

Thursdays: DI Volunteer Sermon-Based Life Group
at FBC Dining Room, with Pastor Matt, at 12:00 pm.

Thursdays: Downtown Community Life Group
at FBC Social Room with Pastor Anthony, at 3:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Life Groups will on break for the summer after June 15. Life Groups resume on September 15.

Praise and Worship: Both, or Either?

Believe it or not, there is a distinct difference between Praise and Worship. Here are a few of my thoughts, not original ones, but ideas and scriptures I've learned along the way which help me understand and work out the differences in my own relationship with the Lord. Maybe they will help you as well.

1. The Bible commands us to "Praise the Lord" (read through Psalms and underline all the scriptures referencing "praising God").
2. Praise is simply a retelling of all the wonderful attributes of God. It is most often done through music, with a joyful demeanor and in full gratitude. (Psalm 9:11; Isaiah 12:5; Psalm 150: 4–6; Psalm 108:2–5)
3. God is worthy of our praise. If we believers weren't praising God, the rocks would cry out. (Luke 19:40)
4. Praise is part of our overall "worship", however, "worship" itself is different. Worship comes from the heart of a believer, and is often difficult

to do because it requires elements of honesty, confession, and humility before God. Worship is often manifest through certain songs of testimony: Songs acknowledging the greatness of God, and the neediness of man.

5. Worship is expected (John 4:23). It's a lifestyle, not just a form of praise during a typical Sunday morning worship experience.
6. Worship is often demonstrated through a posture, such as the act of kneeling or bowing. (Psalm 95:6)
7. Finally, worship is vital to us, because through worship the Holy Spirit is invited to speak to us, convict us, and comfort us. (John 14: 15–21; John 14:26–27; John 15:12–15).

I challenge myself and you to learn more about praise and worship, and incorporate more of both in our daily lives.

— *Pastor Trudi Bils*

Teaching Series for April–June, 2024

- April 7: Part V — "**Servants Of Christ**" (*Jn. 7:53 – 8:11*)
- April 14: "**Gospel Metamorphosis**" (*Ro. 12:2*)
- April 21: Part I — "**Joy-Filled Trials**" (*Js. 1:1–4*)
- April 28: Part II — "**Pray Like You Mean It!**" (*Js. 1:5–11*)
- May 5: Part III — "**Father Of Lights**" (*Js. 1: 12–18*)
- May 12: Mother's Day: Part IV — "**Listen, Then Just Do It!**" (*Js. 1: 19–27*)
- May 19: Part V — "**The Peril Of Playing Favorites**" (*Js. 2: 1–13*)
- May 26: Cross-Cultural Memorial Sunday & Pentecost Celebration: Part VI — "**Faith That Works**" (*Js. 2: 14–26*)
- June 2: Part VII — "**Mightier Than The Sword**" (*Js. 3: 1–12*)
- June 9: Graduate Celebration: Part VIII — "**Wise Up!**" (*Js. 3: 13–4:4*)
- June 16: Father's Day: Part IX — "**Humble Yourself In the Sight of the Lord**" (*Js. 4:5–10*)
- June 23: Part X — "**Lord-Willin' and the Creek Don't Rise**" (*Js. 4:11–17*)
- June 30: Freedom Celebration: Part XI — "**The Folly of the Fat Cats**" (*Js. 5:1–6*)

“The Path” Readings for April, May and June (Choose 1, 2, or 4 Each Day)

4/1: Ex. 12, Lk. 15, Jb. 30, 1 Co. 16	5/5: Lv. 7, Ps. 7, Ps. 8, Pr. 22, 1 Th. 1	6/8: Nu. 16, Ps. 52, Ps. 53, Ps. 54, Is. 6, He. 13
4/2: Ex. 13, Lk. 16, Jb. 31, 2 Co. 1	5/6: Lv. 8, Ps. 9, Pr. 23, 1 Th. 2	6/9: Nu. 17, Nu. 18, Ps. 55, Is. 7, Js. 1
4/3: Ex. 14, Lk. 17, Jb. 32, 2 Co. 2	5/7: Lv. 9, Ps. 10, Pr. 24, 1 Th. 3	6/10: Nu. 19, Ps. 56, Ps. 57, Is. 8, Js. 2
4/4: Ex. 15, Lk. 18, Jb. 33, 2 Co. 3	5/8: Lv. 10, Ps. 11, Ps. 12, Pr. 25, 1 Th. 4	6/11: Nu. 20, Ps. 58, Ps. 59, Is. 9, Js. 3
4/5: Ex. 16, Lk. 19, Jb. 34, 2 Co. 4	5/9: Lv. 11, Lv. 12, Ps. 13, Ps. 14, Pr. 26, 1 Th. 5	6/12: Nu. 21, Ps. 60, Ps. 61, Is. 10, Js. 4
4/6: Ex. 17, Lk. 20, Jb. 35, 2 Co. 5	5/10: Lv. 13, Ps. 15, Ps. 16, Pr. 27, 2 Th. 1	6/13: Nu. 22, Ps. 62, Ps. 63, Is. 11, Is. 12, Js. 5
4/7: Ex. 18, Lk. 21, Jb. 36, 2 Co. 6	5/11: Lv. 14, Ps. 17, Pr. 28, 2 Th. 2	6/14: Nu. 23, Ps. 64, Ps. 65, Is. 13, 1 Pt. 1
4/8: Ex. 19, Lk. 22, Jb. 37, 2 Co. 7	5/12: Lv. 15, Ps. 18, Pr. 29, 2 Th. 3	6/15: Nu. 24, Ps. 66, Ps. 67, Is. 14, 1 Pt. 2
4/9: Ex. 20, Lk. 23, Jb. 38, 2 Co. 8	5/13: Lv. 16, Ps. 19, Pr. 30, 1 Tm. 1	6/16: Nu. 25, Ps. 68, Is. 15, 1 Pt. 3
4/10: Ex. 21, Lk. 24, Jb. 39, 2 Co. 9	5/14: Lv. 17, Ps. 20, Ps. 21, Pr. 31, 1 Tm. 2	6/17: Nu. 26, Ps. 69, Is. 16, 1 Pt. 4
4/11: Ex. 22, Jn. 1, Jb. 40, 2 Co. 10	5/15: Lv. 18, Ps. 22, Ec. 1, 1 Tm. 3	6/18: Nu. 27, Ps. 70, Ps. 71, Is. 17, Is. 18, 1 Pt. 5
4/12: Ex. 23, Jn. 2, Jb. 41, 2 Co. 11	5/16: Lv. 19, Ps. 23, Ps. 24, Ec. 2, 1 Tm. 4	6/19: Nu. 28, Ps. 72, Is. 19, Is. 20, 2 Pt. 1
4/13: Ex. 24, Jn. 3, Jb. 42, 2 Co. 12	5/17: Lv. 20, Ps. 25, Ec. 3, 1 Tm. 5	6/20: Nu. 29, Ps. 73, Is. 21, 2 Pt. 2
4/14: Ex. 25, Jn. 4, Pr. 1, 2 Co. 13	5/18: Lv. 21, Ps. 26, Ps. 27, Ec. 4, 1 Tm. 6	6/21: Nu. 30, Ps. 74, Is. 22, 2 Pt. 3
4/15: Ex. 26, Jn. 5, Pr. 2, Ga. 1	5/19: Lv. 22, Ps. 28, Ps. 29, Ec. 5, 2 Tm. 1	6/22: Nu. 31, Ps. 75, Ps. 76, Is. 23, 1 Jn. 1
4/16: Ex. 27, Jn. 6, Pr. 3, Ga. 2	5/20: Lv. 23, Ps. 30, Ec. 6, 2 Tm. 2	6/23: Nu. 32, Ps. 77, Is. 24, 1 Jn. 2
4/17: Ex. 28, Jn. 7, Pr. 4, Ga. 3	5/21: Lv. 24, Ps. 31, Ec. 7, 2 Tm. 3	6/24: Nu. 33, Ps. 78:1-39, Is. 25, 1 Jn. 3
4/18: Ex. 29, Jn. 8, Pr. 5, Ga. 4	5/22: Lv. 25, Ps. 32, Ec. 8, 2 Tm. 4	6/25: Nu. 34, Ps. 78:40-72, Is. 26, 1 Jn. 4
4/19: Ex. 30, Jn. 9, Pr. 6, Ga. 5	5/23: Lv. 26, Ps. 33, Ec. 9, Ti. 1	6/26: Nu. 35, Ps. 79, Is. 27, 1 Jn. 5
4/20: Ex. 31, Jn. 10, Pr. 7, Ga. 6	5/24: Lv. 27, Ps. 34, Ec. 10, Ti. 2	6/27: Nu. 36, Ps. 80, Is. 28, 2 Jn. 1
4/21: Ex. 32, Jn. 11, Pr. 8, Ep. 1	5/25: Nu. 1, Ps. 35, Ec. 11, Ti. 3	6/28: Dt. 1, Ps. 81, Ps. 82, Is. 29, 3 Jn. 1
4/22: Ex. 33, Jn. 12, Pr. 9, Ep. 2	5/26: Nu. 2, Ps. 36, Ec. 12, Ph. 1	6/29: Dt. 2, Ps. 83, Ps. 84, Is. 30, Jd. 1
4/23: Ex. 34, Jn. 13, Pr. 10, Ep. 3	5/27: Nu. 3, Ps. 37, So. 1, He. 1	6/30: Dt. 3, Ps. 85, Is. 31, Rv. 1
4/24: Ex. 35, Jn. 14, Pr. 11, Ep. 4	5/28: Nu. 4, Ps. 38, So. 2, He. 2	
4/25: Ex. 36, Jn. 15, Pr. 12, Ep. 5	5/29: Nu. 5, Ps. 39, So. 3, He. 3	
4/26: Ex. 37, Jn. 16, Pr. 13, Ep. 6	5/30: Nu. 6, Ps. 40, Ps. 41, So. 4, He. 4	
4/27: Ex. 38, Jn. 17, Pr. 14, Ph. 1	5/31: Nu. 7, Ps. 42, Ps. 43, So. 5, He. 5	
4/28: Ex. 39, Jn. 18, Pr. 15, Ph. 2		
4/29: Ex. 40, Jn. 19, Pr. 16, Ph. 3	6/1: Nu. 8, Ps. 44, So. 6, He. 6	
4/30: Lv. 1, Jn. 20, Pr. 17, Ph. 4	6/2: Nu. 9, Ps. 45, So. 7, He. 7	
	6/3: Nu. 10, Ps. 46, Ps. 47, So. 8, He. 8	
5/1: Lv. 2, Lv. 3, Jn. 21, Pr. 18, Cl. 1	6/4: Nu. 11, Ps. 48, Is. 1, He. 9	
5/2: Lv. 4, Ps. 1, Ps. 2, Pr. 19, Cl. 2	6/5: Nu. 12, Nu. 13, Ps. 49, Is. 2, He. 10	
5/3: Lv. 5, Ps. 3, Ps. 4, Pr. 20, Cl. 3	6/6: Nu. 14, Ps. 50, Is. 3, Is. 4, He. 11	
5/4: Lv. 6, Ps. 5, Ps. 6, Pr. 21, Cl. 4	6/7: Nu. 15, Ps. 51, Is. 5, He. 12	

Finding Hope In the Garden of Gethsemane

“And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, ‘My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.’” (Matthew 26:39, ESV)

Thinking about God during the recent season of Lent has been of great help to me as I have gone through times of trial. The Gethsemane passages in scripture have been particularly significant to me, where we witness Jesus suffering for us. This account makes me spiritually solid. I have committed my way to the Lord and desire to meet God face to face. Though it has been a difficult journey for me, good things have come about in my life from my bout with cancer. The purpose of our suffering is to identify with Jesus. As we suffer, we also can experience God’s comfort.

Jesus’ purpose at the cross was to destroy the power of death. As I struggle with cancer, I have come to realize how much God values me. I believe he sent Jesus to die for me. Faith is the pathway to pleasing God the Father. A willingness to listen to God in silence has stretched my faith. I have come to love God without doubt. When God tests your faith, I ask you: Do you love him, no matter the circumstances? I have come to know God is with me. I don’t need God to perform—to do what I want. God has been faithful because he has answered my prayers to be with me in the midst of this terrible cancer. I love you, God.

— *Richard McGuirk*

Extra helpers at Drop-In. Thank you, youth!



Service CD's are available



CDs are available of FBC church services in the FBC library to check-out!

If you would like a copy sent to your home, please contact Jason Chastain at

jchastain@fbc-portland.org or 503-228-7465 to request a copy! We have CD players available, too. If you need delivery to your home, please let us know.

Join First Baptist Church of Portland for Memorial Sunday, May 26, at 10:30 am

A special day set aside to honor those who have passed away over this last year

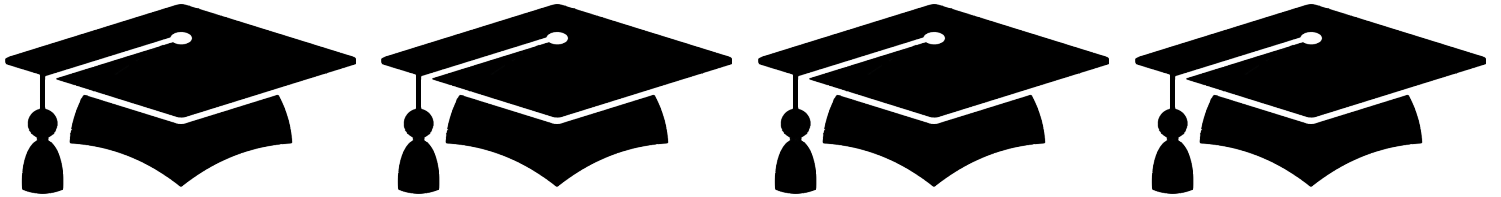
We are inviting you to bring a photograph or memento of your departed friend or love one for the memorial table in our Dining Hall.

During the worship service, we will read the names of those remembered, and observe a moment of silence in their honor. Join us

afterward for a special, free luncheon together!

To share the name of a loved one you would like to have remembered, please just call the church office, email

office@fbc-portland.org, or use one of the cards that will be provided at church. You can even invite a friend or neighbor who might be blessed by an opportunity to remember their loved one!



Graduate Celebration: June 9, at 10:30 am

Come and celebrate with our graduates and their families! During the service, we will recognize the graduates in our church and afterwards have a special ice cream social in their honor!

We wish to honor ALL graduates in our community, regardless of whether or not they are a part of FBC. So, feel free to invite that graduate in your life to be honored at church on June 11!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Graduating from College

Brianne Nem | Faith Prom | Claire Shearer

Graduating from High School

Jessica Jenkins | Hanna Raj | Jesse West

Graduating from Middle School

Logan Moore | Judah Raj

Graduating from Elementary School

Angelina Beatty | Brayden Kong

**If you believe a student is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office right away so we can be sure to recognize their accomplishment!*



Cambodian Ministry News

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

When we were born again in Jesus Christ, we enjoyed and experienced a living hope through his resurrection. Nothing is worth more than knowing God’s love and presence in our lives.

Last quarter, our Cambodian ministry had great fellowship each time at the monthly potlucks. We had new members of our community join us. Recently, in Sunday service, we saw the highest attendance for the last three years. We also continued to have good attendance at our Zoom Bible studies Sunday school. People enjoyed bringing snacks and food to the Sunday school breakfasts before class started. We thank our God for enriching our spiritual growth. There was a big crowd of our church members who joined the Easter breakfast. We loved to see everyone there for this kind of Easter breakfast fellowship before the Easter worship. I want to thank CCM’s team and Cambodian members who were involved and sponsored this Easter breakfast. Also, I am thankful for your Easter offerings that enable the Cambodian Children Ministry to meet the needs of the ministry goals. Cambodian members and I also joyfully joined the Easter celebration of Khmer Christian Pacific North (KCPN) in Tacoma, WA.

For the Cambodian Children Ministry (CCM), we entered 2024 with new staff management. Seven staff members work in unity at the Center with many job responsibilities. There is a staff meeting every other Sunday.

Besides children’s Bible study and regular worship service each Sunday, we restarted English and Khmer classes from Monday to Friday and women’s group Bible studies. For this first quarter of the year, we have been fixing and remodeling our buildings at the Center. In southeast Asia, there are two seasons: monsoon and summer. Our ministry is in a poor community, which makes it hard for them to have suitable transportation. It is hard to walk in the rain or on hot sunny days. We pray for their effort to take advantage of the benefits of the Center’s offerings. For the BottleDrop account, some of us are working hard to collect empty bottles and cans. We raised \$500 for this first Quarter. Thank You So Much! Again, I want to thank you as individuals and partners in the ministry who continued to pray and financially support this life-changing ministry. If the Lord is willing for you to join our mission trip in the



To learn more about Cambodian Children’s Ministry, go to ccmnews.org

fall, please go online to ccmnews.org and complete a trip registration ASAP. May our living Lord continue to bless you as you enjoy serving Him faithfully and richly!

— Pastor Peter Im



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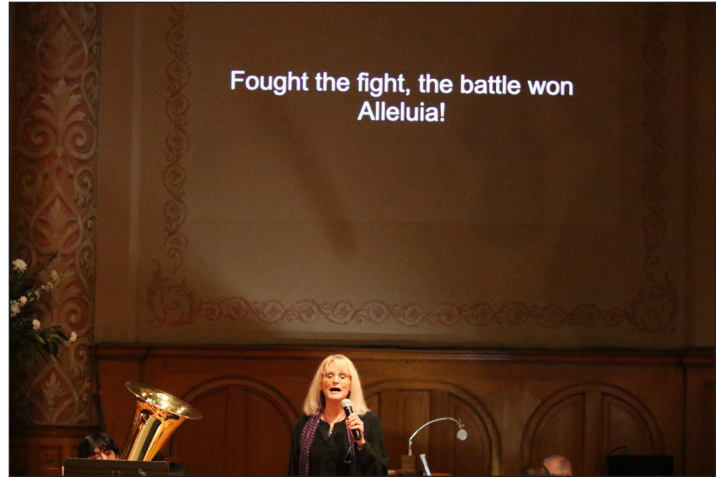


Easter Sunday at FBC









Sponsor a Summer Camper or Mission J.13 Participant!

We often get the question this time year: How much does it cost to send a student on the J.13 high school mission trip or to summer camp at Arrah Wanna?

Well, Our fundraising goal for the Youth Fund this year is \$3,000, which will help us to ensure FBC does our part to fund local and region-wide J.13 youth ministry in 2024. Already, at the Annual J.13 Youth Fundraiser in March, we raised \$1,616! And we can't thank our church family enough for your generosity! That leaves us with just \$1,900 to raise before the J.13 rafting trip in June and summer camp happens in July!

We don't want any student to miss out on these awesome opportunities because they can't afford it, which is why First Baptist Church is continuing in 2024 to take a step of faith in offering 100% scholarships to any of our students who want to

participate in camps at Arrah Wanna (families are invited to contribute as much as they can toward the cost of their students, up to 50% of the cost). We are able to do this due to the generous support of our Youth Fund in the past.

However, to help us both this year and in the future, we are inviting any and all who are able to do so, to consider making a special donation to the Youth Fund (for the mission trip) or to the Brophy Scholarship Fund (for summer camp). Are you able to sponsor a student? The cost for attending Summer Camp is \$300 and the cost per mission trip participant was \$400, but donations of ANY amount will be greatly appreciated!

For more information, see Pastor Anthony.

PRAYER
REQUESTS

Do you have a prayer request that you would like shared with our email prayer chain? If so, just contact the Church Office at 503-228-7465 or office@fbc-portland.org, Monday–Thursday, or Darcia Hing (darciahing@comcast.net) Friday–Sunday, so that we can pray for you!

RAISING UP
a generation in the way of Jesus

**"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ..."**
(Ephesians 4:12)



2024 Calendar

Opportunities for Youth & Young Adults from across the region!

Southern Oregon Rafting Trip

Join us for a wild day of rafting and adventure down the Rogue River in Southern Oregon. Cost is \$50 and feel free to invite friends!

JUNE
28-29

JULY
15-19

SUMMER CAMP @ Camp Arrah Wanna

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

Visit www.camparrahwanna.org for details and to register!

Beach Trip

We're headed to the coast for a day away from the city to run around on the beach. Bring a towel and a change of clothes and join the fun.

AUG
9

OCT
11-13

Fall Retreat

Every Year J.13 takes a trip to our favorite mountain camp, Camp Arrah Wanna. Carve pumpkins, play games, and bonfire as we ring in Fall.

J.13 exists to provide Youth & Young Adults programing for students in our ABC-CPC region. Anyone can plug in! We also want to support the amazing programs offered by our churches and will promote them to the students, churches and families in our network! Let us know what we can include in the calendar. We share the same goals, let's share resources as well!

For More Information:

*Anthony Young: anthony@fbc-portland.org or Corey Hughes: program@camparrahwanna.org
We will either have answers, or direct you to someone who does!*

Register for Summer Camp Today!

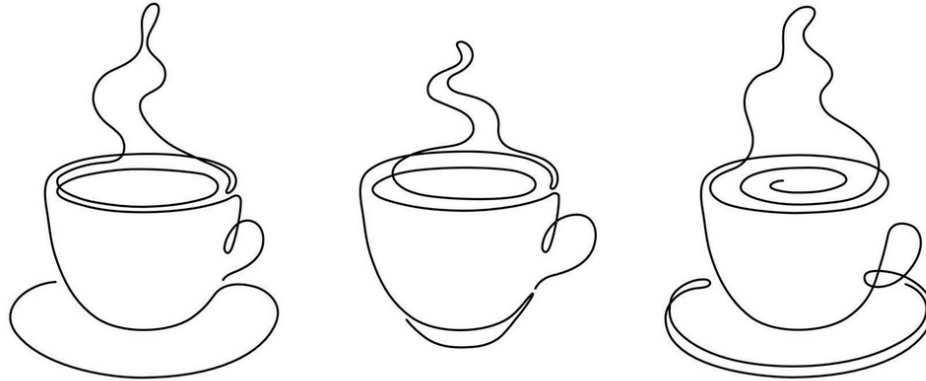
Registration is now open for summer camp 2024 at Camp Arrah Wanna! To sign up your student, just go online today:

<https://camparrahwanna.campbrainregistration.com>

FBC is so committed to sending students to camp, that we are offering 100% scholarships to any student who wants to go. However, families are invited to donate up to 50% of the cost of their students to the FBC

“Youth Fund” to help cover the cost.

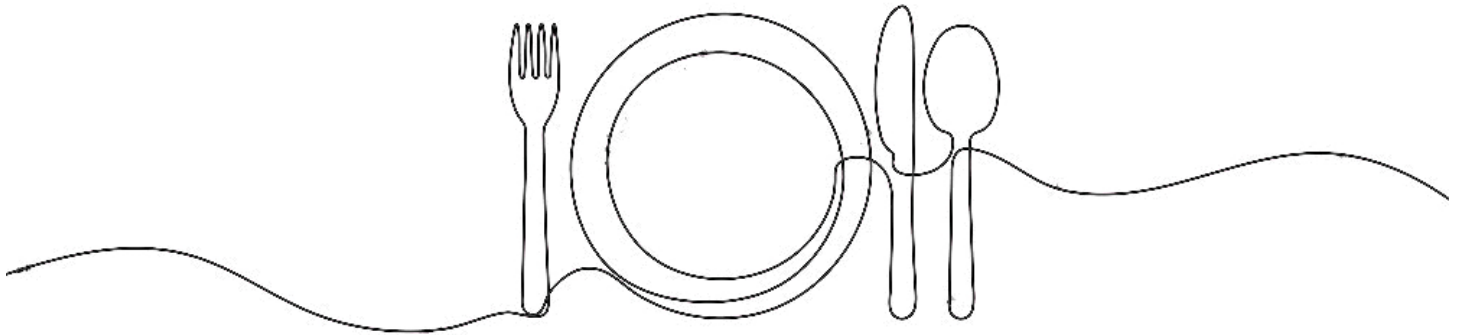




MOTHER'S DAY TEA MAY 12, AT 12:00 PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL TIME TO CELEBRATE AND PRAY FOR OUR MOMS AND ALL THE WOMEN IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY! WE WILL ENJOY TEA , (COFFEE TOO, OF COURSE!), AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. DON'T MISS IT!

**“HER CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED...”
(PROVERBS 31:28A, ESV)**



FATHER'S DAY LUNCH JUNE 16, AT 12:00 PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL TIME TO HAVE LUNCH ALL WHILE CELEBRATING AND PRAYING FOR OUR DADS AND ALL THE MEN IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY! DON'T MISS IT!

**“AS A FATHER SHOWS COMPASSION TO HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD SHOWS COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.”
(PSALM 103:13, ESV)**

Member Birthdays

Alyssa Young.....	4/2	Robert Glenn.....	5/14
Parker Rutter.....	4/3	Calvin Taylor.....	5/15
Keith Ponce.....	4/5	Bruce Montgomery.....	5/17
Run Yep.....	4/5	Mandy Puth.....	5/19
Claudia Papagolos.....	4/5	Saveth Anderson.....	5/23
Richard McGuirk.....	4/5	Vicki Bridges.....	5/25
Rick Loomis.....	4/6	Leslie Cody.....	5/26
Peter Newman.....	4/7	Samuel Raj.....	5/28
Brianne Nem.....	4/8	Anthony Im.....	5/28
Soeung Seng.....	4/9		
Eunice Schleiger.....	4/10	Jimmy Jones.....	6/1
Irene Callahan.....	4/11	Eric Carlson.....	6/4
Robert Raleigh.....	4/11	Jennifer Beck.....	6/5
Asa Ross Sok.....	4/12	Savin Loeung.....	6/5
Jeanette Fischer.....	4/13	Caitlyn Speakman-Boerckel.....	6/6
Reynold Louie.....	4/14	Joshua Toupin.....	6/8
Sueanne Townley.....	4/15	Edward Cyphers.....	6/9
Lucy Toupin.....	4/16	Zachary Velasquez.....	6/9
Darlene Nelson.....	4/17	Micah Lim Hazen.....	6/10
Siri Schillios.....	4/18	Steve Shearer.....	6/10
Cynthia Johnson.....	4/19	Mike Terese.....	6/10
Maria Gherasim.....	4/19	Mike McCoy.....	6/11
Kendra Casper.....	4/20	Martha Cox Kuhn.....	6/12
Robert Enloe.....	4/24	Alex Benfield.....	6/12
Jim Noyes.....	4/26	Momthavy Yuok.....	6/14
Anthony Preston.....	4/27	Shirley Im.....	6/15
Aria Loffland.....	4/28	Veurn Phoeurn.....	6/15
Eddie Copple.....	4/29	Emma Anderson.....	6/16
Talitha Sok.....	4/30	Jennifer Lawson.....	6/19
Alice Long.....	4/30	Debbie Ferguson.....	6/19
		Aletheia Sok.....	6/20
Brian White.....	5/2	Bev Owen.....	6/22
Gina Murillo.....	5/3	Sam Khem.....	6/26
Kim Yin.....	5/5	Anthony Young.....	6/26
Rom King.....	5/5	Judah Raj.....	6/28
Luvenia McDonald.....	5/5	Jean Dransfeldt.....	6/29
Kimberly Ault.....	5/6	Jaden Thompson.....	6/29
Mao Leng.....	5/6		
Cynthia Benfield.....	5/10		
Dawn Deland.....	5/11		
Rachel Casper.....	5/11		
Wilson Lee.....	5/12		
Cynthia Hutchinson.....	5/13		
Chris Beard.....	5/14		
Anne Dong.....	5/14		

“Happy Birthday! Join us during our Monthly Fellowship Meals to celebrate all who have birthdays during the month. (April 21, May 26, June 16)



JOIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PORTLAND FOR A

FREEDOM CELEBRATION

**June 30, 2023
at 10:30 AM**

UPLIFTING MUSIC!

MESSAGE OF FREEDOM

FOOD!