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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School for all ages 12:15 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Studies Impact Youth 6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWANA 6:30 Bible Study

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study- G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Tepetitan

Terrie Schwartz

This year the VBS theme was: Values: Focused on "Respect." It took a lot of effort and teamwork but we successfully accomplished the VBS

in January of 2018. Some people from my Church were part of this VBS, they put their skills and time for God's service, all of them are young, very young, and for some of them was the first time participating in this kind of activity. But God had a plan for their lives, which it



was to realize how close they were to God. For some of them was the first time translating into English and even though they were afraid of doing this, but they didn't give up. In total, we were 25 people from the USA and El Salvador.

The VBS was taken place at the local school in the afternoon. In total we had 93 kids, were 10 of them received Christ, three of them are the Wizard's kids, they received Christ as their Lord and Savior, and now all their family, except their father, are going to Church, isn't this AWESOME? But this was not all, after we had the VBS, we have seen the fruits, the people we talked to about Jesus are going to Church, and the kids know more about respect others, God and family, and they are putting this in practice.

We wouldn't have done all of this without the help and support from the American Team and the Salvadorean team as well. All I can say is: THANK YOU.

"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"

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In recent weeks, two of history's best-known evangelists passed away. Both of these men have had perhaps the biggest impact of lives around the world. Both of these men are household names. Their influence will impact generations of people. Both of these men influenced others by personal contacts, books, and lectures to large audiences. Both were invited to speak to audiences around the world. The interesting thing about these two evangelists is that their viewpoints are diametrically opposed to one another. One of these men influenced men, women, and children to commit their lives to follow Jesus Christ. The other of these men taught that there is no God, science is our solution, and life has no purpose. One of these men accepted God's Word about the past and the future of mankind, the other tried to exclude God in determining history and predicting the future of man and the universe.

Missionary Jim Elliot wrote in his journal "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot loose. These seem to echo Jesus words in Mark 8 and Mathew 16. Mark records "³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?" While both of these men had a vision bigger than themselves, from the evidence that we have, one of them lost his own soul.

If you have not guessed by now, the two evangelists are Billy Graham and Stephen Hawking. You may question my calling Hawking and evangelist, but through his lectures and books, he preached a belief system of evolution and chance, and God is not relevant. Thousands take Hawking's word as truth; and have used his ideas to develop their own worldview without God. While Hawking increased our knowledge and understanding of the universe; his was a message that we do not need God.

Of these two evangelists, which one do you follow? Which one most closely reflects your belief system. Jim Elliot's words ring true. Chicken Coop has on their buckets "Only one life twill soon be passed. Only what's done for Christ will last." What is done for Christ will last for eternity. What are you doing that will last for eternity? How are you making your life count?

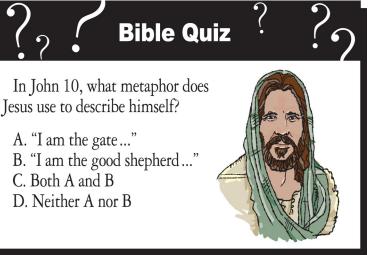
Jim Hawkins-editor

Easter is eternal

If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

-Donald H. Tippet



Answer: C (See John 10:9, 11.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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| 29 Fire in the Woods | 22 Deadline: May Chroni- cle | 15 | 8 2-5 PM 90th Birthday celebration fro Marian Batey at the church | 1 Easter 8-9 Easter Breakfast Communion Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:15 Bible Study 6:00 Impact (Youth) 6:00 Bible Study 6:15 Bible Study | Sun |
| 30 | 23 | 16 Emancipation Day | 9 | Spring break week for area schools Weekly: 8:00PM College and Career Bible Study | Mon |
| • | 24 | 17 | 10 7:00 Elder's meeting | ω | Tue |
| APRIL | 25 | | 11 Conference at Louis- ville, KY | 4 No AWANA 6:15 AWANA 6:30 Bible Study | Wed |
| March 30 Good Friday 30 7:00 Good Friday Service at Gales- burg Baptist | 26 | 919 | 12 Conference at Louis- ville, KY 6:30 Christian Educa- tion meeting 7:00 Deacons Meeting | 5 Bi-Weekly: Bible Study | Thu |
| May 3 National Day of Pray- er 8 State/Local elections 13 Mother's Day 16 AWANA Awards 20 Graduation Sunday 27 Memorial Day | 27 | 20 | 13 Conference at Louis- ville, KY | 6 Weekly: 5:45 AM Prayer | F P° İ |
| May 2018 S M T W T F S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | 28 | 21 | 14 | 7 2 PM Bridal Shower for Joy Dubbeld at the church | Sat |

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| Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the | | "Т |
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"The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again."

—A.W. Tozer

Inclement Weather Policy:

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.

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Calling Ladies of All Ages

There is a Bridal Shower for Joy Dubbeld on April 7. The shower will be at the CCEFC building at 2 PM. Joy and Andy are registered at Kohl's and Amazon. Please RSVP to Sarah Branch by March 31 (649-9717).

Birthday Celebration

Marion Batey will be celebrating her 90th birthday and you are invited. Celebration is 2-5 PM on April 8 at the church building. No gifts please, but come help us celebrate.



Nursery Help

| March 25 April 1 | Kim Smith/Dawn Drallette Sara Steele/Andrea Truax |
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| April 8 | Meghan Clarey/Jamie Morrison |
| April 15 | Hannah Houseman/Charlize Gibbs/Lisa Gibbs |
| April 22 April 29 | Abby Colvin/Raezi Colvin/Kourtney Klimp Kim Smith/Dawn Drallette |
| April 29 | Kim Smith/Dawn Drailette |

AWANA News

Did You Know? We have a facebook page for Awana families; find us at Awana at CCEFC to get notices of what's going on.



Because Kids Matter to God

March 28: **The King's Crown** Wear your prince or princess crown or bring your scepter to this Easter party! John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

April 4: No Awana – Enjoy the Easter break with your family!

April 11: **Top Secret Super Sleuth Party** Be ready to give your "password" when you come! (hint: your password should be something you are thankful for.) 1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every-



thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Please arrive to pick kids up so you can leave at 8:00. We know it's hard for families to get kids to bed in time so they can get enough sleep to be ready for the next school day. Many of our Awana leaders have young children and can't leave until all the kids in their class has all been picked up. Thank you!



"I thought your Easter message was great, except when you went off on a bunny trail."



Pat Answers Why is it Important that Jesus Rose Bodily from the Dead?

Some modern theologians and pastors deny that Jesus rose bodily from the grave. They will sometimes still use the word resurrection or Easter. But they believe Jesus only rose spiritually or in the hearts of his followers, but not actually bodily from the grave. However, it is absolutely essential that Jesus rose bodily from the grave and His body did not stay dead and see decay. It is essential for believing God's Word because the Bible teaches He rose bodily, even in the Old Testament prophecy of Psalm 16:10 – "You will not let your Holy One see decay". This Psalm is quoted in the book of Acts by both Peter (Acts 2:24-32) and Paul (Acts 13:34-37) to prove Jesus the Messiah did not stay in the grave. In 1 Corinthians 15 the Apostle Paul says we are false witnesses if Christ did not rise bodily (1 Corinthians 15:15).

It is absolutely essential for our salvation that Jesus rose bodily. In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul says that if Christ did not rise (and he means bodily) than we are still in our sins. *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." – 1 Corinthians 15:17.* Without the full resurrection of Jesus there is no guarantee that Christ's work on the cross was accepted by the Father as the full payment for our sins. But Jesus rose for our justification – Romans 4:25. This means we can know for sure we are righteous before God BECAUSE Christ rose and the Father accepted His work for us. It is absolutely essential for our own resurrection someday that Jesus rose bodily. If Jesus did not rise, then we will not rise either. We would not have a future hope of a new body in Heaven if Jesus did not rise bodily from the dead. When you lay a loved one who was trusting in Jesus down in the grave we would have no hope if Christ had not risen. But because Jesus rose, we who have trusted in Him will rise to a glorious new body like His glorious body – Philippians 3:21; I John 3:2. Jesus is the firstfruits of the resurrection, guaranteeing the full harvest to come when He comes again. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." – 1 Corinthians 15:20.

It is absolutely essential for our lives right now that Jesus rose bodily. Jesus' resurrection means our life has purpose as we live to glorify our living Lord. It also means that any suffering or anything we sacrifice here is worth it in light of eternity. Paul says in 1 Corinthians that if Jesus did not rise we should just "eat, drink, and be merry" like the unbelievers – 1 Corinthians 15:32. But because He is risen life has meaning and no sacrifice is too great for Jesus. *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not vain." – 1 Corinthians 15:58.* Happy Easter! He is risen. He is risen indeed.

Pastor Pat

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