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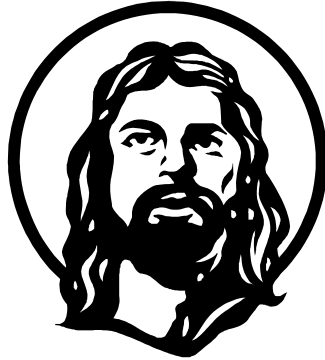
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 11, 2012



SEEING JESUS FACE TO FACE!

We don't really know what He looked like. All we have are artists' impressions. It's hard to picture Him as the prophet Isaiah did: *"There was nothing beautiful or majestic about His appearance, nothing to attract us to Him!" (Isaiah 53:2b)*

Our images of Jesus' appearance often emanate from childhood. I remember Him as the dark, handsome shepherd in flowing purple robe, tending sheep, smiling and talking with children, cuddling a little lamb resting peacefully in His lap.

We're still looking for the face of Jesus, you know! In the Shroud of Turin, on billboards, in dental x-rays, in unusual cloud formations, on tree trunks and garage doors!

But when the apostle Paul says that Jesus "appeared" and people "saw Him," he means people saw Him in the flesh! These people touched Him, talked to Him, ate with Him and embraced Him!

Jesus wasn't simply an apparition. He was alive! Paul counted the eyewitnesses to the Resurrection---over 500 of them!

If people saw Jesus face to face, then two things are true: (1) God is knowable; and (2) Eternal life with God is possible!

Listen to the promises of the risen Lord!

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to My message and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death to life!" (John 5:24)

"My sheep hear My voice, I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish!" (John 10:27-28)

The Bible says a great day of Resurrection is coming! In John's Gospel we find confirmation of this day: *"Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to judgment!" (John 5:28-29)*

Now, let's get personal for a moment. Look into your heart and ask yourself, have you trusted in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord? Do you have a life-saving relationship with Him? Are you living and walking daily with Him?

One of my favorite songs is "Temporary Home" by Carrie Underwood. In the music video Carrie plays the part of a daughter visiting a dying father in the hospital. Among the last words this man of faith says are these: "I can see God's face!"

All of us know this earth is our temporary home. Someday we'll see the risen Lord face to face. But before we meet Him face to face up there, we must meet Him by faith down here! Are you ready to see God's face?



Don't Miss Our Next

"Night of Praise and Worship!"

Sunday, April 29, 5:00 P.M.

***"In a loud voice they sang: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power, and wealth, and wisdom, and strength,
and honor, and glory, and praise!"***

(Revelation 5:12)

A MAGNIFICENT CELEBRATION!

We praise God for all the services and activities during Holy Week and Easter, 2012!!!

Our Maundy Thursday Seder/Holy Communion worship was inspiring with guests Michael and Ann Weiner of the Shomair Yisrael Messianic Jewish congregation!

The Community Egg Hunt on Saturday allowed us to share the joy of the real Easter story with a large crowd of children, parents, and grandparents.

Easter Sunday morning Dr. J. David Hester, worship leader Sam Ware and guitarist James Paschke helped us explore the victory of an empty tomb under a canopy of bright sunshine and puffy clouds.

The early service was followed by a breakfast feast prepared by Dianne Pipkin and the Cornerstone Young Adult Sunday School class.

Finally, our Celebration of Life, with beautiful choral anthems, the Gospel message, and Holy Communion focused on the new life won for us by the risen Lord, complemented a festival of blessing during this holy season!

For those who trust in Jesus Christ, Easter never ends!!!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

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18-Dain Shelton
21-Maggie Park



Activities for April 15-21, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tues., 7:00 p.m. Session
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sat. 10:00 a.m. Rebecas Circle—Perkins
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for April 8, 2012

Sunday School.....	54
Worship.....	152
Offering	\$4,346.63
Capital Improvements Fund	\$45.00

APRIL SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room for their regular monthly meeting. Packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, April 15.
All elders are encouraged to be present.

LAY CORNER

Don't Be Vain
Have you ever had someone in your life that has polar-opposite opinions to your own, seems to disrespect you or deliberately disobeys or offends you? Have you ever wondered why? Fear not, it's just God's way of saying that it's time for you to work on developing the patience that you will need for something that's yet to come. Feel comforted that your heavenly Father cares enough about your eternal soul to give you the opportunity to grow and maybe you can learn something from this person that He has purposefully placed in your life, instead of just suffering in vain. Romans 15:1-7

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

The churches of the Presbytery of East Tennessee will gather for the spring meeting this coming Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. at Maryville CP Church. The pastors of First Church will attend along with elder-delegate Dianne Pipkin. Please take time to remember the decisions and actions of presbytery in your prayers!



Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital

Patty Derreberry, Park West (Maxine Curtis's sister)
On-going Health and Prayer Concerns
CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A.R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert's son, cancer); Dick Booher; Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Tom Parrott (Cliff's son); Richard Congdon; Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Carl Ware (Sam's father); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Sarah Gamble, (Alice Montgomery's niece); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Lynne Blanco, (friend of Sheri Hill); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Jane Fleming, (Rue Dougherty's sister); Vernon Crawford, (Esther Congdon's brother); Amy Beth Davidson; Debbie & David Treise; Frankie Hicks, (friend of the Gastons); Jack Gaston.
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

FISH CAMPAIGN

Steve and I want to thank all those who came last Saturday morning to fill about 170 bags. These include Tom, Donna, Jessie and Marikate Walker, Faye O'Neal, David Hester, Rue Dougherty, Dick Booher, James Paschke, Steve McCurry, and Betty Hammill. Our next and last bagging session will be this Saturday, the 14th, at 9:30am at the pantry. Come if you can. Thank you for your support in this food ministry.



CALLING ALL GARDENERS!!

We need some gardeners who would like to take care to the flower beds out front at the enterence and in the courtyard and around the building and the circle. If you would like to take on a portion of this task please contact Tom, Jimmy Curtis or Richard Congdon or just call the church office. Thanks for your consideration. There are many other things to do around the church if you can volunteer an hour or two a week. Call and find if there is a task that fits your gifts.