

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lower

On the Table: Head - Ralph Burleson  
Servers - Josh Berryhill  
Gary Addison  
Lannie Key

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Amelia Key

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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*I Think I Will  
Just Give Up*



*The  
Brilliant  
Beacon*



## **You Can't Do That Just On Easter Sunday**

By Kevin Cauley

Easter Sunday is a fine time to remember the resurrection of Jesus, as is every day of the year. Those who seek to remember Jesus only on Easter Sunday do not really remember Him, because Jesus wants us to remember Him every day. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:15, “and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.” You can't do that just on Easter Sunday.

There are many other things that Jesus wants us to do that can't be done just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to remember his death, burial, and resurrection in the Lord's Supper every first day of the week (1 Corinthians 11:25, Acts 20:7). You can't do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to take up our cross daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23). You can't do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to pray every day (Matthew 6:11). You can't do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to teach others about Him every day (Acts 5:42). You can't do that just on Easter Sunday. Jesus wants us to be a living sacrifice (Romans 12:2). You can't do that just on Easter Sunday.

You may be starting to get the impression that Easter Sunday doesn't mean very much at all to Jesus. You are right; it doesn't. Jesus does not care about your formal observance of Easter Sunday if your heart is not given to Him. Jesus said, “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me” (Matthew 15:8). Jesus knows where your heart truly is. Do you?

God bless you, and I love you.

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## **THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Danny Berryhill: having trouble with blood clots, please pray that he can receive help with this problem

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Jack Waldon: {Linda's Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn's Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Jamie Long: his liver is failing him and he is on the list to receive a liver transplant, please be keeping him in your prayers

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Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Country Place	2:00 pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	John O’Neal {Missionary Report}	10:00 am
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl {Berea}	2:00 pm
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dorian Flynn {Missionary Report}	10:00 am

**The Significance of the Resurrection**

By Roby Ellis

*Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 1 Corinthians 15:12–19*

From the earliest days of the church there have been false ideas about the resurrection. Some insisted it never happened (1 Corinthians 15:12). Some claimed the final resurrection had already past (2 Timothy 2:18). The apostle Paul shows us authoritatively that Christianity either stands or falls with Christ’s resurrection.

Paul places the resurrection of Jesus at the very core of the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 15:1–11). In this passage he shows us that it is in fact part of Old Testament prophecy, just as Jesus Himself tried to show (Luke 24:44–46). The resurrection is supported by abundant evidence, including (in Paul’s day) literally hundreds of eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:5–8). This crucial doctrine was preached everywhere the gospel went, including Pentecost (Acts 2:30–32), the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:40), Thessalonica (Acts 17:3), Corinth (1 Corinthians 15:1), and even Athens (Acts 17:31–32), where the crowd scoffed at the teaching. When Paul stood trial before the Jewish authorities in Jerusalem, he stated that it was for “the hope and resurrection of the dead” that he was being examined (Acts 23:6–8). He tells the Roman saints that our very obedience to the gospel involves a reenactment of the resurrection (Romans 6:3–4, 17).

Several vital components of Christianity fall without the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12–34). Without it, our faith is vain (v 14). Without it, every evangelist is a liar (v 15). Without it, we are just as much lost in sin as we ever were (v 17). There is no victory over death without the resurrection (v 18). Furthermore, even baptism is meaningless if the resurrection is not a reality (v 29). Without the resurrection, there is no group of people on the face of this earth that is more deserving of pity than Christians (v 19).

The resurrection embodies both mystery and victory (1 Corinthians 15:35–58). There are some questions regarding the final resurrection that remain to be answered: When will it be (1 Thessalonians 5:2)? How will we appear on that day (1 John 3:2)? Although we haven't been given answers to these intriguing questions, we can see that the resurrection will mark the decisive victory over death, the final enemy. Because of the resurrection, we needn't sorrow when we lose loved ones as others do without this hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13–15). God gives us the assurance that "death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54; cf. Isaiah 25:8). This glorious victory is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord (1 Corinthians 15:57), and it gives us confidence in the belief that our labor is never in vain when it is wrought in the name of Jesus (v 58).

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### **When Things Don't Go Your Way**

By Josh Blackmer

It didn't start with the bird, but it didn't help. The whole trip wasn't going as planned. I got to the island and found out that one of the members was gone and the other was leaving. Also, if I didn't mind, could I take care of their house and animals while they were away? The studies didn't happen as frequently as I would have liked, and everyone seemed non-interested. It may seem like I am complaining, but wait.

Then there was the bird. Our flight from the island to the mainland was delayed an hour because a bird hit the plane when it was landing. We had heard shotguns all week. We found out that they were to scare away the birds. Because of the delay, we missed our connection to Miami. This caused a cascading series of events that turned our 20-hour trip into a 36-hour trip. Things didn't go my way.

I am not the first to have their plans interrupted. Jonah, fleeing from God, had his plans changed by a fierce storm and a sea creature. Nothing really went the way Jonah wanted. The disciples of Jesus were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a storm caused some delay. Their peril was to the point of perishing, one disciple thought. Yet, God worked things out. Paul was shipwrecked in Acts 27, through no fault of his own, and again God was there. I was not the first, and I will not be the last either. What does one do when things do not go our way?

We continue to be light set on a hill and an influence to those around us (Matt. 5:13-16). At no point can we just drop out of Christian mode to yell and fuss and "get our way." That is how the heathen would act. When Jonah told the people he was with in the boat that it was his fault, that he should be thrown over, they hesitated but eventually obeyed. When the sea quieted, "then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows" (Jon. 1:16). Jonah had an influence on these heathen men.

Another option that is presented to us is despair. Oh, woe is me. Sometimes we are under the illusion that we are in control. Yes, we can make plans and have choices, but who is in control of the outcome? Not us! When the disciples were in the boat tossed by the waves and storm. Things were out of their control. "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing" (Mark 4:38)? Jesus calmed the storm and rebuked their lack of faith. They said, "Who then is this" (Mark 4:41)? Sometimes we forget Who is in control.

Paul was the example in the shipwreck. When their ordeal was at its darkest, Paul said, "keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told" (Acts 27:25). He was the example he needed to be, he did not despair. When things don't go your way, remember the bird and Who is in control (Matt. 6:26).

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