

The Messenger

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April Memory Verse

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

From My Heart



to Yours....

When you think about the most wonderful, moral, loving man to have ever lived being crucified as a common criminal it seems incredible; it seems like the worst travesty of justice ever known. You hear people say about a given situation, "Well, that sure is terribly unfair." Nothing has ever been as terribly unfair as Calvary. How could someone so completely innocent end up condemned? Who crucified Jesus? Who put Him to death? The answer comes in the Bible from several different directions.

On one hand, the Romans killed Jesus. Roman soldiers beat and nailed Jesus to a cross at the command of Pontius Pilate. Pilate, the Roman governor, trying to settle down the riotous Jews in Jerusalem permits Jesus to be crucified. At the same time in a strange, loving way, God the Father permits Jesus to be crucified. Out of love for us and our need for forgiveness, God the Father furnished the sacrifice for our sins. God could have stopped it, but he didn't. The explanation: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

What would Jesus Himself say about who crucified Him? "Nobody did it. Nobody did it to me, only I laid my life down voluntarily to pay for the sins of others." Pilate said to Jesus, "Don't you realize I have the power to put you to death?" To which Jesus very calmly replied, "No you don't. You have no power except what God allows you to have." In the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus' disciple Peter was going to fight back against the arresting soldiers by swinging a sword, Jesus said, "Simon Peter put your sword away. Don't you know I can call down seventy-two thousand angels to protect me if I want to?" Jesus would say "No man put me to death, I chose to lay my life down as a sacrifice for sin, to be the Savior the world desperately needs."

Did the devil have anything to do with the crucifixion of Jesus? The Bible says clearly he did. He influenced Judas to betray Jesus. It is hard to imagine that the soldiers would have spit on Jesus, put the crown of thorns on His head, mocked and beat Him as they did apart from the influence of Satan. He had every reason to get rid of Jesus.

So who crucified Jesus really?

Well, I suppose the answer might be all of these and more. And part of the more is us, you and I. We did it. Why? How? Because Jesus died for our sins and transgressions as much as He did for anyone else. Sin drove the nails that crucified the Lord. All the sins that played a part in crucifying Jesus—the lies, the anger, the envy and jealousy, the cowardice, the selfishness, the violence, the wrong choices, the betrayal of His followers—are the very same sins alive

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 28

9am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10am Sunday School

**11am Business Meeting with covered dish luncheon
to follow**



DOOR OF HOPE
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Struggling to cope with life? Marriage need a tune up?
Feeling down, sad all the time? Angry all the time?
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Call to schedule an appointment (478-822-0033)
Most insurances accepted.

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits

Fellowship Hall



and well in our hearts today. Sin crucified Jesus and we are prone to it everyday. Remembering the cross of Jesus we say, "The Lord Jesus loved me enough to pay the penalty for my sins. He took my sins off me and put them on Himself instead. Amazing love, how can it be that you my King would die for me?"

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed

Happy Easter!



Every year, Christians celebrate Easter to remember Christ's resurrection. Above and beyond this Christian tradition, we're told the most beautiful love story that led God to exchange

the life of His only Son for ours.

The Bible tells us what Jesus endured to save us: *"But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. ... He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth."* (see Isaiah 53:4-7)

Maybe you sometimes deny yourself God's amazing grace. If so, remember that because Jesus obeyed, even to the point of death on a cross, and descended into hell before rising again on the third day, He gave you unlimited access to the Father.

We should be filled with joy, considering everything Jesus did for us.

- He experienced the greatest of humiliations for us to hold our heads high. (Isaiah 53:3-10)
- He destroyed sin's power: we're free from its slavery and can receive salvation. (John 8:36)
- He was separated from His Father to reconcile us with our Creator. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

He conquered death to give us eternal life. (Romans 6:23)

We have everything in Christ: peace, liberty, forgiveness, victory, and eternal life.

I want to encourage you to celebrate Jesus's resurrection, not only at Easter or on certain Sundays, but every day. Thank Him for everything He endured out of love for you, so that you could have eternal life with Him. Let's praise God every day for this magnificent, life-giving exchange. But most importantly let's share this wonderful news with everyone around us.

-Jacob

**GOD IS EVERYWHERE,
SO PRAY ANYWHERE.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED

Want to lead a ministry to reach the children of our community and have an eternal impact on their lives? We need you! We need a director for our VBS this year. If interested please see Ed or Liz.

Brotherhood Breakfast



Men's Ministry

Saturday, May 4 @ 8am

FBC Fellowship Hall

****FREE****

Men, join us for a time of fellowship, faith, and food with your Deacons.

Call the church office (825-5725) to make your reservation by May 3.



Meeting
Monday May 6
@ 10am
Church Library



BLOOD DRIVE

Together, we can save a life

Tuesday, May 7, 2pm-7pm

Fellowship Hall

who's your **ONE?**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday Apr 21

- 9:00 Traditional Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Service
- 5:30 Youth Worship
- 6:00 Small Groups

Wednesday Apr 24

- 7:00am Bended Knee Society
- 8:15am Daniel Plan
- 6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting
- 7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

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Becky Wilder

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JOIN US FOR
EASTER
CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOUR

THURS APR 18—7PM, MAUNDY THURSDAY & COMMUNION @ FBC
FRI APR 19—NOON, GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & LIGHT LUNCH @ FVUMC
SAT APR 20—10AM—NOON EASTER EGG HUNT AGES 3-10 @ FBC
SUN APR 21—7AM, COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE @ FVUMC
9AM & 11AM WORSHIP SERVICES@FBC

THE DANIEL PLAN
Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Come and join us and learn to glorify God in the way we eat, move and think!

Wednesdays @ 8:15am

Exercise Days: Monday & Friday @ 8:15am



HAVE YOU JOINED ONE YET? **small groups** **CONNECT GROW SERVE**

Small Groups Sundays @ 6:00pm

Adult Study: "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way"

@ Lucille Parham's (1771 Hwy 49)

Women's Study: Jen Wilkin's The Sermon on the Mount @ FBC

Fellowship Hall upstairs

College/Career – McQueen's home

Daycare is available on Sunday nights from 5 to 8 at the church.

Bended Knee Society



Wednesdays
7am-8am
Church Library

TITHES & OFFERINGS

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BETTER TOGETHER</u>
Weekly Needs	\$6,441	Apr 14, 2019 \$75
Apr 14, 2019	\$3,878	Received YTD \$1,295
Required YTD	\$100,910	
Received YTD	\$94,679	

ATTENDANCE: Bible Study: 60 Worship: 48 & 25



Monday-Thursday

8:30-4:30

Closed for lunch

12:00-12:45

Friday

8:30-2:30