

POINTS OF THE SPEER

On Monday the world stood in shock as Notre Dame Cathedral burned in Paris. The blaze broke out at 6:50 p.m. local time and quickly spread along the roof of the cathedral.. It took firefighters hours to bring the fire under control as much of the nave was constructed of ancient timbers that fueled the flame and came crashing through the roof. The Cathedral took over 100 years to build and has become perhaps the most recognizable church in the world. It has stood for over 850 years and is visited more than any other French landmark. It has survived, wars, protests, and time.

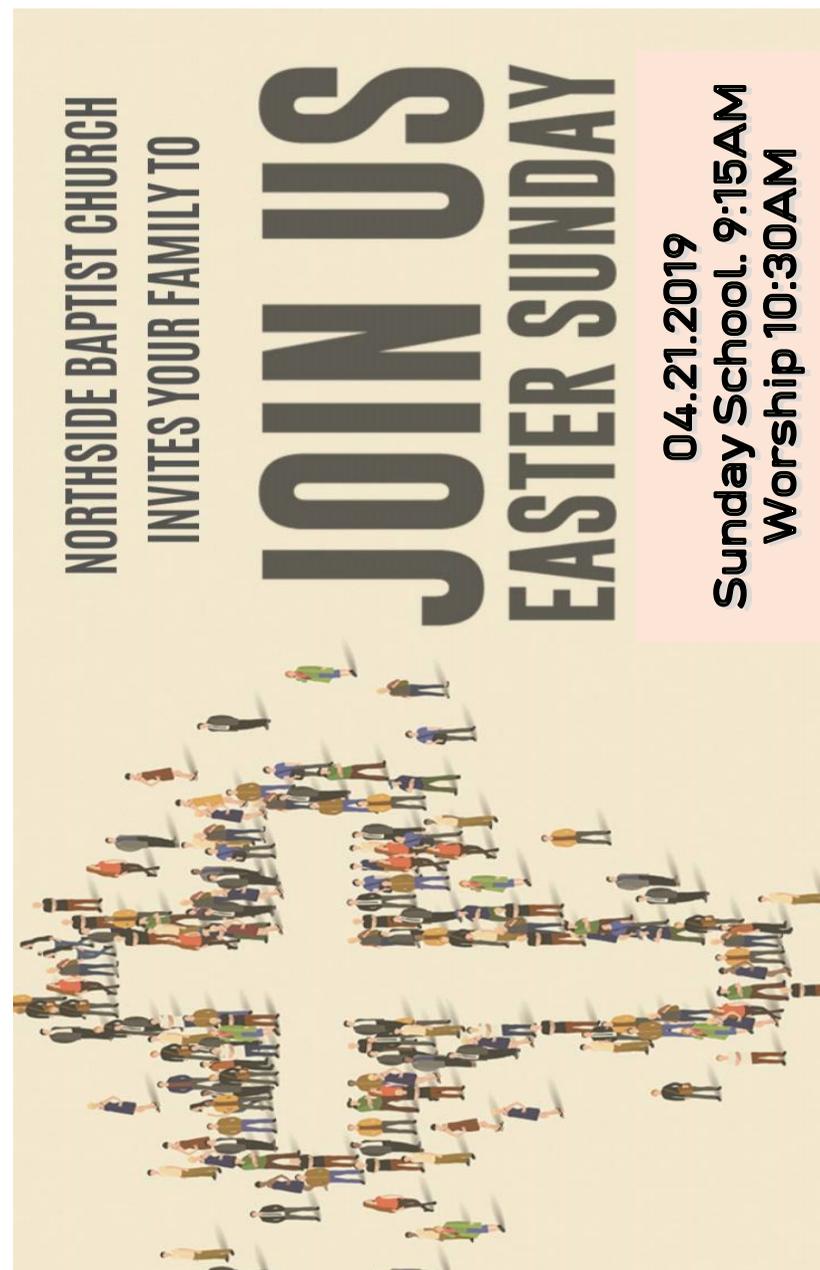
President Trump said, "The United States stands with French citizens, the city of Paris, and the millions of visitors from around the world who have sought solace in that iconic structure," the statement reads. "The Cathedral has served as a spiritual home for almost a millennium, and we are saddened to witness the damage to this architectural masterpiece. Notre Dame will continue to serve as a symbol of France, including its freedom of religion and democracy. France is the oldest ally of the United States, and we remember with grateful hearts the tolling of Notre Dame's bells on September 12, 2001, in solemn recognition of the tragic September 11th attacks on American soil. Those bells will sound again. We stand with France today and offer our assistance in the rehabilitation of this irreplaceable symbol of Western civilization. Vive la France!"

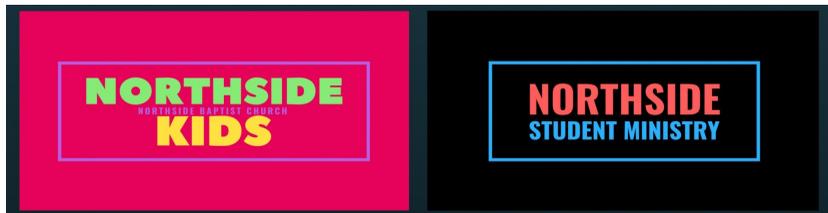
While my heart breaks over this tragedy, I am even more concerned over the fact that The French Institute of Public Opinion says that just 15.2 per cent of French people attended any church at least occasionally, with only 4.5 per cent worshipping every week. In America, there has also been a great drop in attendance and more than 100,000 people did not attend a single service in Columbus, Georgia last year. We join the people of France mourning the loss of this special church and we pray for its reconstruction. Perhaps we should ask, "If your church burned down would it change your week?" Even more we must pray that people throughout the world will recognize the importance of worshipping the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Looking for you in Worship,



Invite
SOMEONE
TO JOIN YOU THIS
EASTER
April 21, 2019





“It’s Friday, but Sunday’s coming!”

- S.M. Lockridge (1913-2000)

One of the most powerful sermons I’ve ever heard came when my Baptist Campus Minister quoted Lockridge’s powerful reminder of how we share in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. There is no worse pain than what Jesus experienced as His body was beaten within an inch of death. His resolve was continuously hit with flaming arrows of hate. He was under attack from all sides by the very ones He would give His life to save. While being held to the torturous cross by nails driven into His flesh, Jesus prayed to God to forgive those who wanted and even participated in nailing Him up to die. Jesus knew what was coming.

What are you worried about today? What’s hurting you? What rebellious sins are you secretly indulging in? Your worries, your hurts, your sins, and your eternity are the reason Jesus chose to give His life. He knew you’d get through whatever it is you are going through or it would kill you. He made a way— the way— to win even in death. He paved the pathway to peace, purpose, and eternal paradise through His perfectly obediently life on earth, His death on the cross, and then His resurrection three days later.

Why not let Jesus arrest death in your life? Why not surrender all your worries, hurts, and sins to Him? There’s a better day coming for you if you choose Jesus and then follow Him daily. After all, “It’s Friday, but Sunday’s coming! HE IS RISEN!

- Bro. Eric



I hope you came Sunday night to hear our choir sing wonderful songs that honor our Savior and remind us what the Easter season is all about. Thank you choir for another wonderful night of music and giving our church another reason to celebrate Easter every day! I am thankful for the focus you give to music, to our church and the joy the music brings to all of us.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

This stanza comes from the son “Yet Not I But Through Christ is Me” and it’s based on Galatians 2:20 where Paul discusses our freedom from the law through Christ. The verse says

“I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Such a wonderful verse to read and think about as we get to Easter! The Father sent His Son to die for us and all our sin on the cross. The price Jesus paid for us is indescribable because it’s full of love, compassion and joy for us as children of God. Our Easter service will be wonderful as we rejoice in the victory over sin, death and the grave, but the greatest celebration is in Heaven as God, the angels and every Christian celebrates Easter every day!

Praising Our Savior,

Jake

Sunday, April 21st

Death Was Arrested

It Was Finished on the Cross

One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)



AM NURSERY

Sandy Pirkle
Chanin Mason

Judy Crawford
Ronnie Holt

PM NURSERY

Mike & Lisa Whaley

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Anita Jackson
Mike Whaley

Bethany Collins
Lisa Whaley

USHERS

Harold Johnson
George Gordon

Carroll Smith
Grady Vinson

Ron Hethcox
Don Watson

Larry Jones
Keith Parker

SECURITY: Gerald Bedgood

Keith Parker

LOCK-UP: Jack Robershaw

Bill Smith

TELLERS: Grady Vinson

Alan Kitts

CLERK: Sharon Vaughn

DEACON of the Wk: Don Johnston

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
4:45 PM Choir Practice
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM AWANA
7:00 PM Prayer & Worship
7:00 PM Student Worship
8:00 PM Choir Practice