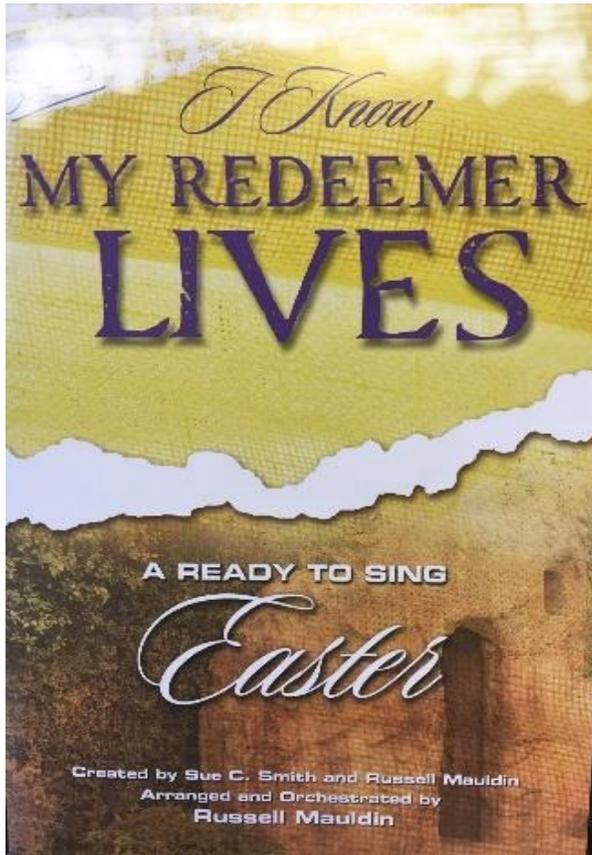


PURPOSE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

APRIL 2019



April 14th Sunday Morning Service Purpose Baptist Church Choir

The Choir will be performing

'I know my Redeemer Lives'

during the morning service. Be sure to make plans to be here for this history making event told through this uplifting Easter musical.

Purpose Baptist Service Schedule

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Korean Service	12:30 p.m.
Sunday Night	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Breakfast is Served!!

A light breakfast is served every Sunday morning (until further notice) before Sunday School, 9:00-9:30A.M., in the Church Fellowship Hall

April 20th - Saturday Children's Easter Celebration

Parents bring the kids from 11am until 1pm. Instead of the traditional hunt, we will organize an Easter hunt which includes symbols of Holy Week and Easter. Then we will come together and have a Bible story with the symbols the kids hunted for... we will also have pizza and some games.

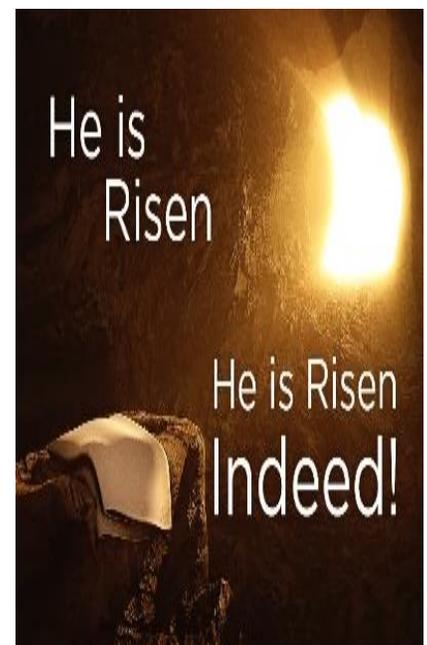
See Lauren Hartzog for more information.

Jesus Centered

Easter Activities

For

Children





EASTER MAKES ME THINK OF LOVE

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Easter is upon us. It's just around the corner so to speak. It seems our hearts break out into a festive mode. And that's good. You know, Easter egg hunts, big luscious dinners are waiting for us, family members come to spend some time...to make pictures and tell funny stories of the past.

But, for some reason, **we only** think about what Christ went through while on the cross to save all his friends and others...while we sit on a pew in church on Easter or in Sunday School. Our hearts truly feel anxiety when we think of the death He went through. The pastor speaks of the different hardships Christ endured on His way to the cross and how God must have felt when He watched what was happening to His only begotten Son. The sadness is all but overwhelming; it takes all we can do to keep from crying, and sometimes we do anyway. Then after the service is over and the dinner bell is rung by the pastor's closing prayer, we make our way to the nearest lunch! How long is His death discussed or even thought about after we leave the church service? I'm not accusing anyone more than I accuse myself.

The meaning of Easter like so many other things about Christ has been watered down, or we have been desensitized to the event through the years until what He did for us simply ebbs away in our Sunday conversation with our family and friends....then they leave. Then it's time to watch TV or go to bed, after all we are full of food and a good Word from our pastor, but the conversation about life, death and the resurrection is over until next year.

I realize this is a rather strong message at Easter time, but brothers and sisters His return is not far away. He gave His life up for us!!! I have wondered why Jesus stayed here on this earth for only thirty-three years. Maybe some of you know why, if you do please share the answer with me. The only thing I have been able to even guess at, is because this world is so full of sin and twisted, He just could no longer endure this place called earth. It truly must hurt Him deeply to see how we are so unappreciative of His death.

All I am saying, the truth hurts sometimes, but it's always better knowing the truth. I just know for myself I have got to get closer to the Lord, not wait on a heart wrenching message from my pastor to stir my soul up. I have to bend my knees more and truly cry out to the very One who has saved me from eternal hell and tell Him how much I thank Him for what He has done for me and you. It won't be long before He arrives.

Easter egg hunts, big dinners, conversing with the family and friends are fine. It makes our hearts merry and full of gladness. There is nothing wrong with that, but as for me I am going to try to remind myself a lot more often of what my Savior has done for me. I don't know about Easter eggs in Heaven, but I do know about a big Supper and I want to be there. I'll see you there.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE.



From the Desk of Pastor Tom Grantham

We here in the United States are facing some of the gravest challenges to our nation that we have ever faced. I know that's quite a statement, given that we have endured a civil war, two world wars, the great depression, and a war in Viet Nam that was widely and vociferously challenged as unjustified by a large segment of the population. The fact is that we survived all of that.

I firmly believe that the reason why we survived these threats to our nation is that God's hand was on us. During each of these difficult periods in our history, despite the fact that there was much that was wrong in our country, the core beliefs of the nation were solid, and the allegiance to these core beliefs were pretty much a requirement for anyone wanting to hold political office. (Whether they actually believed all of them, or whether their actions were always a reflection of them, they at least had to pretend to believe them in order to get elected.)

Many of you remember when Superman was introduced to the American public. His fight was for "truth, justice and the American way." It was during a time when these values were not only recognized as virtuous, but as values that were worthy of defending.

Unfortunately, truth has become a rare commodity. Whether you are talking about "fake news" or the latest propaganda from politicians – from the left and the right- or even just honest answers about what our children are being taught in school, "truth" has become very elusive.

Justice? I suppose there has always been a two-tiered justice system in America. The rich and powerful always seemed to be able to get away with more than the average Joe. But it seems to me that this has taken on a different tone. It seems that if you want any protection under the law, you had better make sure you're on the "politically correct" side of the issue.

Unfortunately for us as Christians, our beliefs often put us on the "incorrect" side. The left's push for abortion on demand, gay marriage and recognition and acceptance of transgenders are just the latest in their assault against traditional Christian (and American) values.

And now the assault has begun on "the American way." The concepts of free enterprise and individual responsibility, the rights guaranteed us by the Constitution, freedom of expression – they're all under attack. The basic foundations of our nation are on the verge of being sacrificed on the altar of political correctness and "progressivism."

What are we to do? We have heard over and over again the admonition from II Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Are we – the church, those called by His name – willing to do this? Are we willing to humble ourselves, to admit that we do not have the answers to the problems that we face? Are we willing to get serious about prayer for our nation and our leaders? Are we willing to seek the face and the favor of God in all that we do? Are we willing to turn from our own sin and seek the righteousness of God?

I truly believe that the answers to these questions will determine the fate of our nation.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's Breakfast	3	4 Norma Bush	5	6 Men's Mthly Breakfast & Ministry Outreach Day 8am Fellowship Hall
7 Mark Trammel Quartet Concert	8	9 Greg & Candace Konietzky	10	11 Foodbank Delivery	12	13 Elaine Pouncey
14 Choir Performing 'I know my Redeemer lives' 11 am Service	15	16 Men's Breakfast	17	18 Vic Lacy Keith & Cindy Bryant	19	20 Children's Easter Celebration 11am - 1 pm
21 	22 Phil Segrest	23	24 Elaine Chandler 4 th Wed. Luncheon after Bible Study	25 Jaycie Segrest Elizabeth Owens Jerome & Jo Couch Foodbank Delivery	26 Jerome Couch Game Night	27
28	29 Joyce Tesney Steve & Jennifer Sammons	30 Jean Lacy Men's Breakfast				