



Dear Ladies,

In thinking about what to write to you as we prepare to celebrate Easter, I remembered two unusual gifts I received one Christmas, and how I reflected on the truth that without one we could not have the other. These gifts were a wreath of thorns and a tree of life.

The wreath, or crown, of thorns was fashioned from the fallen branches of a thorn tree by a dear friend as it picked and bloodied her hands. The tree of life is etched on both sides of a silver pendant to bind at my neck, reminding me of the One who indeed gives me life and life abundantly (John 10:10).

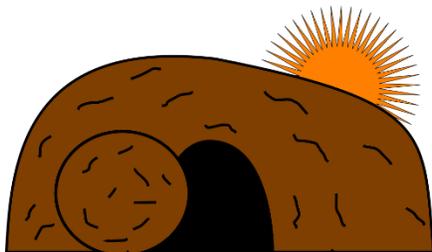
Two images that should not co-exist: a crown of sharp, slender spikes intended to cause pain, to draw blood and to mock the claims of our Savior. And a tree of life that conjures images of a green, lush, bountiful giver of life to all who partake of its fruit.

Yet I know that without the death of the suffering Savior who wore that crown of thorns, the tree of life would be out of reach for us, sinful people who continue to choose our way over His, just as Adam and Eve chose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil over the tree of life in the Garden of Eden.

So, this Easter season, as I think on those long, pointed daggers driven deeply into my Savior's scalp before His head drooped in death, I think of this line from the song "The Mighty Cross": "His sacrifice on Calvary has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me." I cling to that tree of life in humble, amazed worship and thanksgiving that Jesus willingly and purposefully came and died that I might live.

Praying that this life-giving truth resonates with you as well as we mark not only Jesus' death but His glorious resurrection!

~Molly Baker, 2018 WM President



**HE IS RISEN!**

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do You believe this?" John 11:25-26*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 27 AND APRIL 24, 10:00-11:00 A.M.-** *Ladies Bible study on the book of Judges. Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month in BAB #10.*

**APRIL 1- Easter Sunday**  
**7:00- Sunrise Service**  
**9:00- Sunday School**  
**10:00- Worship**

**APRIL 21, 9:00-11:00- Donuts and Dust Bunnies**  
*Come help us do some spring cleaning to ready the facilities for Homecoming! We will gather in the gym at 9:00 for donuts and then disperse to accomplish various tasks. A nursery will be provided for the littlest ones, but kids and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate!*

**APRIL 21, Catawba Presbytery Meet and Greet at Lancaster ARP.**  
*A light breakfast is served at 9:00, and lunch is provided. RSVP by April 11 to Stacy Pokopac at [onahill@comporium.net](mailto:onahill@comporium.net) or (803) 285-1578. I hope some of you ladies will be able to go and represent us!*

**MAY 6- Homecoming Sunday!** *Dr. Boyce Wilson will be preaching!*



**APRIL CIRCLE OFFERING GOES TO FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE.**