



LIVING HOPE BAPTIST
CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OUR NEXT CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 7:15PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- PASSION WEEK SERVICES: THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 6:30 PM AT OUR CALVARY CAMPUS, WE WILL OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH PASTOR REED. FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD AT 6:30 PM AT OUR CALVARY CAMPUS, PASTOR JACOB WILL BE PREACHING ON THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. EASTER SUNDAY WE WILL GATHER AT OUR REGULAR SERVICE TIMES WITH PASTOR DARRELL PREACHING.
- WE WILL BE HOSTING A BABY SHOWER FOR JENSEN HENDRICKS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- OUR SENIOR ADULTS WILL BE TRAVELING TO PRINCETON TO ATTEND THE BOOMER SENIOR CELEBRATION ON APRIL 21ST AT 8:45 AM.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 10:30 AM WILL BE THE ANNUAL GARDENING PARTY FOR OUR WOMEN'S MINISTRY. THE LADIES WILL MEET AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS FOR SNACKS BEFORE DISPERSING TO BOTH CAMPUSES TO PLANT FLOWERS.

CHURCH EVENTS

- APR. 1ST - CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
- APR. 2ND - PASSION WEEK SERVICE WITH PASTOR REED
- APR. 3RD - PASSION WEEK SERVICE WITH PASTOR JACOB
- APR. 5TH - EASTER SUNDAY
- APR. 12TH - BABY SHOWER FOR JENSEN HENDRICKS
- APR. 21ST - BOOMER SENIOR CELEBRATION
- APR. 25TH - WOMEN'S MINISTRY GARDENING PARTY

He Had to Die

Encouragement from Pastor Darrell Crawford

But when they entered, (the tomb) they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." Luke 24:3-7.

I am excited as we enter the month of April for many reasons: spring is here! Cold weather is soon to leave for a long time! Flowers are in bloom, and we begin mowing and enjoying the outdoors. Baseball starts to be in full swing and summer is just around the corner. I love April. But the sweetest thing we should think about as we enter into April is on our calendar - we are reminded of the resurrection of Jesus all across the world! Our entire religion is based on the truth that Jesus rose from the grave which means death and sin have been defeated.

For a few minutes as we begin this month, consider the empty tomb. The women who went to the tomb early that Sunday morning, went to the tomb to remember the great teachings and life of Jesus. They went to the tomb to honor Jesus. They went there most definitely expecting to find the body of the dead Jesus. They knew He had died. They were met by angels giving them a glorious rebuke - "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen." Many today may think of Jesus like these women did on that day. Jesus was a founder of a new religion. Jesus was a great example to follow. So, these liberal followers argue that the resurrection was not a literal resurrection but only spiritual, and Easter means that His way continues through His followers. Angels put an end to that thought. "He is NOT here, but He has risen." Jesus did not just rise spiritually - Jesus rose literally!

Perhaps the reason some misunderstand the resurrection is that they misunderstand His death. Notice in verse 6-7, "Remember how He spoke to you...Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." Angels say not just that He did die, but that He must die. The women at the empty tomb that day knew that Jesus had died, but they didn't understand that He had to die. The death of Jesus was not just some example to give an ethical model or resist in civil disobedience. NO, Jesus had to die. The Bible says the soul that sins shall surely die (Ezekiel 18:20). The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). So, the righteous requirement of sin is death. All have sinned (Romans 3:23). So, the only hope for anyone to live eternally and defeat death is to live perfect. That is a problem! No one has. So, we do not need an example - we need a Savior! Jesus comes into the world born of a virgin. He lives sinlessly, and dies as our substitute, in our place, paying the righteous payment for our sin. He not only did die, He had to die. Romans 6 tells us that when He was buried, He buried our sin with Him, and so in His resurrection, all who trust in Him, not as an example, but as a substitute, are now forgiven, redeemed, and empowered to walk in the newness of life. Because Jesus rose, we have risen spiritually, and we will rise literally! John 11:25-26 says, "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

May we be driven to worship Jesus as we remember the resurrection. Worship as we sing and assemble together. Worship as we spend time with family, as we work and as we share the glorious story that our Lord rose from the grave because He had to die to pay for our sins! Walk with your King!