



# CYF News

## March & April 2018

### **March:**

We are back to Wednesday Nights!! The youth voted on which night worked the best and Wednesday night was the vote.

#### Wednesday Night Rotations:

March: Mr. Lamar

April: TBD

### **MARCH MADNESS IS HERE!**

Look for the flyer to see how you can participate and win March Madness Youth Group Style! Will you win?? Let the competition begin! The lessons for the month of March will focus on Christ's road to the resurrection...don't miss out!

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** \$25 deposit due for IMPACT: Guyton 2018

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Palm Sunday: Easter Party for Younger Youth. Please come to share in the joy of the season as well as hide the eggs for the hunt!

**March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Maundy Thursday Service: Plan to be there. I will sign the youth up for the prayer room for a 2 hour block. Use this time to pray about who you want to be, where you want to see our group go, and what you want to accomplish.

### **The Rock's Theme Verse:**

The LORD is my  
rock, my  
fortress and my  
deliverer; my  
God is my rock,  
in whom I take  
refuge, my  
shield and the  
horn of my  
salvation, my  
stronghold.

*Psalm 18:2*

# **April:**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Easter Sunday!

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Early Bird Special for Camp Christian Summer Camps deadline

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** The second registration deadline for Camp Christian Summer Camps.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>:** \$50 due for IMPACT: Guyton 2018

## **The Life-Changing Power of the Cross and the Resurrection**

By Debbie McDaniel

*“Jesus answered, “**I am the way and the truth and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.” **John 14:6** The cross is empty and so is the tomb.*

You can try to bury Power, but it won't stay there. You can try to bury Truth, but it is not dead. You can try to bury Love, but it cannot be contained. Jesus is alive, He won the victory of sin and death. And He's still the same, even in all the days after the Easter weekend. He never changes. He made a way for us to live free. No other truth in history has the ability to change our lives and affect our future like this. Yet so many still choose to reject Christ's sacrifice and love. He offers us a choice today, and it's the best decision you could ever make. What Christ's Death on the Cross and the Power of His Resurrection Offers: It provides a bridge, a way, to God. It gives us an opportunity to have a personal relationship with the very God who made us and loves us more than we could imagine. Without the cross, there is no way to cross over to the other side of relationship with him. Any attempt will fail. He is the Only Way. It provides opportunity for forgiveness of sin. Through the price that Jesus paid on Calvary, we have the chance to be forgiven of our own sin. He took our sin and shame upon his very shoulders. He took the blows on our behalf so we wouldn't have to suffer. Such incredible love. Such amazing sacrifice.-It provides freedom to all those who believe. Freedom from the shackles of sin. Freedom from shame. Freedom from fear. Freedom from worry. Freedom from hopelessness. Freedom from despair. Freedom from addiction. Freedom from guilt. Freedom from darkness and eternal separation from God.-It provides new life. We are not only forgiven and set free, but we have a whole new life and destiny through Christ. We are changed, from the inside. He renews our minds. He changes our hearts and desires. He gives us fresh purpose for every day set before us. -It provides power for us to live today. When Jesus died on the cross, and was buried, it didn't stop there. The final picture of all that the cross provides lies in the

powerful Resurrection of our Lord. He won. He didn't stay dead. His power broke through, and that same power is alive within us today. As believers, God gives us the power of the Holy Spirit, living and moving through us each day. -It provides the way to have victory over the enemy. We don't have to fear him or his attacks. As we live aware of his traps, the power of Christ over our lives gives us a covering and protection from his evil schemes. We're not left to fend for ourselves. We don't fight in our own strength. We can stand strong in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ. -It provides for us an eternal heavenly home. We never need to fear about what will happen when we die. In Christ we have been given the gift of eternal life. This earth is only our temporary home. God is preparing a place for us, with him, to live forever. And you can be assured it will be far greater than we could ever imagine.

*"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1  
Cor.15:57*

**Intersecting [Faith](#) & Life:** Dear God, thank you for your great gift of love and sacrifice, so that we can live free. Thank you for the power of the cross and the Resurrection. We ask that the truth of it all sinks deeply into our hearts and changes us forever. Fill us fresh with your Spirit today. In Jesus' Name, Amen

**Further Reading:**

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

[John 8:36](#)

[Ephesians 1:7](#)

[Acts 1:8](#)

*Blessings,  
Ms. Nancy*