Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

Easter Sunday Worship Service
April 4th
10:40am

We will meet in the fellowship hall with plenty of room to social distance. Invite a friend!

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Illinois Baptist Women’s Conference
On-line April 23-24

Speakers: Evangelist/teacher Anne Graham Lotz (daughter of Billy Graham), inspirational speaker Betsy Bolick, and women’s leader Missie Branch

“Abide: God’s Spirit in Me,” which is the theme for the April event.

The online cost is $30, including materials which will be shipped to participants, or $15 to attend online without materials.

Register now @ IBSA.org/women
From My Heart to Yours

by Pastor David

“I serve a Risen Savior, He’s in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say.” The fact that Jesus makes all the difference in my life! “He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way…You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart.” These words are not just words I sing to celebrate Christ’s Resurrection. These are words that I live by. Just like the words to another song- “Because He lives I can face tomorrow!” In the world in which we live, the words “He has risen!” take on an even greater meaning. In this world that is struggling to come out of the Covid pandemic, we have something much greater than a vaccine who offers real hope. We have the Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is our only hope! Our LIVING Hope! Bring someone with you this Sunday as we celebrate the great eternal news “He has Risen!”

As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, we have some exciting ministry and outreach opportunities ahead:

* June 7-11 is our Kids’ Camp for grades 3rd-6th and 7th-12th at Streator. The cost is $165.00. Information sheets and registration forms are available from the church office. Scholarships are available if needed for those who need help with the registration fee.
* “Destination Dig” Vacation Bible School is also coming up July 25-29. If you haven’t already signed up to help and would be available, please let Patricia or I know.

As always, I love you and I love being your Pastor!

Al’s ½ Note

Everywhere we look, we see new life bursting forth. Many trees are starting to bud and in a short time they will bring new leaves. Small shoots are starting to poke their new tender leaves and buds from the ground. A few varieties of flowers have already developed into full blooms showing an array of vibrant colors. Before long, all flowers, trees and plants will develop into a huge conglomeration of colors, sizes, and shapes that only the Good Lord can bring. All of this reminds me of the new life, growth, and beauty we receive only in Christ Jesus. About two thousand years ago the world received new life in the resurrection of Jesus. Easter celebrates this new life, and we can burst forth in new life when we have Him as our Lord and Savior. The way we live shows the new life we have in Him, and only in Him. There is no other Savior that can accomplish this, only Jesus. In this world where we are now experiencing so much hate, discourse and strife in so many forms everywhere we look, we should be the beacons of hope and life. Our lives should be showing the new life we have in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We need to do everything in our power to show Jesus to others. He’s the only answer! PERIOD!

Even if all hell is surrounding us, we can take confidence in Jesus. In Psalm 23 we read: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for though art with me, your rod and staff comfort me.” Ephesians 5 tells us the attitude that we should have in and toward Him: “Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord”. Even in the middle of turmoil and strife, we can sprout buds of faith and service in Christ Jesus. What are we exhibiting in our life? New life… that’s what Easter is all about. Let us burst forth in glorious splendor to this world.

“Let others see Jesus in you”.

Luv ya’ll!

VBS 2021
July 25-30

Time to grab your gear and head to present-day Israel as we plan for this year’s VBS. Contact Patricia if you would like to join the excavation team.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering collection will continue through April.
Sunday Youth Group
5:00-6:00pm
Sunday, April 11th.
It’s time to “REFOCUS” as a youth group. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Camp 2021
June 7-11
Grades 3-6 & 7-12
Cost- $165
Contact Pastor for more info.
If you would like to help provide scholarships for children’s camp, mark your envelope “kid’s camp”.

Weekly sermons are available on the church website- www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org and the Meadowbrook Facebook page.

Go to www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org or the Meadowbrook Facebook page and click on the rightnow MEDIA banner. Great evangelistic tool for your family, friends & neighbors as we look towards Easter.

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Thank you for being faithful to the Lord! He has continued to bless Meadowbrook through your faithful giving during this difficult year.
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Sunday Schedule
9:30a.m. - Bible Study  
     suspended due to COVID-19
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship
5:00p.m. – Youth Focus

Wednesday Schedule
6:30p.m. - Praise Team
7:00p.m. – TeamKID
     suspended due to COVID-19

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please let Pastor know.

†Faithful Servants in April†

Nursery: Babies - Two's  Three's - Five's  Safety
4th  No nursery until further notice  --  Mike Crocker
11th  --  --  Todd Brummett
18th  --  --  John Cribbett
25th  --  --  Ray Lancaster

Ushers  Tellers
4th  --  --
11th  --  --
18th  --  --
25th  --  --

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