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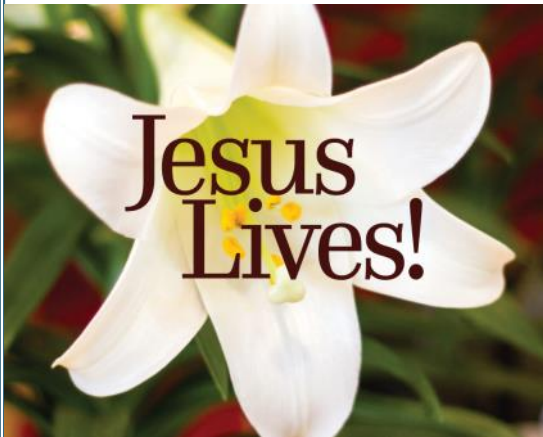


YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART!

Why the Resurrection Matters

By Billy Ford, Pastor

One time as a young college student I opted to take traffic school after receiving a moving violation. Figuring I'd be pretty bored sitting through the long class, I was interested to discover that I could attend a comedy version of the school. The instructor turned out to be a funny guy, but I noticed that he told a few jokes that put down Christians. During an extended break I approached him to find out where he was coming from. He explained that he was part of Baha'i, a religion whose adherents believe that all religions are basically true – at least that's what they claim to believe. But when he found that I was a Christian he immediately set in on attacking the resurrection of Jesus. He asked me why believing that Jesus rose from the dead physically was so important. Couldn't Jesus have simply risen spiritually without a body? Isn't it enough to believe that Jesus' spirit is still alive?



I did my best to testify to the resurrection of Jesus that day. I knew enough of the Bible to refer vaguely to Scriptures like Luke 24:39 in which the risen Jesus says, "Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." But he kept asking me why it was so important that Jesus rose bodily, and I didn't know enough to answer that. I also didn't realize how essential the question is and how Christianity itself hinges on it. The Apostle Paul even said, "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14). That is why this Baha'i

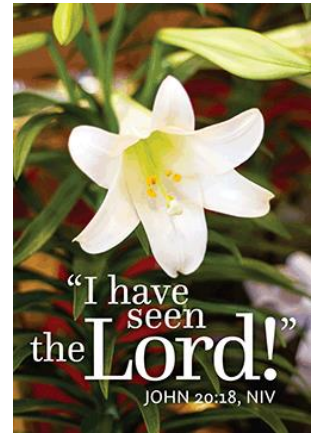
devotee was intent on challenging the Resurrection. He knew something that I had taken for granted: the Resurrection sets Jesus Christ apart from every other spiritual leader in history and it validates all the radical claims he made about himself.

For early Christians the heart of the message was clear: Jesus is alive and we have seen him with our own eyes! When the apostles decided to replace Judas with a new leader, the position they were filling had a very specific job description: "... one of these must become a witness with us of *his resurrection*" (Acts 1:22). A few chapters later we read that, "With great power the apostles *continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all*" (Acts 4:33). This earth-shattering news has been going out to all the world ever since and it has eternal implications.

Alfred H. Ackley was a Christian author and composer. He was conducting an evangelistic meeting when a young Jewish student challenged him by asking, "Why should I worship a dead Jew?" How would you have responded to this question? Ackley's response was full of conviction: "He lives! I tell you, He is not dead, but lives here and now! Jesus Christ is more alive today than ever before. I can prove it by my own experience, as well as the testimony of countless thousands." The student ended up coming to faith in Christ! Inspired by this experience, Ackley sat down at a piano and wrote the beloved hymn He Lives which includes the words "You ask me how I know He lives? *He lives within my heart.*"

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As Christians we have been entrusted with this same good news. It is our mission to announce the resurrection of Jesus Christ – to announce Easter far and wide. Resurrection Sunday falls this year on April 21st. I want to challenge you to pause and pray right now about who you can talk to between now and then – who you can announce Easter to and invite to church. Easter provides a great opportunity for inviting people because in our culture many will only come on that day. We will be handing out Easter invitations to you soon so you can use them to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, fellow students, and complete strangers to church on Resurrection Sunday. As you do this, you will be carrying on the work of the first disciples of Jesus, pointing people to the living Savior of the world.



Festival of the Arts



Join us for an evening full of young talent
Sunday May 19, 6-9 pm

There will be music, drama, artwork, culinary arts and a silent auction.

Suggested donation of \$5 per person includes
an assortment of appetizers and desserts

There will also be a Silent Auction located in the showcase room

This event is a fundraiser for our Youth Camp Fund.

Last Hike of the year

LET'S GO HIKING!

Enjoy the outdoors?
Want to explore the SCV?
Need some exercise?

EVERY MONTH WE WILL VENTURE OUT TO
DIFFERENT HIKING SPOTS IN OR AROUND THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 20 - Quigley Canyon

Meeting in the parking area indicated, **at 10 am**

For more info call Ginger Ogg at (661) 219-5544



Have you joined a Life Group yet?

**We have new life groups forming
Now is a great time to join one!**



- **The Copperhill Life Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1pm
- **The Saugus Life Group** also meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, at 6:30pm
- **The Mores' Life Group** meets on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm
- **PRIMEtime** meets every Friday at 2pm in Room B7 at the church
- **The McCullums' Life Group** meets twice per month on Fridays at 6:30pm (but only on April 5 this month due to the Good Friday service)

Need more information? Call the church office at 661-481-0801.

Dates to Remember

- April 13 - Church workday, 9am
- April 19 - Good Friday Communion Service, 7 pm
- April 21 - Easter Services, 9 & 11am (brunch at 10:20am)
- April 26-28 - Women's Retreat at Thousand Pines
- May 19 - Festival of the Arts fundraiser, 6-8pm
- May 26 - Pancake Breakfast Hopi fundraiser, 10:30am
- June 24-28 - Vacation Bible School
- July 6-12 - Hopi Reservation Mission Trip
- July 21-26 - Summer Camp for kids & teens at
Thousand Pines



Spiritual Growth Opportunity This Summer!

One of the greatest ways to grow spiritually is to go on a

Short Term Mission Trip.

This summer, BCC is providing an opportunity to “LIVE OUT” the love of God that we hope you will prayerfully consider.

When: July 6 - 12 (Sat - Fri)

Where: Sunlight Community Church,
Hopi Native American reservation, AZ

What: After training, our team will go to the Hopi Reservation in Northern AZ to serve one of the local Hopi churches, Sunlight Community Church. Depending on the team's gifts we will most likely provide a 3 day VBS for kids; Sports ministry (basketball tournament?) for teens; local outreach through food boxes to 10-15 families and maintenance on the pastor's home. This church also has recovery and sewing groups we can plug into. We will end our trip with an adventure somewhere in the area (maybe Antelope Canyon and Horseshoe Bend).

201 Class: This class is a pre-requisite for the trip. It begins on Sunday April 7, at 9am and runs for 9 weeks.

401 Class: This will include 6 meetings beginning in May and leading up to the trip. Day and time of meeting TBD based depending on team needs.

Cost: \$375 per person (scholarships may be available)

Impact: Your life will be changed forever, as will the people of Hopi!

Interested? Please sign the interest sheet on the resource table, PRAY about whether God is calling you to participate. You need to fill out the application sheet, also on the resource table, and along with a \$50 deposit, hand it in to the church office.



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:15a Prayer Meeting 12n Care Meeting	2 6:45p Men's Study	3 8:30p Young Adults	4 6:30p Mores' Life Group	5 2p PRIMEtime 6:30p McCullum Life Grp	6 6:30p Harp & Bowl
7 9 & 11a Worship 9a 201 Class 9:30a Teen Bible Study 10:40a 101 Class	8 10:15a Prayer Meeting	9 7a Walking Group 8:30a Ladies Coffee Connect 6:30p HS Planning meeting 6:45p Men's Study	10 6:30p - Stellar Kids Adult Studies Jr High High School 8:30p Young Adults	11 7p Leadership Board	12 2p PRIMEtime	13 9a Church Work Day
14 9 & 11a Worship & Baptism 9a 201 Class 9:30a Teen Bible Study 1p Copperhill Life Grp 6:30p Saugus Life Grp	15 10:15a Prayer Meeting 7:30p Missions Meeting	16 6:45p Men's Study	17 6:30p - Stellar Kids Adult Studies Jr High High School 8:30p Young Adults	18 6:30p Mores' Life Group	19 Good Friday 7p Communion Service	20 10a Hiking at Quigley Cyn 6:30p Harp & Bowl
21 Easter Sunday 9 & 11a Worship 10:20a Brunch	22 10:15a Prayer Meeting	23 7a Walking Group 8:30a Ladies Coffee Connect 6:45p Men's Study	24 6:30p Stellar Kids Adult Studies Jr High High School 8:30p Young Adults	25 6:30p More's Life Group	26 27 Ladies Retreat at Thousand Pines 2p PRIMEtime	
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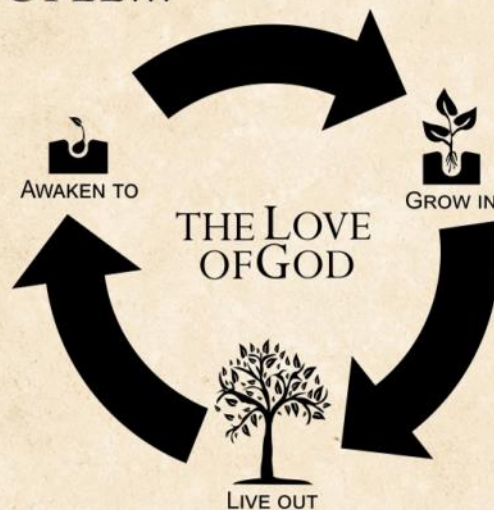
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REALLY WELL. WE HELP PEOPLE...

AWAKEN TO THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE LOVE OF GOD, AND
LIVE OUT THE LOVE OF GOD.



OUR CORE VALUES SUPPORT OUR PURPOSE AND HELP TO
MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND BALANCED MINISTRY.

Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.
- Proverbs 4:23

IT IS OUR AIM THAT THE “HEART” OF BCC'S MINISTRY WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY:

HARVEST VISION – We will keep our eyes on the harvest fields, those who don't yet know God in the sphere of influence He has given us (John 4:35).

EMPOWERED MINISTRY – In order to be a help and blessing to all people, we will operate by the love of God, consistent prayer, excellent training, and the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18).

AUTHENTIC WORSHIP – We will love and honor God by living lifestyles of genuine worship, faith, and Christ-likeness. We will not simply offer our community a philosophy, but will be a place where people can experience genuine encounters with the true and living God (Matthew 22:37).

RELATIONAL COMMITMENT – We will be a dedicated spiritual family, devoted to one another and maintaining a culture of love, grace, and forgiveness (Romans 12:5).

TRUTHFUL TEACHING – Devoted to the truth of God's Word in Scripture, we will present it in a way that makes sense and helps people to grow into spiritually mature disciples (1 Timothy 4:13).