

You Don't Appreciate What You Have Until You Lose It

Isn't it amazing how much we take things for granted? We become so accustomed to what we have that we forget to be thankful for it. That is often seen in the marital union. Before marriage, couples are excited to see one another and enjoy spending much time together. They tell each other how much they love one another and are constantly doing nice things to make each other happy. Each person tends to be on their "best behavior" while around each other and strives to refrain from showing their "ugly" side.

Then marriage occurs and we become so comfortable with one another that we let down our guard to hide our faults. As the years pass, we even get to where we take each other for granted.

I have conducted many funerals where weeks and months later, many remaining spouses have told me that they did not realize how much they depended upon their departed mate and how much they now missed them. Some even said, *"I wish I had been nicer and spent more time doing things together."* How often have we taken our spouses for granted thinking our marriage is just fine when in all actuality it is nowhere near what it could be? I found the following joke quite humorous, and I thought that it would really make a good point here.

A widower who never paid any attention to his wife while she was alive now found himself missing her desperately. He went to a psychic to see if he could contact his late wife. The psychic went into a trance. A strange breeze wafted through the darkened room, and suddenly, the man heard the unmistakable voice of his dearly departed wife. "Honey!" he cried. "Is that you?" "Yes, my husband." "Are you happy?" "Yes, my husband." "Happier than you were with me?" "Yes, my husband." "Then heaven must be an amazing place!" "I'm not in heaven, dear."



In our marriages, we can get to the point of taking each other so much for granted that we no longer show any appreciation for one another and fail to realize that the joy has gone out of our relationship. But then, should it not be evident that we have a problem with our Christianity? In his instructions concerning marriage, the apostle Paul wrote, **"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it" (Ephesians 5.25)**. Are we showing our wives how much we love and appreciate them the longer we live together as husband and wife? Wives, do you appreciate how your husband works to provide for you and the family without constantly nagging him about what you do not have?

Will we take one another for granted to such a degree that once our mate passes, we will be filled with regret for not being better to them?

God designed marriage to be for life (Genesis 2.24; Matthew 19.4-6). The marriage union is to be a blessing, not drudgery. Maybe we need to slow down and work on our marriages and restore them to marital bliss and happiness God intended. Think about it!

Gary

What Is The Church? Acts 2.42-47

1. We are starting a new series this morning on "*Be The Church.*"
2. What is the church? Is church something we do?
3. What was the church like in the first century?

The Church Is...

- I.** _____.
- A. Christians are to be _____ (Acts 2.42, 46).
1. This is a tremendous picture of _____ that existed among the Christians in the first century.
 - a. The Christians were so united in their faith and love for one another that they _____ everything they had.
 - b. Being a part of the church is not just about being _____ or _____ to one another, but it is also about _____ our lives with one another.
 2. Paul said that our lives will _____ when we are " _____ " (**2 Corinthians 5.17**).
- B. Do we see ourselves as " _____ " or " _____ "?
- II. The _____ Of Christ.**
- A. The church is composed of all who have become _____ of Jesus.
1. The church is not just a _____ institution but it is also a _____ one.
 2. The church is a living organism made up of believers who are joined together in their _____ for _____.
- B. One of the pictures used to describe this new life we have in Christ is to call us a body. (**I Corinthians 12.27 "Now you are the _____ of Christ and individually of it"**).
1. We are the _____, the _____ of Christ (Ephesians 1.22, 23).
 2. Every member of the church is _____ and has a unique _____ to play.
 3. The body is meant to be _____.
- III. The _____ Of God.**
- A. Our _____ family is stronger than our _____ family ties.
1. Every member of the church is _____ and _____ by God.
 2. The church is meant to be a place of _____.
- B. The scriptures define us as a spiritual _____ (I Timothy 3.15; Galatians 6.10; 1 Peter 2.5).
- C. Why do we _____ on Sundays?
- D. Family members _____ one another (I John 4.10, 11).

Conclusion: Are you a member of the church, the body of Christ?

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Good morning! It's great to see all of our WH family come together to worship, praise and fellowship. Today, we feature Pat Molder in our Connection Corner.

You may have heard the phrase "It takes a village to raise a child." I think Pat is a very tangible example of that. Pat was born in Herrington, KS, but the family soon moved to Cedar Vale, KS, where her dad was in the newspaper business. After her father passed away from a rare disease when Pat was 12, she says she and her sister were raised by their church family and 13 living grandparents, great-grandparents & great-great grandparents (I saw a picture of them all together!) Talk about extended family, wow!



During her high school years, she worked as a "soda jerk" at the local drug store, and then went to work for the local bank in the bookkeeping department after the local bank president asked her teacher for a student recommendation.

She started college at Abilene Christian and there met her first husband, Joe, and following their marriage, moved to Ft. Worth, where he eventually went to work in the oil business for Mobil Oil. Pat also started working in the oil business for an independent oil company, which had for one of its investors, none other than George H.W. Bush! Pat says she got to meet the future President on several occasions. During the course of several moves for Joe's work, Pat and Joe had 2 children, a daughter and a son. After Joe passed away at 50, Pat and the kids returned to Ft. Worth where Pat continued working in the oil business. She attended the Alta Mesa congregation and there met a visitor named JT Molder. Pat says she thought he was a nice man and soon asked JT over for supper. He came and after a year of dating they were married. In her career with the oil business, she got to talk to another famous investor, Bing Crosby! In fact, she and JT got to deliver some of Kathryn Crosby's clothes to her that she had left behind during a company function. JT and Pat bought ranch property in Jack county, and had a house moved there that they purchased when "it was in a field in 2 pieces, having been moved previously." In 2006, they decided to return to Ft. Worth, and placed membership at WH.

JT taught many Bible classes and preached for us from time to time, but his passion was working with the Food Pantry. As born as one of 11 kids, and he "knew what it was to be hungry." JT and Pat worked with the food pantry until his passing. Between them, Pat & JT were blessed with 4 children and 5 grandchildren. While Pat has been limited by health from attending in person as much as she would like, she is delightful to visit with and I would encourage you to reach out and get to know her. You'll be blessed, I know I was.

Les Keele



We have a member at the Watermark at the Broadway Cityview Community on Bryant Irvin Road looking for a ride to worship. If you are able to meet this need, please contact the office.

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**Shepherd of the month*

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome -

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - Blessed Be Your Name

Song - All Things, Bright And Beautiful

Song - Boundless Love

Prayer - Joe Gentry

Scripture - Acts 2:42-47

Song - Remind Me, Dear Lord

Lord's Supper - Tom Pauley

Prayer for Contribution - Tom Pauley

Children's Bible Time Dismissal

Song - Standing On The Promises

What Is The Church? - Gary Williams

Song - In His Presence/Holy Ground

Song - Great Is The Lord Almighty!

Announcements - Chuck Meyer

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Chuck Meyer

Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

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Here is ours:
Thank You!*



Sunday, April 23: Life of Christ Commentary Vol. 2, Lesson 123 on pages 583-594.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, April 17

II Kings 10 - 12

Tuesday, April 18

II Kings 13 - 15

Wednesday, April 19

II Kings 16 - 18

Thursday, April 20

II Kings 19 - 21

Friday, April 21

II Kings 22 - 25

Saturday, April 22

I Chronicles 1 - 3

Sunday, April 23

I Chronicles 4 - 6

Last Week

Bible Class:	97	Wednesday:	85
AM Worship:	188	Contribution:	\$ 8,661.80
PM Worship:	114	Budget:	\$ 12,978.00

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

Please join us for a come and go wedding shower at the home of Dorothy Anderson: 11137 Castle Oak Lane, Fort Worth, 76108 on Saturday, April 22, 2023, honoring the newlyweds, Matthew and Amy Taylor, from 2 PM until 4 PM. Their selections are registered at Target, Amazon, and Walmart.



RSVP: Dorothy Anderson 817-565-383

Sunday Morning Classes

Auditorium: The Life of Christ: Gary Williams

**The Young Married/Young Adults: The Five Love Languages:
Les Keele: Room 207 Educational Building**

Wednesday Night Adult Class:

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT WITH YOU
RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW?**

FOOD BANK STATS FOR FEBRUARY 2023



BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6:00 PM.



Families Served: 170

Cost to WHCOC: \$742.14

Estimated Weight Of

Food: 7,409 pounds



The Cheryl Omer Memorial Scholarship is being established for the Star Bright Learning Center. This scholarship honors Cheryl for her love of children, her efforts as part of the staff, and for the Christian teaching that is part of the curriculum at Star Bright. This scholarship provides additional opportunities for families to enroll their children where financial needs exist. The director of Star Bright, with assistance from Star Bright teachers, will determine the award of the scholarships. Scholarships will be available starting with the 2023-24 school year and will be funded by Roger Omer.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7
As a new encouragement opportunity, we will be posting an email for one of our missionaries every two weeks. Please send words of love and support.

This week:



Glynn Langston

Blind Ministry

insightbow@aol.com

Until April 22

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

April 16, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Lillian Kite 04/12/2023	She and Charles are unable to attend in person due to Lillian's eye getting worse. 8409 Palo Duro Court, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	They miss attending
Leah Bowie 04/12/2023	Had shoulder surgery on April 13. 9809 Stoney Bridge Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Recovery and rehab
Barbara Lowrey 04/12/2023	Will have surgery on her hand Friday, April 14. 921 Timberline Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Speedy recovery and healing
Karen Taylor 04/06/2023	Had outpatient knee surgery on April 6. 9837 Bancroft Drive Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and recovery
Shirley Bennett 3/28/23	Is having blood pressure issues. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Blood pressure to regulate
Judy Birmingham 3/28/23	Is now home recovering from her bypass surgery. 5021 Birch Hollow Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Healing and recovery
Chris Intharansy 3/28/23	Heart ablation has been rescheduled for May 8. 7812 Downs Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	A successful procedure
Bridget Yawn 3/12/23	Has bronchitis, COPD and other health issues. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Quick healing
Yvonne Hallum 3/17/2023	Broke her back on January 16 and is still having issues. 3235 Rosemeade Drive, #1913, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Pain relief and healing
Betty Baumann	Has moved to Harvest of Aledo and Bill will join her when he is finished with his rehabilitation.	Not to be in so much pain
Bill Baumann 3/30/2023	Has been moved to Willow Park Rehab. 3712 Ben Creek Court, Aledo, Texas 76008	Quick recovery
Joe & Jodi Gentry 3/16/23	Jodi is dealing with emotional issues at this time. Please pray for Joe and Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	That doctors can help her

Requests will be posted for 30 days and then removed unless the office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
April 16, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Ronnie Cooper, friend of	LaRue Bowe	Is dealing with infections and complications following 3 gall bladder surgeries.	Healing and recovery 04/12/2023
Linda Stevens, sister of	Les Keele	Is in North Hills Hospital with walking difficulties.	Strength and recovery 04/06/2023
Linda, cousin of	Betsy Strother	Had hip replacement surgery and is having issues walking. She is not getting the help she needs at the rehab facility.	Quick healing and pain to go away
Wayne Wilson, father of	Mindy Markum	Is in Harris Downtown with pneumonia.	Quick recovery and healing 3/14/23
Violet Jane, great-granddaughter of	Charles and Carol Meyer	Was born prematurely.	Her increased health and development that will allow her to reach all benchmarks of normal growth; prayers for the family as they grieve and adjust to life 03/15/2023
Verna Redd, grandmother of	Taj Gray	Is in pain and poor health.	Relief from pain 3/30/2023
Kyla Bennett	Frankie Smith	Is having difficulties following the return of her brain tumor.	The doctors and healing
Pam, cousin of	Les Keele	Is in need of a kidney transplant.	For a donor and to be moved up on the transplant list 12/18/2022
The families and friends of victims	Ladies' Bible Class	Those effected by Nashville's school shooting.	Help in their time of grief and shock

All prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days. Following that time, the request will be removed unless the office is notified differently. Thank you.

The Resurrection of Jesus, Part 1: Saturday and Sunday

*Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2:
Pages 577-580, 594-600*

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 122

1. What did the women do on the Sabbath Day?
2. How did Jesus' disciples spend that Sabbath Day?
3. What were Christ's enemies doing?
4. What request did the enemies make of Pilate?
5. Why is their request of Pilate remarkable?
6. What precautions did the enemies of Jesus take to secure the tomb?
7. What seven things does the resurrection declare?

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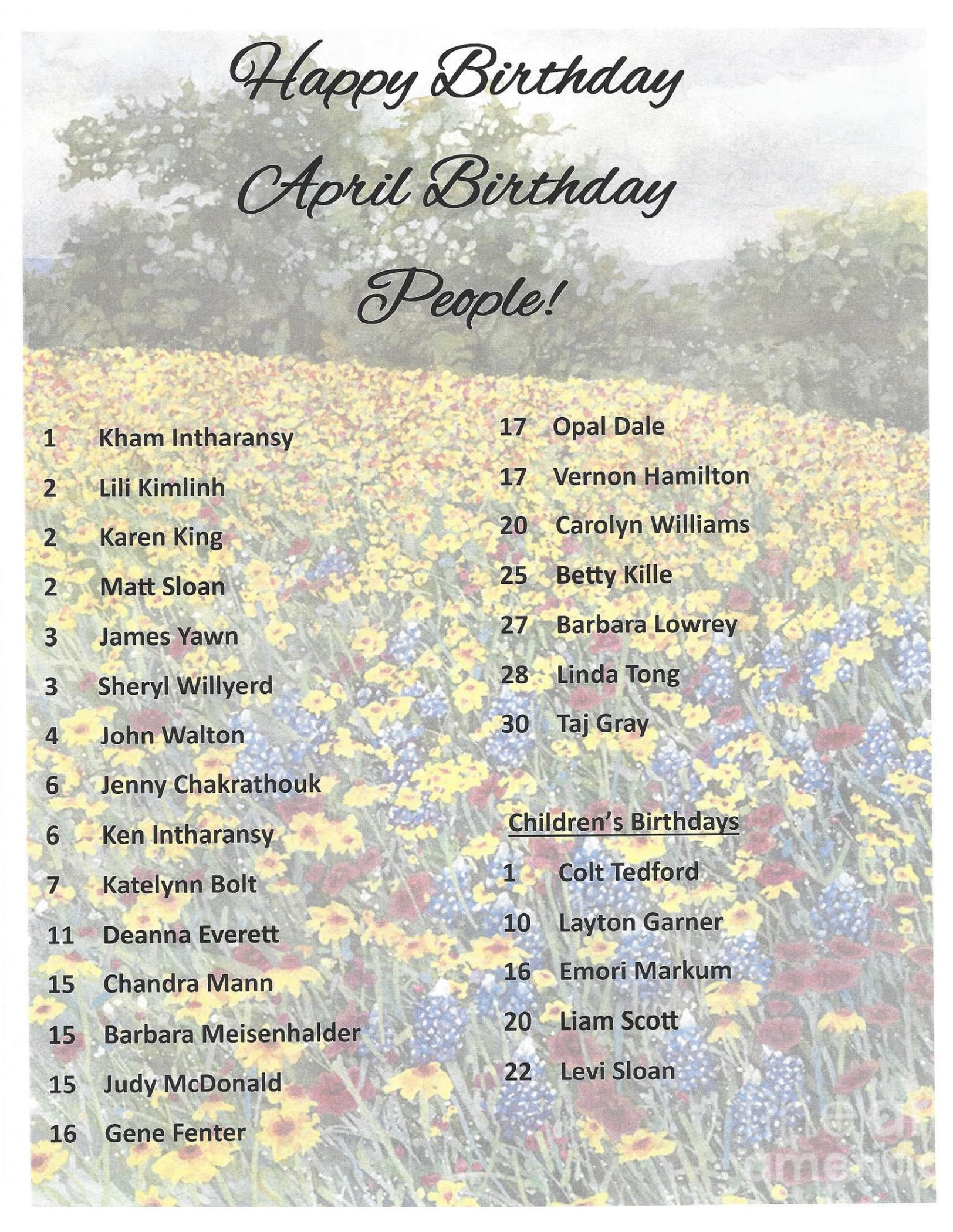
The Resurrection of Jesus, Part 2

Sunday

Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 583-594

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 123

1. When Jesus died, where did His spirit go?
2. Who moved the stone?
3. What was the reaction of the guards?
4. What were the women talking about on their way to the tomb?
5. What did they see when they looked into the tomb?
6. After being told by the angel that Jesus had been raised, what did the women do?
7. When the women reported what they had been told, how did the apostles respond?
8. What two apostles did Mary Magdalene find?
9. Peter and John ran to the tomb. Who got there first, and what did he do?
10. When the other arrived, what did he do?
11. What evidence did they find that the body of Jesus could not have been stolen?
12. Did they fully understand what had happened and why it had happened?
13. What two things can we know about Jesus' resurrection body?



*Happy Birthday
April Birthday
People!*

1 Kham Intharansy

2 Lili Kimlinh

2 Karen King

2 Matt Sloan

3 James Yawn

3 Sheryl Willyerd

4 John Walton

6 Jenny Chakrathouk

6 Ken Intharansy

7 Katelynn Bolt

11 Deanna Everett

15 Chandra Mann

15 Barbara Meisenhalder

15 Judy McDonald

16 Gene Fenter

17 Opal Dale

17 Vernon Hamilton

20 Carolyn Williams

25 Betty Kille

27 Barbara Lowrey

28 Linda Tong

30 Taj Gray

Children's Birthdays

1 Colt Tedford

10 Layton Garner

16 Emori Markum

20 Liam Scott

22 Levi Sloan