

MAY 2022

Sunday School ~ 9:45 am
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 am
Evening Worship ~ 6:00 pm

Pastor's Corner

Celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is a wonderful thing. We dedicate an entire weekend, and sometimes even an entire week, in focused celebration. Yet, we must never lose sight of the reality that, celebrating the resurrection should be the lifestyle of each and every Christian. In light of that reality, I wanted to share an article I came across recently. The article includes some great truths and I hope you read them with a sense of joy and expectation.

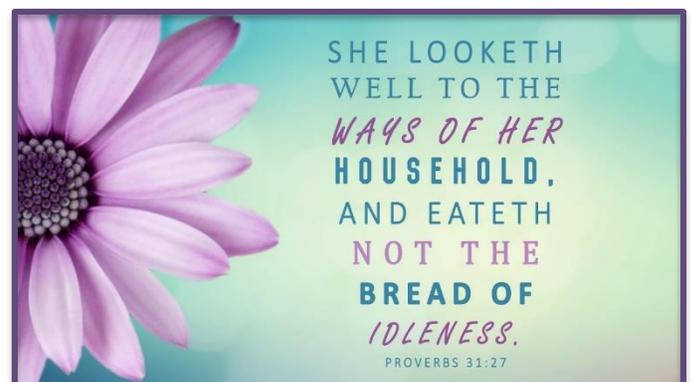
1. Let the future-tense hope of resurrection grant you present-tense joy today. Christians live in tension between the already and the not yet. This simply means we live in tension between the kingdom of God now, yet with the hope a soon to come glorious kingdom of God that has not been revealed. So, we can live now knowing that in the end, and for all eternity, everything will be made right.
2. Focus on the *person* of the resurrection rather than the *problems* life brings. Life has a way of pounding at us, and we allow the enemy to distract our thinking and destroy our hope. When that happens, turn your eyes on the Jesus of resurrection.
3. Watch for the unexpected moments of resurrection hope in a grief-stricken world. The women went to the tomb of Jesus wondering who would move the stone, but they surprisingly found the rock had already been rolled away. Don't let your personal griefs cloud your vision when God's already taken care of eternity.
4. Don't allow worry to consume you. Not only is worry a lack of trust in God, but it also takes its toll on our bodies. Worry says, "I'm not sure how this is going to work out"; resurrection living says, "I know God will work this out for His glory."
5. Thank God for all things. Paul tells us to do that (1 Thess. 5:18). Frankly, it's easier to do that when you know that the best is yet to come—and believe that the best will last forever. Struggles lose their lasting power in the light of resurrection life.
6. Grieve when necessary, but grieve differently than the world does (1 Thess. 4:13). Life still hurts at times, and the pain of death can be gripping—but these pains are only temporary, and they cannot ultimately rob us of joy. Go ahead and cry, but let the world see hope in your tear-stained eyes.
7. Tell somebody else about Jesus. When we evangelize, we re-tell the story of Jesus' death *and* resurrection. When others respond positively to the gospel, we see zeal that the hope of resurrection brings; when others deny the gospel, we nevertheless pray they will eventually meet Christ.
8. Celebrate the spring—and then look forward to it year after year. I realize some readers live in places where seasons are not as prominent, and I understand this last point may not carry the weight of the others. It's simply something that helps me: when God turns the world green again out of the depth of winter, I'm reminded that He grants new beginnings. Rejoice over that truth.¹

I appreciate my brother in Christ Chuck Lawless offering these wonder truths in how we can live in the hope of the resurrection each day. I hope you have been blessed as much as I was when I first read the article.

He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

God bless
Pastor Michael

¹ <https://chucklawless.com/2022/04/8-ways-to-live-the-resurrection-every-day/>





Southside BAPTIST CHURCH

Best Wishes to this month's Anniversaries!



6 ~ Jody & Beth Parker

14 ~ Brent & Janna Lane

Best Wishes to This Month's Birthdays!

2 ~ Roy Flowers

12 ~ Garrett Griner

4 ~ Bryson Giddens

12 ~ Ben Weaver

5 ~ Kaylynn Harp

14 ~ Courtney Hancock

6 ~ Keri Howard

19 ~ Rhonda Kelley

7 ~ Bethanie Gomez

20 ~ Reese Wiard

7 ~ Keith Griner

22 ~ Dalton Hancock

10 ~ Greg Key

29 ~ Braxton Lane



Deacon of the MonthJeremy Henry ~ 873~0278

Children's Worship This Month

1 ~ Jennifer Key

8 ~ Zona Medley

15 ~ Kim Sheffield

22 ~ Selena Henry

29 ~ Jennifer Key

Flowers This Month

1 ~ Dorothy Flowers & Gail Flowers

8 ~ Flower Committee ~ Mother's Day

15 ~ Available

22 ~ Kenny & Kim Sheffield

29 ~ Lewis & Zona Medley

Nursery Workers This Month

1 ~ Kim Sheffield & Gwen Singley

8 ~ Kimberly Weaver & Lori Beth Wiard

15 ~ Alison Dykes & Sandra Weaver

22 ~ Rhonda Kelley & Kayla Long

29 ~ Jennifer Key & Beth Parker

Collecting cereal and pasta for SHA's Storehouse in May.

May 1 ~ Sunday ~ Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am

May 9 ~ Sunday ~ Mother's Day



May 11 ~ Wednesday ~ Church Conference @ 6:30 pm

May 12 ~ Thursday ~ VBS Meeting ~ 5:30 pm

If you have signed up to serve in VBS or if you think you might be interested, please join us for this meeting. We will be planning for our VBS this July!

May 15 ~ Sunday ~ Outreach Sunday! Tim Williams, Evangelism Consultant, will be with us during the morning and evening worship services. Tim will provide training during the adult Sunday School hour. Reach out to your friends and neighbors ~ invite them to be a part of this great experience.

May 22 ~ Sunday ~ Graduate Service

May 29 ~ Sunday ~ Deacon's Mtg. @ 8:30 am

May 30 ~ Monday ~ Memorial Day

VBS

June 12 ~ 16

Please help!

We need donations for some of our decorations.

- Pool Noodles ~ All Colors
- Colored Paper Plates ~ All Colors
- Tablecloths ~ All Colors
- Construction Paper ~ All Colors
- Disposable Baking Pans ~ All Sizes

These items can be purchased at Dollar General and The Dollar Tree. Place these items in the collection box located in the Sunday School hall.

Don't forget to sign-up to help with VBS! The sign-up sheets are located in the Sunday School hall.

Thank you for helping to make VBS a huge success!!

VBS is a great Evangelism Event! Come Share Jesus!