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Although I am not a big fan of Rick Warren, the pastor of Saddleback Church and the author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, I can't help but be moved by the unspeakable loss he and his wife Kay experienced several years ago. In April 2013, their twenty-seven-year-old son Matthew took his own life after battling depression and mental illness for years.

About a year after this tragedy, Warren said, "I've often been asked, 'How have you made it? How have you kept going in your pain?' And I've often replied, 'The answer is Easter.'"

"You see, the death and the burial and the resurrection of Jesus happened over three days. Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony. Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery. But Easter—that Sunday—was the day of hope and joy and victory.

"And here's the fact of life: you will face these three days over and over and over in your lifetime. And when you do, you'll find yourself asking—as I did—three fundamental questions. Number one, 'What do I do in my days of pain?' Two, 'How do I get through my days of doubt and confusion?' Three, 'How do I get to the days of joy and victory?'"

"The answer is Easter. The answer ... is Easter."

Amen!

That one day almost 2,000 years ago changed the world and it changed how people approach the great themes of life and death. I remember when I was deployed to Saudi Arabia for the first Gulf War, I needed to find a sympathy card for a family in my church who had lost a loved one. I went to a mall in Dhahran and found a card store similar to our Hallmark stores.

As I looked for the English sympathy cards I noticed all of them approached death and loss from a Muslim perspective. There was no assurance; no hope of resurrection; only a vague wish that the memories of their loved one would comfort them.

They saw death without the benefit of Easter.

Because of Easter, we have hope and comfort and even joy in the midst of tragedy and loss. Because of Easter we don't have to be trapped by our doubts and confusion. Because of Easter, we don't have to live with the pain of grief and sorrow.

Jesus Christ has defeated death!
Christ the Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

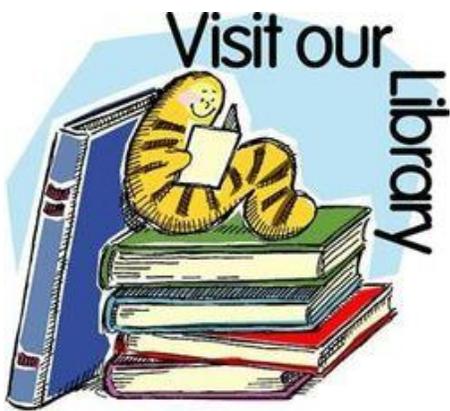
Brian Prucey	2nd
Connie Grzesiek	2nd
Wayne Lee	4th
Cameron Lee	8th
McKayla Rice	8th
Jennifer Lofton	9th
Jim Middleton	9th
Michael Bond	16th
John John Fox	17th
Janet Jones	18th
Carlion Middleton	21st
Dennis Spearman	21st
Billie Starr	23rd
Patrick Humphrey	30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Jennifer Lofton	13th
Pam & Bill East	14th
David & Susan Barnes	26th
Jimmie & Sherry Hudson	28th
Jim & Carlion Middleton	30th

**SENIOR
ADULTS
MINISTRY**

FELLOWSHIP
Friday, April 8th
from 12 - 2 p.m.



Located in the rear
of the Sanctuary
See Wanda Kent
for more
information



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Thanks to all of you who have been faithful in choir practice and singing in the choir each Sunday.

We still have a few chairs available in the Praise Choir – maybe one is just for you!!
Come join us each Wednesday at 6:30 for practice.



**Saturday, April 15
at 11 a.m.
OVER 3,000 EGGS**



**In
Sunday School
at 9:30 a.m. each
Sunday...
There's a class
just for you!**



We have exciting opportunities to get involved in various areas of EGBC and would love for you to be a part of our team in our church family!

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Adult Prayer	6:30 p.m.
Youth/Children	
Bible Studies	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

