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“... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Romans 10:9-10 ESV).

I am often asked if it is important for a prospective believer to accept the truth about the resurrection of Jesus. For many, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is a difficult hurdle to overcome on their road to belief.

The resurrection of Jesus is foundational to the faith. Without the resurrection, there is no Christianity. Without the resurrection, there is no salvation. Without the resurrection, Jesus is still dead, and we are still lost in our sins.

Belief in the resurrection is essential for salvation. A dead Jesus saves no one.

Let me share a few reasons why I believe in the resurrection:

1. Jesus often spoke about his resurrection. “And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31 ESV).
2. Only the resurrection answers the question of the empty tomb. What happened to the body? Skeptics have tried to explain away the empty tomb, but nothing answers that question like the resurrection does. The fact that the Roman authorities did not arrest or punish any one for breaking the tomb’s seal gives support that even the enemies of Jesus knew something amazing had happened.
3. The witness of the first disciples that they saw Jesus alive from the dead. Not only the remaining eleven disciples, but as many as 500 others saw Jesus alive after the crucifixion. Early believers could have talked with them and heard their stories of seeing Jesus alive.

4. The courage and power of the early church. Before the resurrection, the disciples were fearful; after the resurrection, they courageously spread the news of Jesus’ resurrection through the known world. Their courage gives them credibility because no one would face the hardships they did unless they were absolutely convinced in the resurrection. The truth of the resurrected Jesus was worth dying for.

5. The transformation of the Apostle Paul. Only a resurrected Jesus meeting with the Pharisee Saul can explain his transformation from a persecutor of the church to an evangelist for Jesus Christ.

Carole and I wish our Elm Grove Baptist Church family a happy Easter. Celebrate the resurrection!

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
Carlion Middleton	21st
Dennis Spearman	21st
Patrick Humphrey	30th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY**

**FELLOWSHIP**  
Friday, April 7th  
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.



Red River Marina Pavilion  
7 a.m.



**Sunday, April 29**  
**After Worship**  
Bring Your Favorite Covered Dish



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**

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Church Council**  
Wednesday, April 4  
5:15 p.m.

**Business Meeting**  
Sunday, April 15  
After Worship