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In his book *Has Christianity Failed You?* Ravi Zacharias points to one of the greatest proofs for the truth of Christ and the reality of his resurrection: the changed lives of Christians. He writes:

During the course of nearly 40 years, I have traveled to virtually every continent and seen or heard some of the most amazing testimonies of God's intervention in the most extreme circumstances. I have seen hardened criminals touched by the message of Jesus Christ and their hearts turned toward good in a way that no amount of rehabilitation could have accomplished. I have seen ardent followers of radical belief systems turned from being violent, brutal terrorists to becoming mild, tenderhearted followers of Jesus Christ. I have seen nations where the

gospel, banned and silenced by governments, has nevertheless conquered the ethos and mind-set of an entire culture.

History is filled with examples of the risen Jesus changing cultures and people.

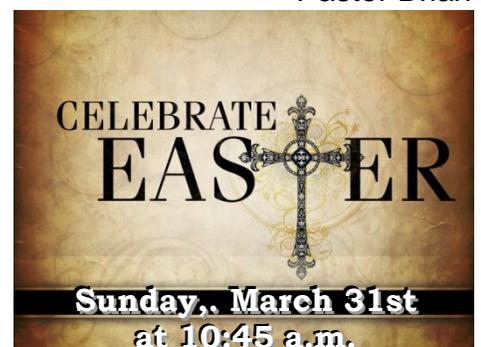
Chinese communist Chairman Mao once declared that Christianity had been permanently removed from China never to make a return. Yet, on Easter Sunday in 2009, the leading English language newspaper in Hong Kong published a picture of Tiananmen Square on page 1, with Jesus replacing Chairman Mao's picture on the gigantic banner, and the words "Christ is Risen" below it.

The British author A. N. Wilson, who only a few years ago was known for his scathing attacks on Christianity, celebrated Easter 2009 at a church with a group of other church members, proclaiming that that the story of the Jesus is the only story that makes sense out of life and its challenges.

Wilson is quoted as saying, "My own return to faith has surprised none more than myself .... My belief has come about in large measure because of the lives and examples of people I have known—not the famous, not saints, but friends and relations who have lived, and faced death, in light of the resurrection story, or in the quiet acceptance that they have a future after they die."

As we prepare to celebrate Easter on March 31, remember that we serve a risen Savior who is in the life changing, life transforming business. Let each of us who has experienced the transforming power of the risen Lord share that Good News with others.

The shepherd loves the sheep!  
Pastor Brian



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Nona McGowan	2nd
Hailey Rice	8th
Diana Waters	8th
Ben Dillon	9th
Tina Spearman	9th
Elaine Bumgardner	10th
Nathan Fox	10th
Bobbie Branch	12th
Dean Branch	12th
Weston Merriott	14th
David Lemoine	25th
Kevin Rice	25th
Lela Baswell	27th
Chris Lott	29th
Marcus Fondren	30th
Ryleigh Jo Spearman	31st
Lou Jones	31st

**Anniversaries**

Russ & Susan Merriott	27 <sup>th</sup>
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**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

We still have a few chairs left.  
Come and join us for choir practice Wednesday at 6:30.  
You will truly find it a blessing!



**Fellowship**

**Saturday,**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**From 1 - 3 p.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall**



**Children's Easter**

**Egg Hunt**

**Saturday,**

**March 30th**

**from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**fun for**

**Toddlers - 5th graders**



**Sunrise Service**

**Easter Sunday**

**at 7 a.m.**

**Red River Marina**

**Pavilion**



**Support the Ministry of Hope Food Pantry**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**Church Council:**

**Wednesday, March 6th at**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Business Meeting:**

**Sunday, March 17th after**

**Morning Worship**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.

Youth/Children 6:30 p.m.

Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.

Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

February Memory Verses

Romans 8:28 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those that love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Matthew 11:28 "Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Isaiah 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."



**Time to Spring Ahead**

**Sunday, March 10th**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
**North American Missions**  
March 3-10, 2013

**WHATEVER IT TAKES**  
REACHING THE ONE

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