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When most people hear the name Michelangelo, the name brings to mind great works of artistry, architecture and sculpture. If you ask people to name Michelangelo's greatest work, many would probably say the Sistine Chapel ceiling in the Vatican at Rome.

What many do not know is that time and again he left that work, tiring of it, to return to his beloved and native city of Florence. It was only at the insistence of the Pope that Michelangelo would return to Rome to finish the work.

While Michelangelo completed other great works such as the sculptures of Moses and David, what many do not realize is that he left far more works unfinished than finished. In the sacristy of a church in Florence, the unfinished masterpieces of Michelangelo were gathered together, and by count, the unfinished works outnumbered the finished works.

Perhaps you too have a few projects around your house you started and for one reason or another you haven't finished. We've all been there.

I am thankful that God's work of salvation is fully complete.

On the cross, before he breathed His last, Jesus cried out, "It is finished." In the original Greek of the New Testament, the phrase translates a single word, *tetelestai*. One word that has changed the world.

Grammatically, the word has the idea of a full completeness with nothing lacking. Bible scholars and archeologist have noted that this word was found scribbled across promissory notes as a way of indicating the debt was paid in full.

The word was often written on the list of charges for a prisoner who was released after doing his time in prison. The word indicated that the penalty for his crimes were paid in full.

As Jesus hung dying on the cross, He cried out "It is finished;" *tetelestai*. The sins of all humanity were paid in full. Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, the debt of our sins has been paid on full. It is a finished work; nothing was left undone.

As we celebrate Easter 2016, would you thank God that the work of our salvation is finished? We do not and cannot add anything to what Jesus has done. It is *tetestai*; paid in full.

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Brian



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nona McGowan	2nd
Josiah Snyder	3rd
John Simonelli	7th
Hailey Rice	8th
Diana Waters	8th
Tina Spearman	9th
Elaine Bumgardner	10th
Nathan Fox	10th
Dean Branch	12th
Weston Merriott	14th
David Lemoine	25th
Kevin Rice	25th
Chris Lott	29th
Marcus Fondren	30th
Ryleigh Jo Spearman	31st
Lou Jones	31st

Anniversaries

Russ & Susan Merriott	27 th
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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 12th

From 12 - 2 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall



VBS 2016

See Kay Sutton or Bro. Charles if interested



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions
March 6-13, 2016

Goal: \$70 Million
Our Church Goal
\$1,500
ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING



Saturday, March 26
at 11 p.m.
OVER 3,000 EGGS



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.



Easter
Sunrise Service

Red River Marina
Pavillion at 7 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Church Council:
Wednesday, March 2nd
at 5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting:
Sunday, March 20th after
Morning Worship



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS
Faye Woods
Nell Sparks
Carole Pucey
Janet Jones
Kay Sutton
Darlene Hay
James Snyder
Sherry Hudson
Christine Fox
Chester Simmons
Nancy Dorbandt



Gheila Rushing



EGBC MISSION STATEMENT
We exist to help people encounter the grace of God