



The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

April 13, 2011

From Dennis the Minis—ter:

On Easter in 1945 German and Allied forces on the Italian Front were located four hundred yard apart when it was proposed that they join in the same Easter service.

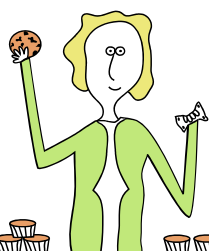
Germans who were in sight of the field altar withheld their fire while Protestant and Roman Catholic services were held and broadcast to German troops in the sector.

Chaplain Reiboth of Seward, Nebraska, read the Easter story in German and in English; while Chaplain Crowley of Syracuse, New York, in his Easter message said, "A happy Easter. As an American chaplain I greet Protestants and Catholics in the German army. We have been instructed to love all, even our enemies. Today is Easter Day—the day of Christ's triumph. Christ died and rose for all persons, the Germans and the Americans alike, therefore I wish you also on behalf of my soldiers a happy Easter."

For a moment in time, a remarkable peace came to that battlefield. It did not last the next day. Yet, the seed was planted and sixty-six years later the forces and people that once considered each other enemies are friends today.

Such is the power of Easter. The resurrection of Christ has released into our world infinite possibilities for reconciliation. Once the seed of Easter takes root in our lives new life can spring into action. The Apostle Paul put it this way in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18: "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he or she is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

Let us come together and worship our God who raised Jesus Christ from death. May the power of resurrection, reconciliation and peace take root in our lives and relationships!



BAKE SALE

Herbal Affair Crunch Time!

UMW Bake Sale—This Saturday, April 16th

You've dug out the recipes, gathered the ingredients, and now it is time to bake! Cookies, cakes, snack mixes, pies (that don't need refrigerated), breads, rolls... It all sells. (Be sure to include a list of the ingredients used in each product so the ladies can label them.) Bring all items to the church by 9:30 a.m. Friday morning, April 16th.



KidZone News

Yesterday was another busy Sunday! Some of the children did a great job helping fill Easter baskets for the children being served at Sand Springs Community Services. It was a great way for them to learn about sharing God's love with those in our community.

Children should make plans to go Easter caroling on Saturday, April 23rd from 1 to 3 p.m. We will go to Cherry Berry afterwards and be back to the church around 3. If you have questions, please see Ms. Cathy.

The children will be singing on Palm Sunday during the second service. We will also need children to wave palm branches up the aisle during both services as we celebrate Palm Sunday.

Our Kidzone annual Easter breakfast will be during Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 24th. This is a big hit for the children and has become quite a tradition for them.

See You Sunday!

In our church library....

TOUCH: Pressing Against the Wounds of a Broken World

By Pastor Rudy Rasmus

There was a time in his life when Rudy Rasmus owned and operated a brothel. He's now the pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in downtown Houston, Texas.

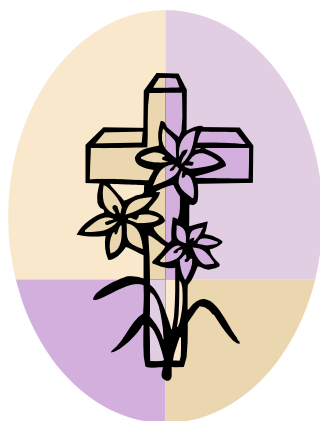
Pastor Rudy began his ministry in 1992 at St. John's with 9 existing members. Now with more than 2,000 in attendance each week, St. John's has grown to be one of the most culturally diverse congregations in the country where each week people of every social and economic background share the same pews. One third of the congregation is currently, or at one time was, homeless. TOUCH is the amazing story of Pastor Rudy's life and a ministry of grace that is changing lives in Houston, Texas. Pastor Rudy's message to touch the lives of those in our own communities is a lesson for us all.



T-Shirts

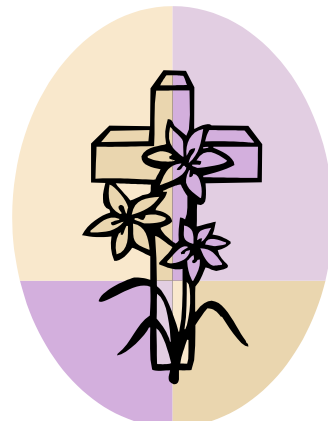
T-Shirts will be ready for pick up on Sunday, April 17th. Come to the t-shirt table in the Narthex. Each shirt will be marked with the name from the order form.

Wear them with pride and maybe use them to invite a friend or neighbor to Easter Services.



Easter SunRise Service
Sunday, April 24, 2011, 6:00 am
Family Life Center

Please bring your favorite
Breakfast item
to share.



Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Exciting news in the Youth ministry! We have welcomed 3 new volunteers to our program in the past couple of weeks! Their names are Russell Doll, Don Cole, and Kent Warkentin. Russell Doll is a volunteer from Trinity Baptist church to help be a sponsor from T.B.C.. Don and Kent are both from our congregation and are also really excited to begin serving the youth! If you see them around tell them thank you for making an Eternal difference in the next generation! Welcome to our team men of God. May God use you each week to lead our Youth closer to Christ!

Mission Money Due: May 18th

Camp Money and Forms Due: June 22nd

We will be looking for volunteers that want to help with our parent's night out at the FLC on April 16th. If this is something that you would like to help our youth with please send me an email at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org or call 918-245-5955.

Upcoming Events:

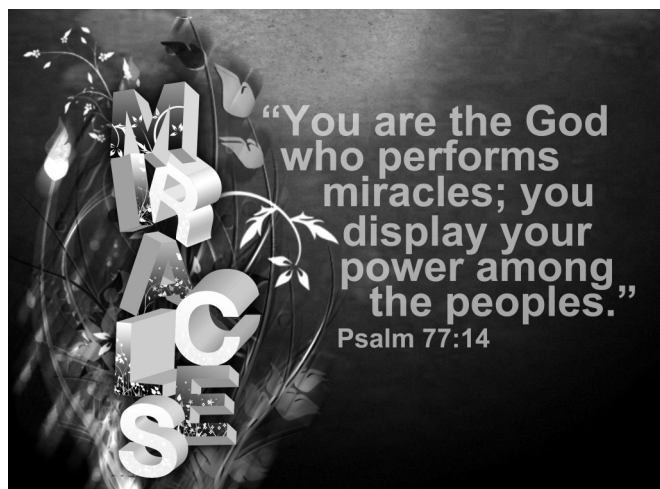
- April 13th "Miracle" series Week 1 "Tap in"
- April 16th: Youth Fundraiser Parents Night Out @ Family Life Center 6pm-9pm
- April 20th: "Miracle" series Week 2 "I raise dead people"
- April 27th: Community Wide Youth Service "If you really knew me"
- May 1st: Spaghetti Lunch @ FLC @ 12pm (Youth Mission Fundraiser)

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org)

Weekly Youth Topics:

This week is a super exciting week. We are kicking off our "Miracle" series with our first week talking about "Tap into." This is going to be an awesome lesson to set the tone for the rest of the series. Also, we had a really great Sunday school discussion with our youth this past week about "What's so important about Salvation?" This brought up great discussion about Eternal life found in Christ!

Excited about how our youth are going to pass the Salvation message onto their peers.



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Weekly Lesson:

Romans 10:9

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

How do you become a Christian? How do I know if I am going to Heaven or Hell? Is God's grace big enough for me? How could God love someone as horrible as I have been? These are many questions that not only teenagers ask but many adults who doubt that God could love them or that Jesus would want to save them. But this verse of the week gives us hope. Whether you were raised in the church and went through the motions or you are someone who never went to church growing up and you were randomly invited one day to come. This scripture in Paul's letter gives us a simple equation that if we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts for what He did for us on the Cross, then we will be saved.

Check this out below:

Declare with your mouth + Believe in your heart = SALVATION IN CHRIST

Salvation through Christ is as easy as this simple math problem above. What you do with it is the hard part. Many Christians claim to have Salvation in Christ but live as if He doesn't exist. See, though Salvation is an easy concept, it is living out our faith that is the hard part. Many receive their “Get into Heaven” Ticket, and wait for Jesus to come and take them home without leaving the bus station. That's the easy choice. Others may take their Ticket out of the station and back into the same garbage that He has given the Ticket to save them from. This being a harder choice. Finally some take their Ticket out of the station and find other people who don't know Christ, and bring them into the station to receive that same free Ticket that Christ offers anyone. This being the hardest choice. So the take home from this, is help others see the simple equation that Christ has given us to have eternal life with Him. We must not just receive the “Get into Heaven” for free Ticket and wait, or choose to go back to our sin now that we know Christ has saved us from hell, but to take your Ticket and shine bright for others to see that Salvation in Christ so that they might come to know Him and receive their Ticket.

Fun Fact: “A cat rubs against people not only to be affectionate but also to mark out its territory with scent glands around its face. The tail area and paws also carry the cat's scent.”

Scholarship a Youth:

I have had multiple people come up to me asking about sponsoring a youth for either the mission trip or summer camp, and some who have already helped. Are you interested in sponsoring a youth for their mission trip or summer camp? We need all the help we can get! Please feel free to write a check to SSUMC and in the memo put scholarship youth mission or youth camp, and put it in the Youth mailbox or hand it to me. Thanks!

Want to Sponsor a youth to go on the Mission Trip? See the article above “Scholarship a Youth”. Everyone deserves to go on a youth mission trip but sometimes financing can be a problem. This is a personal donation and a personal transaction for the youth as well.

Thank you for sharing!

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers April 17

Welcome Center
 Discovery
 Head Ushers
 Howard Smith
 Lay Reader
 Amy Miller
 Children's Moment
 Jami Warkentin
 Children's Church
 No Children's Church
 Counters
 Betty or Howard and Gary Dobbs
 Visitors Center
 Mel & Norma Jones
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday, April 20
 TNT Class

Sunday Volunteers April 24

Welcome Center
 Discovery
 Head Usher
 Howard Smith
 Lay Reader
 Sue Wiedemann
 Children's Moment
 Amy Miller
 Children's Church
 Debbie S., Candice W., Abby Walters
 Counters
 Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford
 Visitors Center
 Mel & Norma Jones
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday, April 27
 CIA/Pathfinders Class

Please Keep In Prayer

Bill & Mary Lea Forsythe, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Rebecca Ward's Family, Linda McCormick, Irene Hueste, Jewel & Wilbur Williams, Virginia Vice, Harold Hilgendorf, Ruth Weaver, Merle Parsons, Jo Nan Allen

Recognitions...

Thank You...

Thank you especially for the prayers for me. I know there were lots of them. I also thank you all for the flowers, food, visits and cards. You are all a blessing to me.

-Irene Hueste

Rental Property Needed

One of our church members, Don Cole, is looking for a place to rent. If you know of anything, or know of anyone who has property for rent, please call the church and we will put you in touch with Don.

Volunteer Opportunity-American Therapeutic Riding Center-918-246-9450

The American Therapeutic Riding Center is looking for volunteers. They provide opportunities for people with varying ability levels. Fliers are available in the Narthex or you can talk to Jan Dickerson.

Volunteers Needed to Mow Lawn at the Family Life Center

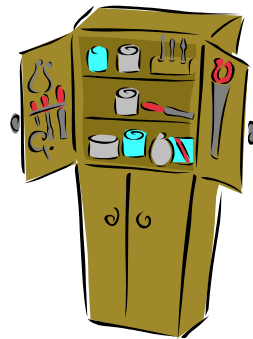
David Allen is gathering volunteers who could mow 2-3 hours a week. It involves mowing with the Zero Turn mower at the Family Live Center. Volunteers will need to check, service and clean the mower before and after use. They are encouraged to report any problems with the mower and needed service.

David will put together a check list that will be posted at the Family Life Center of what needs to be done before and after use as far as servicing is concerned. At this point, David says, they do not have a process to purchase the gasoline for the mower. It needs to be filled with Ethanol Free gas to ensure the long life of the mower. The only place that is found to have Ethanol Free Gas is at the Service Station at the corner of W. 41st Street and 129th W. Ave. Many volunteers have donated the purchasing of their own gas for the mower to this time.

Bob Schmidt or David will be out in the foyer after church on April 3 to sign up volunteers.

RESTORE HOPE NEEDS YOUR TALENTS

If your talent is cleaning, there are lots of cabinets and drawers in the kitchen that need you.



With your great voice and greeting skills you will create smiles for clients who come in for food and clothing.



How good are you at stuffing envelopes or boxing up school supplies? Restore Hope can give you experience with these tasks and they are really in need of your talents.

If you have a few hours a month to apply your talents, Contact Jeanette Koch, at Restore Hope Ministries, 918-582-5766.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday we will have 2 services; the first one is at 8:45 a.m. and will be lead with a musical presentation by the Praise Team. The children will be processing in with the Palms and need to be here at 8:30 a.m. We will have a 2nd service led by the choir musical at 11:00 a.m.. The children will be bringing in the palms during this service also.

At the Family Life Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21 will be our Maundy Thursday drama/meal. I need people to sign up if they are attending and also for people to bring food items. The list is at the church for sign-up. You can also call me at 918-241-8136 (Katherine). The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. It is a fun evening and everyone is welcome including children. I will need the food & food items by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday at the church.

Friday, April 22 at 8:00 p.m. in remembrance of Christ's crucifixion. Please wear black or dark clothes to this service to help set the mood. This is a very moving service about Christ's death.

Sunday, April 24th we will begin celebrating Christ rising from the dead with a SunRise service at the Family Life Center. We will start at 6:00 a.m. with a potluck breakfast then at 6:30 a.m. go outside for a short meditation. We will then have 2 services-one at 8:45 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. Both services will be lead by the praise team and choir. If anyone has any questions, call me, Katherine at 918-241-8136. Hope to see you at all these events.



Easter Baskets for SS Community Services

The Mission Committee and volunteers put together 53 Easter Baskets for families who need the help of Sand Springs Community Services. What a wonderful project!

Parents Night Out-Youth Mission Fund Raiser

The youth and lots of volunteers are offering babysitting for \$7 per child. This is your opportunity to do some Easter shopping, dinner and a movie with a loved one, or just take a nap! They will watch your kids, 2 years old to 10 years old at the Family Life Center on Saturday, April 16th.

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Articles are due on Monday-the week of the newsletter by noon. Thank you for getting your articles in on time!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, April 13

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

5:00...-Ladies using F. Hall for Herbal Affair UMW Bake Sale

6:00 p.m.-Junior High Youth

7:00 p.m.-Senior High Youth

6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP

7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

Thursday, April 14

11:00 a.m.-Needlers

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House

7:00 p.m.-Building Committee Meeting at FLC

7:00 p.m.-Evangelism Committee Meeting in the Parlor

Friday, April 15

9:00 a.m.-UMW preparing for Herbal Affair

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Evening-F. Hall being used

Saturday, April 16

HERBAL AFFAIR in downtown Sand Springs

6-9 p.m.-Parents Night Out-FLC

Sunday, April 17—Palm Sunday

8:45 a.m.-Contemporary Easter Musical

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

11:00 a.m.-Traditional Easter Musical

11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice

Monday, April 18

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1-3

7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, April 19

12:00 p.m.-Lenten service at St. Matthews

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs

7:00 p.m.-Al Anon

Wednesday, April 20

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café

TBA-SIA to Philbrook Museum

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:00 p.m.-JH Youth

7:00 p.m.-Dinner & Praise & Worship

7:00 p.m.-SH Youth

6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP

7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

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Biscuits & Gravy

The missions committee will be providing breakfast of biscuits & gravy, eggs and drinks in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16th for donations.

Round up your buddies and come eat breakfast with us before shopping for plants and UMW baked goods (yummy!) at the Herbal Affair. All donations will support missions projects. Don't forget to tell all your friends!

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