



NEWSLETTER

April Edition: Celebrating the Resurrection

THE COOL THING ABOUT EASTER

There are a lot of cool things about Easter! I mean, God's only Son died on a cross for you and me, saved us from sin, and then conquered death three days later by rising again. It's literally the coolest thing ever! But what I've been thinking about the most this year is how Jesus spent the days leading up to His crucifixion. He was still healing and ministering to people, He kept teaching, He made the temple clean, and He ate with His disciples. He made it very clear that He would soon die, but I'm not even that surprised that the disciples didn't understand, because on the outside, Jesus was not acting like a man about to face death.

Now we know from the Bible that Jesus was still greatly burdened by what He was about to do. He asked God if the task could be taken from Him but, resigned to the Father's will, He did it anyway. It's amazing to me, how the last few days before He died, His humanness and Godliness were both on full display: He was troubled by what must take place (such a human response) but willingly and full of love, He fellowshiped with the people around Him (even the one who betrayed Him) and then died on the cross.

I bet the disciples played every moment of that final week over in their heads in the three days following His death, as they hid and grieved. They must've been astounded by the way He chose to spend His time and brokenhearted by the way they had ran away while He did what He came to do. And how sweetly He came to them after He was resurrected, and He comforted and loved them all the same.



Grand Prix winners!



The 3rd-5th class completed a big Bible Case Project in Sunday School!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO AWANA: Easter Break

April 5

Awana: Mustache Night

April 12, 5-6:30pm

Summer Registrations Open Online

April 13

Awana: Leader Appreciation Night

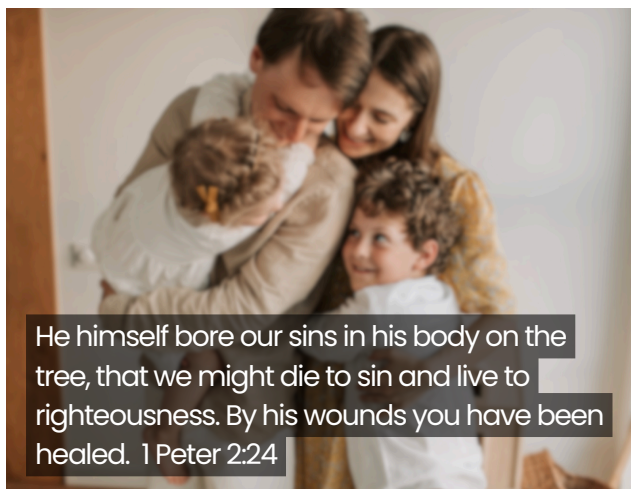
April 19, 5-6:30pm

Awana Carnival

April 26, 5-6:30pm

Awana Awards Night

May 3, 5-6:30pm



He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

FAMILY FOCUS

The “reason” behind the holiday of Easter has gotten lost in the mix of worldly things--much like Christmas. Instead of a celebration centered around the selfless sacrifice of Jesus and His miraculous resurrection, the day has been consumed by candy, Easter bunnies, and egg hunts. Now don't get me wrong, those are all fun things. But if they cause us to miss the mark completely and forget the reason behind the celebration, then these fun things become a

stumbling block for those who are on their way to Jesus--for your children who are trying to reconcile the fun and the candy with the story of a man who died on the cross for them.

This is not meant to make you feel guilty, but more of a gentle encouragement. Put Jesus at the center of your family's Easter celebration. Before partaking in the popular Easter festivities, make sure you've spent time teaching your children the meaning behind the holiday and create traditions that remind them of what Jesus did for them.

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS

In the summer, we like to change it up a bit in Sunday School. First service will switch to bigger classes and more interactive lessons and activities, while our regular teachers go on summer break. We are looking for some extra teachers and helpers to come hang out with us this summer! If you're interested, talk to Shelby!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Did you know that Hannaford's VBS serves over 230+ children in the Helena area each summer? It is one of the greatest outreach opportunities our church has every year, not to mention it's a week jam-packed with fun and memories!

In order to pull it off, we need your help! It takes more than 80 volunteers and a lot of church support to make the week a success. If you would like to help or want more information about VBS, please reach out to Shelby Dziekonski at hsbckids@hannaford.org.

We need: crew leaders | registration staff | craft volunteers | nursery workers | preschool workers | snack donations | decoration donations | and more...

Volunteer and join the fun!!

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