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Rejoice for Your Sins Have Been Forgiven!

Recently in my personal devotional time I was reading in Romans chapter four, where the Apostle Paul was writing about faith and the faith of Abraham and how we are counted righteous not because of our good works, but because of our faith in our Lord Who forgives sinners, like us! In this chapter the Apostle Paul refers to when King David wrote about this and quotes King David as saying "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin." (Romans 4:7-8)

The Fire Bible commentary note references this quote from King David from Psalms 32, so I flipped over to Psalms 32 in my Bible and read it! Psalms 32:1-2 in the NLT says "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!"

I found myself full of joy at the thought that our Lord has forgiven my sin and cleared me of guilt! The more I thought about this, the greater the joy inside me seemed to build to where it started overflowing! I found myself praising our Lord and weeping tears of joy for His forgiveness to me!!

Sometimes, we tend to get busy living our lives and enjoying the blessing of our Lord and we start to think of our Lord's forgiveness as common place! We often forget that at one time, we too were sinners on our way to hell and eternal death. But, because of our Lord's great love for us, God sent His only Son, Jesus, to pay the debt of our sin and reconcile our relationship with God our Father by giving His life for us on the cross! And then rising again from the grave!! Our Lord lives!! He lives!! Our Lord Jesus lives in each and every one of us who have accepted Him and His Salvation!!

Oh, we have much to be joyous about!! For because our Lord Jesus lives, we too can live forever with Him!!

So my friends, I pray you are encouraged as I was and that unspeakable joy overwhelms you like it has me, to know that our sins have been forgiven and that we are now made righteous in our Lord Jesus!! For our sins have been FORGIVEN!! WOW!! Now that's something to get excited and joyous about!! 😊

With much love, respect, and prayer for you all!!

Bible Trivia

1. Who was the first person to see Jesus risen from the dead?
2. What disciple was not present when Christ first appeared to the disciples after His resurrection?
3. How many people witnessed Christ after His death and in His resurrected bodily form?
4. Who is the disciple to arrive at the tomb first after out running the other disciple?
5. Who was the first to enter the tomb where Jesus had been laid?

Upcoming Events

Fifty Plus Montly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be Thursday April 9, 2026 at the church at 11:30AM. Lunch will be served at 11:30AM with the service starting immediately afterwards. (usually around 12:15PM) Pastor Jerry Frank will be our speaker. We hope to see you there!

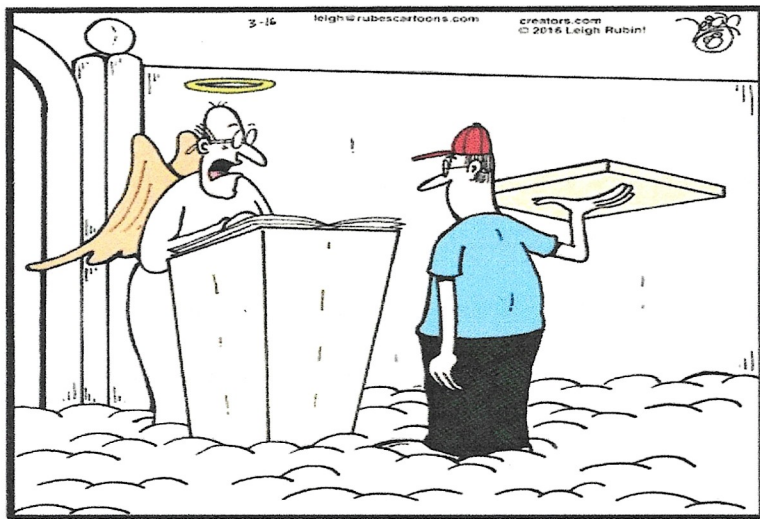
Remember the fundraising effort of \$8000 to build a church in Madagascar, Africa. We have raised approximately \$4849, but still need your help! Please pray and consider what you would like to give toward this effort! Make your checks out to the church and put "50+ Madagascar Project" in the memo section or on the envelope.

Seniors Adult Conference in Branson, Missouri September 21-23, 2026. This conference is hosted by the Assemblies of God and will have several keynote speakers, a trip to Convoy of Hope headquarters, and attending the Sight and Sound Theater play "King David". This is setting up for a great time of fun, fellowship, and worship. For those interested in attending this event, contact Brother John Jelinek for further details.

Save the Date Saturday. May 30, 2026 at 5:00
50+ All Star Social Event. More details to come.

On a Lighter Side:

Prayer Needs:



“Didn’t expect to be here today, eh? Hey, life’s full of surprises. I mean, I didn’t expect to wake up this morning with an overwhelming craving for sausage and mushroom, but there you go.”

Growing old together!

An elderly couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town, and on this special occasion, a local newspaper reporter paid them a visit. He inquired as to the secret of their long and happy marriage. "Well," explained the husband, "it all goes back to our honeymoon. We visited the Grand Canyon and took a trip down to the bottom of the canyon by pack mule." "We hadn't gone too far when my wife's mule stumbled. My wife quietly said 'That's once.' We proceeded a little farther when the mule stumbled again. Once more my wife quietly spoke: 'That's twice.' We hadn't gone a half-mile when the mule stumbled a third time. My wife promptly removed a revolver from her purse, hopped down off the beast, and shot the mule dead." "I started to protest over her treatment of the mule when she looked at me and quietly said, 'That's once.'"

Growing old together,.... gracefully!

Grandma and Grandpa were sitting in their porch rockers watching the beautiful sunset and reminiscing about "the good old days". Grandma turned to Grandpa and said, "Honey, do you remember when we first started dating and you used to just casually reach over and take my hand?" Grandpa looked over at her, smiled and obligingly took her aged hand in his. With a wry little smile, Grandma pressed a little farther, "Honey, do you remember how after we were engaged, you'd sometimes lean over and suddenly kiss me on the cheek?" Grandpa leaned slowly toward Grandma and gave her a lingering kiss on her wrinkled cheek. Growing bolder still, Grandma said, "Honey, do you remember how, after we were first married, you'd kind of nibble on my ear?" Grandpa slowly got up from his rocker and headed into the house. Alarmed, Grandma said, "Honey, where are you going?" Grandpa replied, "To get my teeth!"

Ruth Elmore
Jerry Colston
Thula McCulley
Burl Ray

Beckett (Joe and Mary Grimes grandson)

Trivia Answers:

1. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)
2. Thomas (John 20:24-29)
3. Approximately 500 (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)
4. John, the "other disciple" (John 20:3-5)
5. Peter (John 20:3-6)

Happy April Birthday to:

Caroline Doyle - April 9
Carrie Hughes - April 10
Sharon Beavers - April 13
Jim Bolds - April 17
Martha Hidle - April 19
Dylan Moore - April 29

Happy Anniversary to:

John & Norma Taylor - April 3
Chris & Carrol Shepherd - April 27

Here's a Recipe to Try:

Creamy Swiss Chicken Bake

- 3-4 chicken breasts
- 5-6 slices swiss cheese
- ½ Cup mayonnaise
- ½ Cup sour cream
- ¼ Cup grated parmesan cheese (divided)
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder

Preheat oven to 375. Pat chicken dry and place in greased 9 x 13 pan. Add sliced cheese on top of chicken. In bowl mix mayonnaise, sour cream, ½ Cup parmesan cheese and seasonings. Spread this over chicken and sprinkle with remaining parmesan cheese. Bake 1 hour or until done.

(Submitted by Cindy Wrentz)

Have an Anniversary or Birthday coming up? Let Cindy know your special date, so we can celebrate with you!!