



**Dear Calvary Church family,  
Easter is here and now what?  
LET'S LIVE IN HIS RESURRECTION  
POWER**

**What is resurrection power?**

Resurrection power is the supernatural power God used to raise Jesus from the grave (Eph. 1:19-20). It is the same power that has delivered us from sin's power and penalty (Rom. 6:14). Sin kept us in our brokenness and bondage. It manifested itself in our lives as guilt, shame, and misery. These led us to dark paths of despair, depressions, and feelings of hopelessness. However, as new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), we have access to the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the grave (Rom. 8:11). Satan has been crushed. We are free (Col. 2:15).

**Living in the power of the resurrection.**

In the final days of His earthly life, Jesus hinted about His resurrection power. He assured His disciples, "he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will also do; and greater works than these he will do (John 14:12). The apostle knew how to live in the power of the resurrection. He wanted to not only "share in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings" but also, to know Him and the power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10). It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that Paul proclaimed the sufficiency of God's grace through the "power of Christ that would rest on him" (2 Cor. 12:9).

**How do 21<sup>st</sup> century believers live in resurrection power?**

The early New Testament church gained its potency through the anointing and indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). Through resurrection power, we too, as 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples, can gain the same strength to accomplish God's purpose. In addition, it is through this power that we can find personal forgiveness, acceptance, and wholeness. The Holy Spirit is the source of resurrection power. It is through His presence that we are empowered for service to the Lord (John 16:13-15). The work that has been entrusted to us is destined for success because of the Holy Spirit working within us (Phil 1:6). The key to unlocking resurrection power is our willingness to

cooperate with the Holy Spirit. Cooperation is critical in every endeavor a person may attempt. If we are to live successfully in resurrection power, we must follow Jesus' example, who practiced obedience and humility. Although Jesus was God's son, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross (Phil 2:8). We must learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

**Opportunities for resurrection power in 2026:**

Easter is here, and we celebrate the resurrection proclamation. We have personally experienced the glorified Christ through our new life in Him. The question we must ask ourselves is "what now?" As we reflect on the state of our world, it is more evident than ever, "we need supernatural power" to deal with our challenges.

The human needs of the first century still exist today. The resurrection power on behalf of our families, our communities, and our nation. Let us courageously intercede on behalf of those experiencing the effects of sin in our world – hate, hurt, and hopelessness (2 Cor. 5:15). Jesus, teach us how to live in your resurrection power TODAY.

He has Risen and is Alive Ever More (Let us live in the Power of His resurrection).

*Happy Easter, Pastor Bruce*



**A few upcoming events for the Men of Calvary:**

- April 30 – May 3 – Men's Retreat to Oak Island, NC. Sign up sheet is at the front of the church. We would love to have you join us.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> the Men of Calvary will get the honor of serving a meal at Hesus House.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be VBS at Calvary. I encourage you to serve where you can.
- Later in the year we do have a Men's Shootout planned as well as a

Camping/Kayak/Canoe trip. Be sure to join us April 12<sup>th</sup> for our

monthly meeting and bible study and discussion.

*Thank you, and may God bless each of you,  
Doug Bivens*



Items that are needed the most right now: Chicken Noodle soup, canned pastas of any kind, pudding cups, mac & cheese cups, fruit cups, applesauce cups, Lance-type crackers, Beanie Weenies, Vienna Sausages, drink pouches  
*(any other items that are on the full list can be donated at any time; these are just the items that we need the most right now)*



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 4**

**11 AM – 1 PM**

**Ages Birth – 5 Grade**

**Prizes awarded in all age groups!**

**FREE hot dog lunch!**

**Lots of candy! Bring a friend!!**



We find these words in Hebrews 2:14-15, 17-18: **Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.**

**Therefore, he had to be like his brothers and sisters in every way, so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in matters pertaining to God to make atonement for the sins of the people. For since himself has suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.** Two wonderful truths are found in these verses regarding the inevitable suffering we face.

First, we are not alone in our suffering. Christ does not remain distant from us, leaving us in our suffering. He stepped into the world as a man and experienced

the suffering of the world just like we do. This is what it means when the author says: **Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these...**

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In the midst of our suffering, we can run to Christ for help as One who KNOWS what we are going through! Second, Christ not only knows our suffering; He came to free us from it. Christ came to earth as a man to stand in our place. Why? ...so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death... to make

atonement for the sins of the people. Though God would have been justified in leaving us to the consequences of our sin forever, out of his great love for us, He sent His son to step into the midst of our suffering – in the form of Christ's death on the cross – not to remain distant from it,

but to free us from it. As Easter approaches, let us remember what Christ did on the cross and in rising again three days later: He made a way to free us from the suffering of sin. Does that mean we will not suffer as Christians? Of course not. But it does mean we are not alone and that suffering is only temporary. One day He is coming again, and then we, as His children, will be forever free from all suffering. Until then, remember that Christ is your **merciful and faithful high priest**, always there for you.

*Sincerely, Chris Zinicola*

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### Upcoming Events:

**April 4:** Easter Egg Hunt

**April 5:** Easter Services

**Apr 17:** Students to Host Game Night

### NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Pastor Chris & Samantha will be leading a Bible Study/Small Group, focusing on how to study to better study the bible, as we study the bible together. Next meeting will be on Thursday, April 2 @6pm.



In Sunday School, we are working our way through the Bible this year. We just finished Deuteronomy. As God put it, the Israelites were “stiff necked”. Over and over, even though God has proved His faithfulness and provisions, they whined and doubted and even turned to other idols. What lack of faith! Wait. What am I talking about? This sounds like me, at times. God has proven His faithfulness and provisions to me over and over, and yet sometimes when things get hard, I try to fix myself (my idol = control) and I whine to my friends about what I am going through instead of taking it to the One who can really “fix” it. If you asked me how I know He is faithful, it would take us all day to talk about what he has done in my life so far, and yet I worry. Please, God, help me to always bring it to you first, and then leave it there, to not whine to others and to find joy in even the hard times! Anyone need to pray this prayer with me today?

*“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”* Nehemiah 8:10

### Coming Up:

No Women of Calvary Meeting, as we will be traveling home from the Women of Joy on April 12.

**April 10, 11 & 12-** Women of Joy, Pigeon Forge

**April 14-** South Fork Baptist Association Women's Banquet at Boger City Baptist

**May 2-** Women of Calvary to Narroway Productions to see Not Just Another Love Story. There is one ticket available. Cost: \$51, which includes lunch. See me if you would like to go.

*In Christ's Love, Robin*



The pastor, staff, and congregation would like to welcome Vicki Hovis into our church family.

**OCC-** April is a great month to continue to pick up small toys for boxes. Race cars, small balls, and building blocks are great items for boys. Small dolls, bead kits, and puzzles are good items for girl boxes. If you would like to contribute financially to build boxes please let me know. I love to shop for shoebox items! Thanks!

**BoB-** During the month of April we will be meeting to discuss the book of Esther. Ladies are invited to read through the book and join us as we discuss the book and share anything new and interesting we find in the book. The group meets on Tuesday, April 21 in the conference room at 6:30 pm. We would love to have you join us.

**VBS-** we are looking for our classroom guides this month. Guides lead the students from class to class and help teachers out as needed. This may be helping with craft projects or running a student to the restroom. We have 4 age groups that rotate. The ages for the 4 – 5 year olds, 6 – 7, 8 – 9, 10 – 12. Please let Kathy or Sabrina know if you are able to be a guide. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the 2-3 year old room. We have a teacher, but we can always use more help with the little ones.

*Thank you, Kathy Bivens*



Calvary Baptist Church would like to express our deepest sympathy to Pastor Bruce and his family in the loss of his dad, Jim Brooks.



**Greeters for APRIL**

**5 Pat Rudisill & Debbie Sherrill  
12 Bud & Shirley Dellinger  
19 Frank & Gail McSwain  
26 Jimmy & Kym Gloska**

**Christian Ministry will continue to collect new underwear during the month of April. All sizes for all ages are needed, especially Men's size L.**

**Children's Workers for APRIL**

**NURSERY 10:30 AM**

- Apr 5** Linda Rickman
- Apr 12** Tracie Kline
- Apr 19** Shannon Wingate
- Apr 26** Catherine Cox

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM**

- Apr 5** Robin Sams
- Apr 12** Kathy Bivens
- Apr 19** Kim Jackson
- Apr 26** Cathy Williams

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00 PM**

**Nursery & Preschool**

- Apr 1** Samantha Zinicola
- Apr 8** Pat Lowman
- Apr 15** Sandra Jennings
- Apr 22** Courtney Sellers
- Apr 29** Sandra Jennings

**Deacon of the Month**

**TIM MOSTELLER**

**A Look at Our Records  
Tithes & Offerings**

*These figures reflect our General  
Fund amounts*

Mar 1.....	\$13,036.17
Mar 8.....	\$5,122.45
Mar 15.....	\$5,168.45
Mar 22.....	\$4,518.45

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**Sunday School Report**

Mar 1.....	80
Mar 8.....	89
Mar 15.....	91
Mar 22.....	82

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

Bruce Brooks.....	Lead Pastor
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Samantha Zinicola.....	Facilities Manager

**~ CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ~**

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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If you would like to join us for prayer,  
we meet in the sanctuary on Sunday  
mornings at 8:30 am. Everyone is  
welcome!

**SUNSHINE CLUB**

**Monday, April 27**

**@11:00 AM**

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**

**EASTER OFFERING**

**Church goal: \$5,000**

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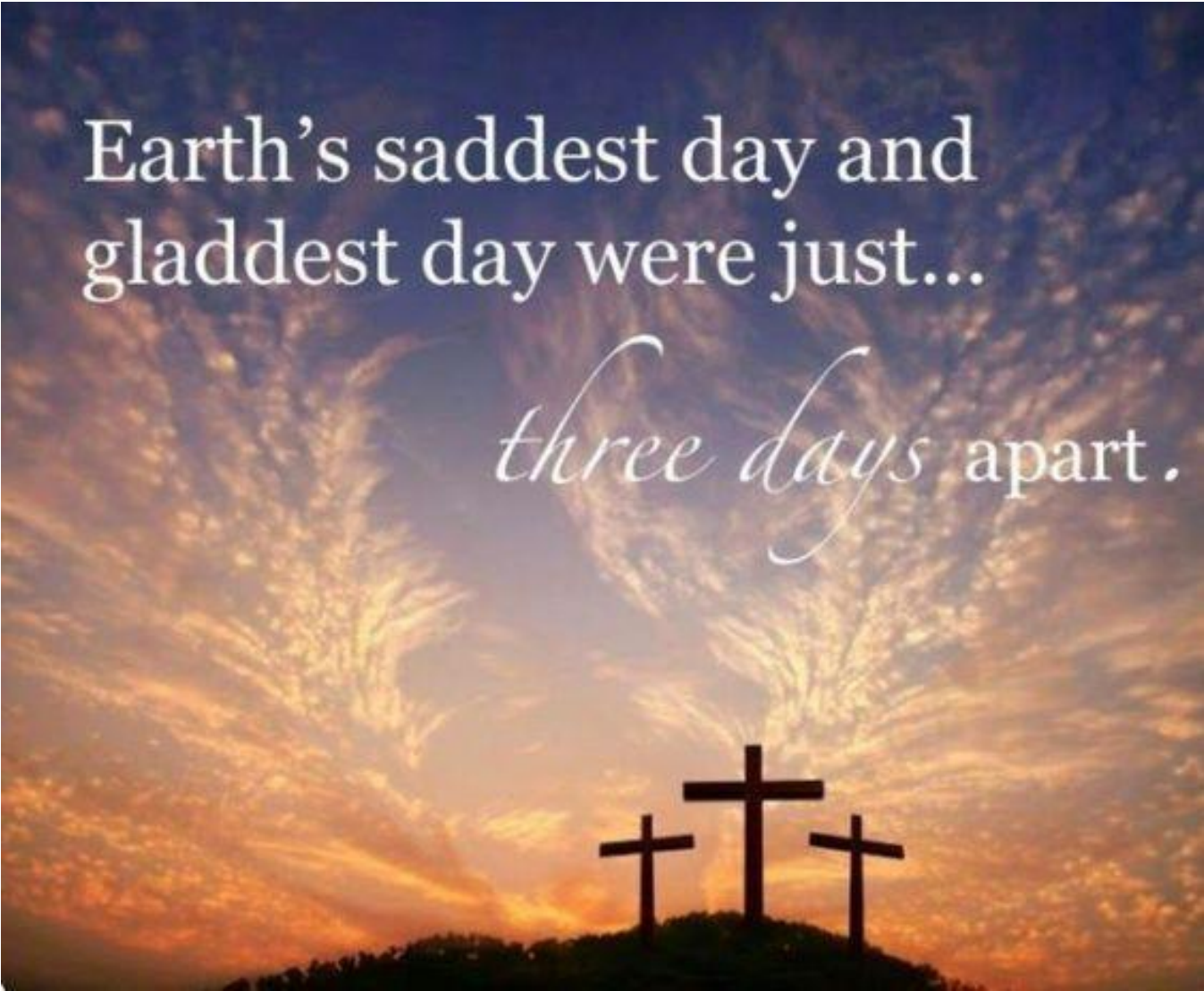
# THE MESSENGER

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"In that day shall messengers go forth..." Ezekiel 30:9  
APRIL 2026

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Earth's saddest day and  
gladdest day were just...

*three days* apart.

*He is risen*