



TRUE LIGHT

RESURRECTION 2.0: THE EMPTY TOMB

May 25, 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord
has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

No mortal was present when the Spirit of the living God reanimated the lifeless body of Jesus of Nazareth and validated him as Christ, the Son of God, and our Lord (Romans 1:3-4). We sometimes wrongly talk about the early disciples seeing Jesus raised from the dead. The reality of the resurrection leaves us all a bit "stunned and perplexed" because no human personally witnessed how this incredible miracle occurred when GOD was accomplishing it.

The exact how of the resurrection remains shrouded in divine mystery. The exact who - Jesus of Nazareth - and the truth that God raised Jesus' lifeless body from death, however, is not so much a mystery. We can be thankful that the truth of Jesus' resurrection doesn't depend on rumors from self-deluded weirdos. While critics may try to raise questions about the resurrection of Jesus or explain it away, the truth of the early believers' good news depended upon it being true.

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14).

If we label the exact moment of Jesus' resurrection as Resurrection 1.0, then we can rejoice with those who knew Jesus ensure resurrection 2.0 and 2.1, 2.2, 2.3... 2.500+ (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). The changes in those people, the power behind their message and their fearlessness of faith in Jesus when they had first doubted, all testify that GOD made sure Resurrection 1.0 truly happened in our human history.

The empty tomb of Resurrection 1.0 didn't ensure that Jesus was raised from the dead. Only the physical presence of the resurrected Jesus with people who were devastated and terrified at his execution on the cross ensures Resurrection 2.0. For those of us who believe two-thousand-plus-years later, their testimony becomes our hope and our future. Their energized faith, their bold testimony, and their willing sacrifice of their lives to tell others about what they'd seen and heard (Acts 4:10) provides the foundation for our faith. Even their most ardent opponents had to acknowledge that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13). These witnesses let everyone know that Jesus was not only their message, but he was also the one who had inaugurated their new movement on Pentecost by pouring out the same powerful Spirit that had given them victory over sin, hell, and death in the resurrection (Acts 2:33-36).

Over the next several weeks - as the Lord gives us time - we will look at Resurrection 2.0. We will look at what the earliest believers relied on about the resurrection. My prayer is that this short journey will motivate us to expect in our personal encounter with the resurrected Jesus in ways that he has promised to show himself to us in our day.

Today, however, let's be thankful for the mystery that is the bedrock of our faith. Let's rejoice that sin, hell, and death could not hold the body of the one who walked as God among us. Let's be joyful! No grave can hold those whom GOD Almighty loves because it could not keep his beloved Son in death. We choose to find our hope in him!

Several decades after Jesus' resurrection, the impetuous Peter and his beloved churches in Asia minor faced persecution. The faithful apostle shared the following words of hope to forge their commitment for the trials ahead:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:3-9).

For Peter, the resurrection of his Lord was no shallow hope built on circumstantial evidence. Jesus' triumph over death was the grit out of which he lived and the fire which fueled the movement in his name. Peter would lose his mortal body to this faith, confident that no one could keep dead what belonged to his resurrected Lord. He is the epitome of Resurrection 2.0. May such grit and fire be ours today!

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 26 - David & LaRhonda Billingsley A)
May 29 - Kayli Lawrence
June 1 - David & Loretta Carson (A)
Tim & Kim Flowers (A)



Attendance for May 18: 95

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Instant Rice * Muffin Mixes * Pretzels *
Pasta (Bow Tie, Penne, Rotini) * Paper
Towels * Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen

Pick Up Date August 18

Contribution for May 18: \$3227

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jim Ward has been sick for several weeks now * **Jerry and Janie Burleson** are both home and very sick with a stomach bug. Also, Jerry's PSA level continues to rise * **Cathy Provance** still waiting for hip replacement surgery * **Maura Thomason** sprained her wrist

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * Janie Burleson * David Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuin * Gloria Moore * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer/other illness (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beaird * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Scott Burleson * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Tammy Clark * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Audrey Galloway * Emily Garner * Patricia Greninger * Stan Goodman * Renee Goodman * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson * Kristin Meadows * Jerry Mickey * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joe Vincent * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins

Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead:

June 1: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck lunch following morning worship, and an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

June 4: Our Summer Speaker Series begins with Jay Lyles. Jay is the minister for the Slicer Street church of Christ in Kennett. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.

June 7: Celebration of Life service at 10:30 a.m. for Brian Thomason at the building.

June 8: Baby shower with the Gideon congregation for Kayli and Kason Lawrence at 2:30 in the fellowship room. They are expecting a baby girl and are registered at my.babylist.com.

June 10: Ladies Lunch Out at Malden Country Club at 11:30. Since we had no attendees last month, we will try again! There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

June 22: Potluck style bridal shower following morning worship for Luke Tanner and Caris Foriester. They are registered at theknot.com.

June 29: Seniors Rally at Valley View in Jonesboro with guest speaker John W. Smith. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

July 6: Session 3 of Bootheel Youth Camp begins. Forms will be available soon.

July 20-23: Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Untangled: Wild About God's Plan." We will need lots of help and lots of cookies. Be praying and planning for a successful VBS.

BIBLE TRIVIA:

What was the name of the mother who made a little coat for her son every year? * What Bible prophet spoke of the killing of the children? * What type of bird did Noah first send forth from the Ark? * The name of David's first wife was? * Name the three languages that the title written above Jesus' cross were in

Answers: Hannah for Samuel (Esther 7:9,10) * Jeremiah (31:15) * A raven (Genesis 8:6,7) * Michael (1 Samuel 18:27) * Greek, Latin, and Hebrew (John 19:19,20)

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the family of our brother Brian Thomason, who passed away May 17. There will be a celebration of life service for Brian June 7 at 10:30 at the building.



WILLING TO SERVE

May 25, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Opening Prayer.....David Carson
Scripture.....Steve Jones
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

June 1, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Ryan Young
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....David Burleson

WATER WHERE WE NEED IT

Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake, is vast and magnificent. Measuring one-mile-deep and nearly 400 miles by 49 miles across, it contains one-fifth of all the surface fresh water in the world. But this water is largely inaccessible. Lake Baikal is located in Siberia - one of the most remote areas of Russia. With water so desperately needed for much of our planet, it's ironic that such a vast supply of water is tucked away in a place where not many people can access it.

Although Lake Baikal may be remote, there is an endless source of life-giving water that is available and accessible to those who need it most. When at a well in Samaria, Jesus engaged a woman in conversation, probing at the edges of her deep spiritual thirst. The solution to her heart-need? Jesus Himself.

In contrast to the water she had come to draw from the well, Jesus offered something better: *Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life* (John 4:13-14).

Many things promise satisfaction but never fully quench our thirsty hearts. Jesus alone can truly satisfy our spiritual thirst, and His provision is available to everyone, everywhere.

Bill Crowder