

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2023







### JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY



Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Team Rehearsal - 9:00 am Community Groups - 9:45 am Morning Worship - 11:00 am Embers Ministry - 5:00 pm

Wednesday Services

All Ministries Begin at 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

**Embers Bible Study** 

Youth Bible Study 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Children's Ministry Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Preschool Ministry Birth through Pre-K



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# A Word From The Pastor

And the angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:5, 6 (NASB, 2020)

In the coming days we celebrate what sets Christianity apart from all other belief systems, and more importantly, what constitutes eternal truth for all of humanity. Jesus – fully God and fully man – came to earth for the express reason of being the payment for my sin. My sin separates me from God's righteousness, something to which I cannot attain on my own merit. Jesus, in His love and grace did so for me – *"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Corinthians 5:21, NASB 2020) When Jesus was crucified and died, He accomplished the purpose of paying my debt.

The next action of Jesus makes the eternal truth of His Gospel so much more powerful and riveting – He rose from the dead; He overcame death and its penalty. *"Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1 Corinthians 15:55-57, NASB 2020) My faith in Christ to settle my debt is rewarded with a relationship of new life with God the Father through Him.  $\cong$ 

So, what do I do with this? I allow it to change and impact the way I live until I meet Him one day. "Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1, NASB 2020)

May we live the resurrected life! Pastor Albert

Josh's World

April always has lots of fun things taking place. NFL Draft, Wrestle-Mania, NBA playoffs, NHL playoffs – as a sports fan, April brings lots of entertainment. Oh! Easter is taking place too! In all seriousness, I hope your Easter is blessed. Take a moment to appreciate what this season means and entails. God fulfills His promises. Fellowship with Him came with a high cost – one He paid. May this truth encourage you. Be reminded of it often.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Take care and God bless.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERING A brief time of snacks & fellowship for men to hang out together. Please join us Wednesday, April 5, after the service in the lobby.



Annual Easter Banquet Thursday, April 6, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Volunteers needed for kitchen aide, cook, & server. Please sign up in the lobby. We'll meet in the parking lot at our church to stage the trip to the New Life Center Inn no later than 9:30 am. We will need to be in place by 10:00 am. Any questions can be directed to Bob Wilmot at 904-655-5160.

Prayer Walk  $\rightarrow$  Saturday, April 8

Deacons Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm

Neighborhood Association Meetings Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm

Stewardship Meeting  $\rightarrow$  Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 pm

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\*Parents, please bring in NON-CHOCOLATE candy or prizes for our Annual Egg Hunt on 4/9\*\* {We have plenty of eggs, we just need the "stuffins")

SUNDAY Kidz Church 11am:

- 4/2: Palm Sunday Lesson \*\* Happy Birthday GRACIE!!\*\*
- 4/9 : Easter Lesson, Egg Hunt {Preschool & Children)
- 4/16: New Series Begins: "Idols, Choosing God Above ALL Else"
- 4/23: No Kidz Church; Spring Festival 2-5pm

4/30: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday! Can you guess our Story? It has to do with FIRE!

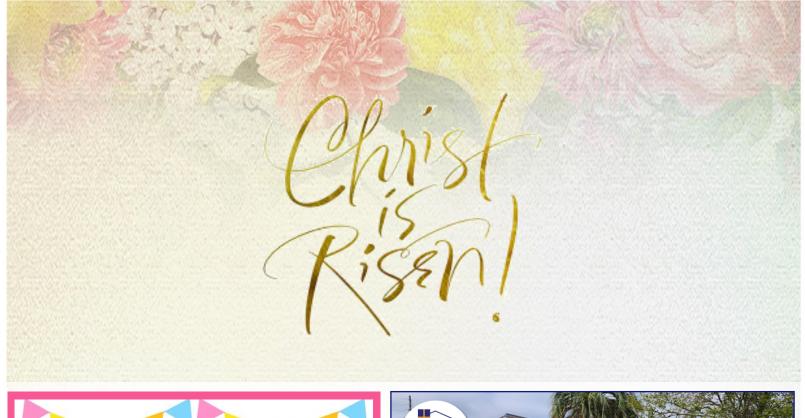


#### GAME ON!

New 7 week series begins 4/19! Get ready to be digitized into the coolest new video game - Game On! While working to complete each level of the game, we will see how to keep on doing what God says to do. Through

stories from the book of Acts, we will learn how to play the game of life in a way that will win us the greatest prize of all!

- 4/5: Easter Eggstravaganza, Jesus Came to Show His love!
- 4/12: Eggstravaganza, Jesus is Alive!
- 4/19: I Will Keep On Working Hard
- 4/26: I Will Keep On Helping







## **BUILD ON THE LEGACY?**

### PLEDGE

April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will begin to make a personal commitment to participate in the legacy of ensuring God's work in our community.

#### GIVE

within the church. Giving will begin in May.

### PATHWAY TO GENEROSITY



**FIRST TIME GIVING**  $\rightarrow$  I have not yet given to God, but I want to take the next step. Proverbs 3:9

Step 2

**INTENTIONAL GIVING**  $\rightarrow$  I give to God, but I want to intentionally PLAN to give regularly. 2 Corinthians 9:7

**PRIORITIZED GIVING**  $\rightarrow$  I consistently give to God, Step 3 but will give a percentage of how God has blessed me. Malachi 3:10

Step 4 **GENEROUS GIVING**  $\rightarrow$  I give BEYOND my tithe to God, and my life is marked by generosity and blessing others. Mark 12:41-44