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**The tomb is empty
and Jesus Christ is alive!**

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The DISCIPLE

“...go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” Matt. 28:19-20

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I often cannot remember what I ate for breakfast, but some things just stick in my head and remain a part of the fabric of my spiritual learning, growth, and development. One nugget of truth in particular that Dr. Donald Cook, professor of New Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, would often share was “the cross is the hinge on which all eternity swings”. Since hearing that for the first time some 30+ years ago, there remains in my finite mind a visual image of the cross, hinged as a door, opening to the great mystery of eternity and eternal life, and how God has made a way for us to come into His holy presence.

Issac Watts, George Bennard, and Chris Tomlin, Christian hymn and songwriters from the 18th, 20th, and 21st centuries respectively, leave the same enduring image in my head of the beauty, wonder, and love of that cross on which all eternity swings. It is a “wondrous cross” (Watts), “an emblem of suffering and shame” (Bennard), and it “bids me come and die and find that I may truly live” (Tomlin). While each of these songs and songwriters provide comfort and conviction, I suppose the verse that floods my soul the most is found in the fourth stanza of the oldest of the hymns from 1707, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross:

Were the whole Realm of Nature mine,
That were a Present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my Soul, my Life, my All

What Christ did **for me** on that old, rugged cross demands everything **of me** - my life, my soul, my all. Before we arrive at the celebration of the resurrection as Easter people, let us be sure to come by way of the cross, for as another hymn writer, Jessie Brown Pounds, penned, “the way of the cross leads home”:

I must needs go home by the way of the cross,
There's no other way but this;
I shall ne'er get sight of the gates of light,
If the way of the cross I miss.

Join me through this journey as we look to the cross, gaze upon the One who gave His life for us on it, and respond in kind to the love of God that was lavishly poured out upon us - love so amazing, so divine!

I love you all,
David

Our Giving Continues.....

We praise God for your continued faithfulness in giving.

Contributions are as follows:

- February 27: \$ 3,369.00
- March 6: \$ 8,389.00
- March 13: \$ 5,125.00
- March 20: \$ 4,487.00



April Birthdays

- 2 Carson Ball
Jimmy Harris
- 3 Donnie Johnson
- 8 Judy Morgan
Joe Outhouse
Denise Roberts
Robin Wilson
- 11 Sonya Coats
Keith Elkins
Ethan Hudgins
Brooks Smith
- 12 Sarah Beth Basnight
- 15 Rebekah Smith
- 16 Shirley Turner
- 17 Bill Hagwood
Rosemary Hunt
- 19 Debbie Dorsey
Gladys Hight
- 21 Jodie Bowman
- 22 Kinley Grissom
- 26 Steward Goswick
- 29 Hope Coats
Stacy Smith

Mission Moments at Franklinton Baptist

In the wake of Thomas accepting a call to the pastorate in Virgie, Ky, our missions council continues to help coordinate and direct our missions efforts and involvement. As they meet to discuss and plan the opportunities for us to engage in Gospel-sharing ministries, please be aware that the call to serve in our missions ministry goes out to everyone. Take a moment to consider your strengths, talents, giftedness and calling, and then pray that God would open the door for you to join Him in the work that the Scriptures tell us “He has planned in advance for you to do!!” “Sitting and getting” are not our spiritual gifts nor are they the commands of our Father. Be prepared for what God is doing in our midst and let’s stay connected and busy while we wait for His return.

Franklinton Baptist Church will continue to prayerfully and financially support the North Carolina Baptists on Mission for the work they are doing with the Ukrainian refugees and for help in that war-torn country. Each week we will collect contributions and offerings designated to this missions outreach and we will forward those monies on to the NC BOM. Please give as you are able, and please pray for the families and individuals whose lives have been impacted by this conflict and strife.

Passion Week Services

Passion Week begins on April 10. We hope you will make plans to join us as we journey to the Cross and on to Resurrection Sunday.

- April 10: Palm Sunday, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
- April 14: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 P.M.
- April 17: Resurrection Sunday! Sunrise Service 7:00 A.M. followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

On April 16, we will observe a children’s Easter egg hunt in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. This will include a hot dog lunch. The children will also enjoy a time of hunting for Easter eggs and a visit with the Easter Bunny.

A Word from Our Music Director Patrick Woods

The resurrection of Christ has inspired many songs and lyrics. Geron Davis in his song “He Loved Us More” expresses the love of God beautifully. I pray it encourages you today as it has encouraged me. There is no greater love than when one lays down his life for another. (John 15:13)



He loved us more than the crown
 More than the throne
 More than the heavens that He called home
 More than all of these He loved you and me
 And he left it all because
 He loved us more. - Geron Davis

Our God Is Faithful

John 11:25-26 (New International Version):

Jesus said ...“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die...”