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**Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM**  
**Bible School 10:45 AM**

The Apostle Paul summarized the gospel message by which we are saved by stating that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. (I Corinthians 15:1-4)

On Easter Sunday morning millions around the world will celebrate the fact that Jesus saved us from our sins, but sadly the societal benefit of what He did by going to the cross and rising from the tomb has been lost in identity politics.

You probably didn't see that coming. But neither did I.

Matt and I were sitting in a lecture on "The Heresy of Identity Politics" at the Touchstone Conference last October when Easter and politics unexpectedly came together for me.

Joshua Miller had been explaining how in identity politics the traditional division between liberal and conservative has been replaced by transgressors and those who are innocent. And while liberals and conservatives can often work together for the good of society through cooperation and compromise, there can be no discourse between transgressors and those who insist they are at least innocent, if not actually victims of current or even historical transgressions.

At the conference I picked up Joshua's book, *American Awakening*, and came to a better understanding of identity politics, and, more importantly, the only solution. The bottom line is that we have totally abandoned a biblical understanding of human nature, and are looking for a scapegoat to blame for all the ills of our society.

Until we recognize that none of us are innocent, and that we are all sinners, the dividing line will remain. And until we come to understand that the price has been paid for our sin, and forgiveness for everything is possible through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, there is no hope for a much needed American awakening. God Bless, Rick



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**"And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, 'Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold here is the place where they laid Him.'" (Mark 16:2-6)**

STATISTICS		
	3/5	
Worship		101
Offering		\$5,486.21
	3/12	
Worship		112
Offering		\$8,910.71
	3/19	
Worship		114
Offering		\$5,022.14
	3/26	
Worship		128
Offering		\$8,916.14



Our Easter Sunday worship service will be held at the regular time of 9:15 on April 9th. There will be no nursery or children's worship so all can be together. Neither will there be Sunday School or youth groups on Sunday evening.

After worshipping together on Sunday morning, everyone is encouraged to spend time with family celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.



We're hoping to finish the book we've been studying by the end of the season, so we'll be trying to cover an entire chapter each week before we break for the summer. All adults are welcome to join us at 6:30 on Sunday nights, and those who have books are encouraged to read the chapter we'll be looking at before they come.



*Just as life springs forth from the floor of Death Valley, so did our Savior rise from the dead on Easter Sunday morning!*

Rick and Marilyn were recently in Death Valley National Park and found it to be a place of unexpected beauty. The colors were brilliant, and views from mountain tops were awe inspiring. Likewise, for the believer, the valley of death will lead us into a place of beauty that will far exceed our every expectation.

When walking through the valley of the shadow of death we are told to fear no evil because our risen shepherd will walk with us. As we think about the empty tomb on Easter Sunday lets not forget that Jesus arose so He could walk with us through life and death.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."



#### Pre-K through 5th Grade

Nicole Moore purchased a whole bunch of plastic eggs on clearance last year and we plan to hide every one of them for our kids to find. They'll be inside, they'll be outside, they'll be everywhere! Consider bringing your kids out to church for this fun event on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 10:00am.

After the hunt, we can all gather in the fellowship hall for some treats as the kids look through all their eggs. Please feel free to invite friends of the family who might enjoy this activity with their children. It will be a fun way to introduce them to our church right before Resurrection Sunday.



#### High School Students CIY/MOVE

The more I think of MOVE, the more I get excited! Mainly because we might have our largest group ever attending this conference. To help with planning, I really would like a commitment by Sunday, April 23rd so I can get our group registered with the early bird discount.

As a reminder, the conference will run from July 17th through July 22nd. It will be in Warrensburg, Missouri and the cost is \$364 per person. Additionally, students will need enough extra money for a few meals and incidentals throughout the week. If this poses any difficulty whatsoever, please see me and we will work out a solution.



Let's get those kids some sugar! We have been tasked with collecting 100 bags of sugar to be used throughout the summer at LSCA. If you would like to donate, please put a bag of sugar or two in one of the bins by the visitor's stand.

Also, if you would like to volunteer in the kitchen, they have requested that we provide someone on Tuesday, June 20th from 10:30-12:30. Please let me know if this interests you and we'll get you on the schedule.



#### VBS June 5-8

As you are planning your activities for the summer, be aware that our VBS will be in early June. Kids will be learning how to shine the light of Jesus throughout a variety of real life scenarios. More importantly, they will learn about the beautiful forgiveness Jesus offers when you invite the Light of the World into your heart. It's going to be a great VBS!