



April 9, 2023

Pastor Note:

Paul, permitted to defend himself before the Roman Governor Festus and his guest King Agrippa, said the R-word, **“I teach nothing except what the prophets and Moses said would happen—that the Messiah would suffer and be the first to rise from the dead, and in this way announce God’s light to Jews and Gentiles alike.”**

**Suddenly, Festus shouted, “Paul, you are insane. Too much study has made you crazy!”**

**But Paul replied, “I am not insane, Most Excellent Festus. What I am saying is the sober truth”** Acts 26:22-25 (NLT2).

Maybe you’re in Festus’ camp, “The only certain things in life are death and taxes.” Well, if you are, you would be dead wrong, you’d be short on the truth, as Paul politely pointed out. Leaving out, dismissing, or belittling resurrection truth is a cardinal mistake.

Why? Because Jesus Christ did rise from the dead, and because there will be a resurrection of **“the righteous and the wicked”** (Acts 24:15), or as Jesus put it, **“An hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment”** John 5:28-29 (ESV).

There is only one expert on resurrection, and it is not you or me. The thing we’re good at is dying. That’s because we are sinners and the consequence of sin is death (Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:12-15). Resurrection and life are God’s domain. Jesus, standing with Martha in front of her brother Lazarus’ tomb, reminded her of that, **“I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”** **“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.”** John 11:25-27 (NLT2).

So, we know Martha’s answer to Jesus’ question, but what about yours?

The truth of the resurrection of Christ and the coming resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked means death is neither the undefeatable enemy nor the great escape. Christ left the tomb as victor over sin, death, and the grave. There is hope for and life beyond the grave, we can shout, **“Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘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! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”** 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NIV). On the other hand, death doesn’t mean anyone “can get away with it.” There will be full accountability beyond the grave (Romans 14:10-12). It is entirely possible to escape human justice, but no one will escape the justice of God, **“Each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him”** Hebrews 9:27-28 (NLT2).

What you do with the truth, especially resurrection truth, Jesus - the truth, will determine your eternity. Yes, you can dismiss it, ignore it, or declare it “crazy” but, as sure as death, it will catch up with you nonetheless. Jesus is alive, He will return, and you will stand before Him. The Easter question is whether you understand, believe, and are prepared - **“eagerly waiting”** - for that moment.

Christ is Risen! Love you, Pastor Hans



# Lord Hear Our Prayers

Sermon Notes:

## PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger,  
Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Rickie Jeffers  
Family and Friends, Our Church's Ministries,  
Our community, that we do actually SHARE.

## SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,  
Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy,  
Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

## Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland,  
Noah Martin, Rebekah Wilhelmy, John Michael Chavez,  
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Dylan Werner, Brian Sula,  
Michael Thomasson, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,  
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,  
Christopher Sula

For those wanting to send cards & flowers to *Genevieve* see her new address below:

**Brandel Manor**  
C/O Genevieve Alldrin  
1801 North Olive Ave.  
Turlock, Ca 95382  
Ph # 209-410-7200

Prayers:

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## Being a Church that Cares Well

Training coming soon...

Why?

“The American church is facing an abuse crisis. Is your church doing all it can to be safe for survivors and safe from abuse? Churches should be a refuge for those who have experienced abuse. But, too often, survivors haven't found the protection they deserve and the care they need from the church. Are you ready to join us in changing that?”

Yes. We are committed to being a safe place for everyone from babies to elderly and we will continue to keep ourselves educated and trained in order to be able to love, love, love. In order for that we will have once-a-month trainings for 4 months for our church staff, Deacons, Board, Children and Youth Leaders, Women's Leaders, Men's Leader, and Food Basket Leaders, and any other adult that may be interested in attending. Each meeting will be at the church from **6:00-8:30 pm.**

Meeting 1: 2/13/23

Meeting 2: 3/13/23

**Meeting 3: 4/17/23**

Meeting 4: 5/08/23

The videos are survivor stories, educational training, and explaining why the church's response to abuse is a Gospel issue (meeting #1).

In addition to providing these monthly meetings, our leaders and administration will commit to protecting our children and church by training as Mandated Reporters and have a live scan background check.

If you would like to join our monthly meetings, please let Susie Frei know so there is a seat for you ([skfrei@gmail.com](mailto:skfrei@gmail.com) or 209-247-9234) or let Jannett know.

# April Announcements

## Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.**
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
- Communion Sunday - April 23, 2023  
**Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service**

Fellowship Time Snacks  
were provided  
By - *Dan's*

**Thank you**

*Next week Beverly & Youth Class is up!!*

If you are interested in Church Membership,  
please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

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The church is looking for someone experienced in  
Accounting. If that's **you** please get your name  
to Jannett in the office or see Pastor Hans.

A Bit of  
Humor  
Corner



**Giving**

*April 2, 2023*

**Offering:**  
\$3,965.00

**Food:**  
\$1,180.00

**Facilities:**  
\$150.00

**Missions:**  
\$20.00

**Attendance:**  
74

**Weekly Events**

**Sunday School/Small Groups:**

9:00 AM

**Sunday Morning Worship Service:**

10:30 AM

**Sunday Evening Worship Service:**

6:00 PM

**Tuesday:** Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

**1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday**

**Food Ministry:**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Wednesday:**

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM

Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Grief Share - 6:30 PM (On Hiatus)

**Thursday:** Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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**S H A R E**



*1 Timothy 6:18*



**April 10th - April 16th**

DAY 1 - Acts 1  
(Psalms 38)

DAY 2 - Acts 2  
(Psalms 39)

DAY 3 - Acts 3  
(Psalms 40)

DAY 4 - Acts 4  
(Psalms 41)

DAY 5 - Acts 5  
(Psalms 42)

DAY 6 - Psalms 43

DAY 7 - Psalms 44

**Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.**