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LETTER FROM PASTOR CLAY ALLARD: Risen Life

Resurrection makes no sense. It is not only modern skeptics who doubted Jesus's resurrection. It has always been the scandal, the stumbling block for Jews, Greeks, intellectuals—for everybody, really. So, what can we say about resurrection?

- **Resurrection is not restoration.** We like to think that resurrection means we keep our life. But resurrected life is not the same; notice in the Scriptures that none of the people who had walked, lived, eaten with Jesus recognized the risen Jesus. Resurrection is not a shield against change.
- **Resurrection is not painless.** Not only is crucifixion painful; the journey of resurrection is also painful. Three days is a long time to lie in the dark. Rising is a trip into mystery—becoming something we have never been. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and it is also the beginning of resurrection.
- **Resurrection is the continuity of Love.** Love never ends—that doesn't mean it always stays the same. It means that love is never lost. The little love inside my heart is multiplied every time I die and rise. The one thing that is always the same is the love of God—an unbroken string that leads us back to God.
- **Resurrection is a journey.** Shakespeare had it backwards when he said the courageous only taste once of death. The courageous in Christ learn that the school of life is all about dying and rising, then dying and rising, on and on, until death has lost its sting, and even our death is swallowed up in victory. I can track my life by looking back at all the useless furniture of my pride that litters my wheel-rutted trail across time. And I know that even slimmed down as I am, there is more pride to jettison with every trial. I'm learning to let Jesus just throw out what needs to go.

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OCPC Staff:

 Rev. Clay Allard, Senior Pastor
 Vernon D. Carey – Minister of Music
 Rev. Rodney Rhoden, Parish Associate
 Timothy Freeman, Worship Leader
 Myrtle White, Treasurer
 Michael Gallippo, Dir. of Operations
 Marlene Asbjornson
 Jimmie Gardner, Nursery Attendant

EASTER Sunday COMMUNION Servers:

9:00 David Caddell, Robin Skrine, Greg Parker, Roe Varnner
 11:15 James Blackwell, Jane Seibert, Tom Lindsey, Thia Lindsey, Lonnie Mulkey,
 Beatrice Fiase Need 4 of you on Maundy Thursday, too!

APRIL USHERS:

9:00am – Joan Whitney, Shannon Allard
 11:15am – Bobbie Waring, Tom Lindsey, Calvin Bluiett, Barbara Draper
 (3d Sunday: Pat Rhoden & Brenda Lee Daily instead of Calvin & Barbara)



Presbyterian Women News

- April 3 – CT Meeting @ 11:00am in the Crusader classroom.
- April 2-6 – Meals on Wheels
- April 9 – Circle 1 at the home of Nonie Doss, 2535 Wedglea Dr.#116, Dallas 75211
Circle 2 – Parlor, Circle 3 – Crusader classroom
Evening Circle 7 pm at the Parlor
- April 14 – Serving breakfast at the Bridge
- April 17 & 24 – 10am Craft Group Together in Mission



Thursday Night Prayer Service

Our monthly prayer time for peace is on April 5, at 6:30



MY FAITH FAMILY NEWS

Saturday, April 14 from 9:00am – 3:00pm is My Faith Family Fun Day.

For questions, please contact Susan Miller.



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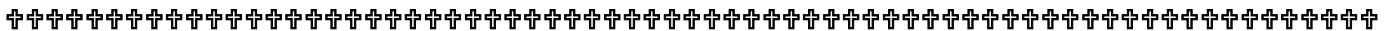
Come join in the fun, learning and fellowship on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Dinner follows from 7-7:30 pm. Last day for year is April 25.



April 1 EASTER!
9:30 & 11:00 am



Bring flowers for the flowering cross on Easter!



Memorials given in memory of Karen Seibert Lewis by Fannie & Willie Demery & The Craft Group; and in memory of Alice Hawkins’ brother, Marvin Holley, from The Craft Group.



Thanks to PW rep Barbara Caldwell on Feb 28th she joined the staff at Grace Pres. Village to celebrate the 5 birthdays of residents in the cottages. She presented each of them a gift. Lunch was served by the village with dessert prepared by Barbara. Pam Gary & Glennis Parker assisted. A good time was had by all. They also visited our OCPC members, Esmond Hardin & Louise Heiskell.



- Saturday, March 31, Easter Egg Hunt / Park & Praise 3:30 – 5:30 pm*
- Saturday, April 7, rehearsal for Youth Sunday*
- Sunday, April 8, YOUTH SUNDAY – one service at 11:00**
- Friday, April 13, Movie night*
- Saturday, April 14, help with My Faith Family 9am – 3pm*
- Contact Greg Parker, or Shannon Allard for information.

APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER Communion 9:30am Contemporary Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	2 Meals on Wheels this week M-F 5:00pm Bell rehearsal	3 9:15am ESL Classes 11am PW CT	4 6:00 Pow Wow 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:15am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do 6:30pm Prayers for Peace	6	7 10 am Youth Rehearsal
8 YOUTH WORSHIP 11am 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship only 12:30 Bldg & Grnds 12:30 Cmte Meetings FAMILY FEAST	9 5:00pm Bell rehearsal	10 9:15am ESL Classes 10am PW Circles 5pm Worship Comm 7pm Circle	11 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6pm Pow Wow 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9:15am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do	13 YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT	14 PW Breakfast at Bridge My Faith Family 9 am – 3 pm
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So, are you living the risen life? A simple test—answer these questions:

- 1) Are you afraid of dying? Do you spend a lot of energy fighting the dying process?
- 2) What offends you—causes you to say “How dare you!”? Would you be willing to lose that offendedness?
- 3) Are you afraid of mystery? Are you trying to control the world around you?
- 4) Are you truly connected to people around you?

Resurrection makes no sense—but it is God’s plan for your life. It is God’s plan for what you have always wanted: your true, authentic happiness.

Rise. Let the Light of Christ shine on you!



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April Birthdays



1 Alice Williams	5 Nancy Duncan	24 Hans Crumpton
2 James Hardy	15 Charlotte Strom	24 Maximo Zarate
4 Vavah Fiase	20 Derrick Crayton	27 Beverlye Brining
5 Byrdie Burras	20 Greg Parker	27 Tom Lindsey
5 Cynthia Condray	20 Harrison Ford	29 Ronny Ford
5 Chuck Egbuchinem	23 Carol Smith	30 Mikayla Smith
	24 David Caddell	