



Jesus Triumphed Over Hell!

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Key Events This Month:
4/13—Bowling at Arctic Bowl
4/14—Monthly Potluck—Alphabet Theme
4/21—Quarterly Voters Meeting

Colossians 2:15 – “Having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Have you ever wondered what happened in the time between Jesus’ death on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday? Well, we answer that question every time we say the Apostles’ Creed, “He descended into hell.” After he died, Jesus descended into hell.

Wait a minute! Jesus descended into hell?!? When people go to hell, it’s because they are unbelieving sinners going to suffer an eternity of torment in the fires of hell, right? But you and I know Jesus was perfect. He never sinned. So why did Jesus descend into hell?

Colossians tells us. Jesus disarmed the powers and the authorities. By his death on the cross, Jesus defeated the power of sin and the devil. He won

for us the forgiveness of sins. The victory was his.

As the victor, Jesus made a spectacle of his enemies. He triumphed over the devil and his followers. Now, the Greek word for “triumph” literally means to lead someone as a prisoner in a triumphal proces-



sion. It refers to a triumph, which was a special celebration in Ancient Rome. In a triumph, the victorious Roman general would lead his soldiers and the defeated enemies through the streets of Rome. The Roman citizens would line the streets to celebrate this

festal procession.

Now, some might like to think that Jesus went to hell to continue his suffering. But Jesus’ agony ended on the cross. His descent into hell was his triumph. Though Satan had won the battle by bringing sin into the world, Christ won the war by shedding his innocent life on the cross. To celebrate his victory, Jesus went to hell. There, he proclaimed sin and the devil powerless. There, Christ displayed his complete deity and his almighty power. Jesus’ decent into hell served as evidence of his complete victory.

We know the rest of the story well. Jesus miraculously rose three days later as proof of his triumph over death. His resurrection leaves no doubt in our minds of his power. As our victorious Savior, he is now

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Quarterly Meeting Preview

On Sunday, April 21, we’ll be having our quarterly congregational meeting after our worship service.

Here’s a preview of some of the important items that will

on the agenda:

- ⇒ Constitution revision
- ⇒ Mission Statement approval
- ⇒ Spring Clean-up Day

⇒ Outreach gift proposal.

You are encouraged to attend this meeting as these items and others will play a large role in the mission of our congregation. We hope you can make it!

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sitting on his throne in heaven. He rules over us. He guides us. He protects us. And best of all, he forgives us when we continue to lose the battle with sin. It's during the season of Easter that we are reminded over and over of the victory Jesus has given us over the devil. It's during this season that we can praise our risen Lord. It's during this season that we can thank God for his gracious love. And we do. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

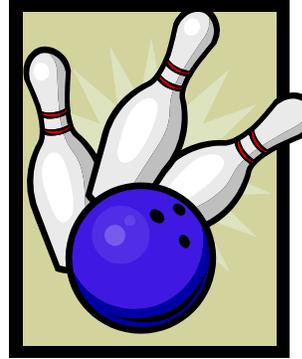
- Pastor Jason Strong

New BBB Class

We are just finishing up our current round of BBB (Back to the Basics of the Bible) classes, and we're looking forward to starting our next round the first Monday in May.

If you know of anyone (inside our church or outside) who is interested in learning about what the Bible teaches or what our church believes, or if you would like to delve into God's Word yourself, please let Pastor know and he will send a personalized invitation!

Attention Bowlers!



In place of our monthly game night, we'll be going bowling on Saturday, April 16 at 6:30pm. So far we have 20 people signed up, but we have 5 lanes reserved at Arctic Bowl. If you'd still be interested in coming, please talk to Pastor.

The costs will be \$4.50/game with \$3 shoe rentals. Those with a military ID will get free shoe rentals.

Care Packages

As you may know, we currently have a few college students in our congregation, Tim Belmont and Lauren Dolgner, as well as one student currently attending UAF, Andrew Sharp.

The Member Ministry Team would like to put together a care package for each of these students to give them some encouragement and some tasty treats during their studies.

We'll be collecting items

through Sunday, April 21. Some ideas for the packages include: Cookies, ramen, mac'n cheese, Kleenex, hand-written notes, and \$5/\$10 gift cards to Safeway, Blockbuster, or Walmart, or whatever else you would like to send them.

We hope to send the packages with enough time for our students to enjoy them at the end of another school year! Thanks for your help!

God's Lights Of the World

Thanks to Linda Pappenfuss for leading our Craft night on March 12. It went great! We look forward to another one in the future.

This past Tuesday, we completed our Bible study series on Building Healthy Relationships.

We will still continue our meeting and Bible Study in April. It is at our April 9 meeting that

we will discuss our summer plans. We have quite a bit to talk about at the meeting, so please join us.

Hope and pray everyone had a blessed Easter!

God's bless!

GLOW

Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's only the beginning of April, but it's not too early to start thinking about how you might be a part of this year's VBS, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

We'll be hosting it the first week of June (3-7) again, and it will be in the evening to accommodate the schedules of adults who may be working. We were blessed with 24 children last summer, and with 27

Children at our Easter for Kids this past month, we are hoping to at least double the amount for VBS.

We need you. Please consider volunteering the whole week or even one of those days. It's an incredible blessing to share Jesus with these precious souls, and we hope you'll be able to be a part of it this summer!

Vision Planning Party

Our Leadership Team has been hard at work developing a mission statement for our congregation. We hope to have a final mission statement ready for the congregational meeting this month.

Having a mission statement is only the first step. From there, we want to plan a 5-year vision

for our congregation. We will be hosting a vision planning party at church in the morning on Saturday, April 27th. That's where we need your help. We want as many people as we can get to help get ideas of where we see our congregation moving forward in the coming years. We hope you'll join us!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00—BBB Class	2	3	4 4:30—Choir 6:30—Confirmation	5	6
7 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	8	9 6:00—GLOW Meeting	10 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	11 4:30—Choir 6:30—Parent's Confirmation Meeting	12	13 6:30—Bowling Outing @ Arctic Bowl
14 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck	15	16 6:30—Council Meeting	17	18 4:30—Choir	19	20
21 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Quarterly Meeting	22	23 6:00—Women's Bible Study	24	25 4:30—Choir	26	27
28 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship	29	30				

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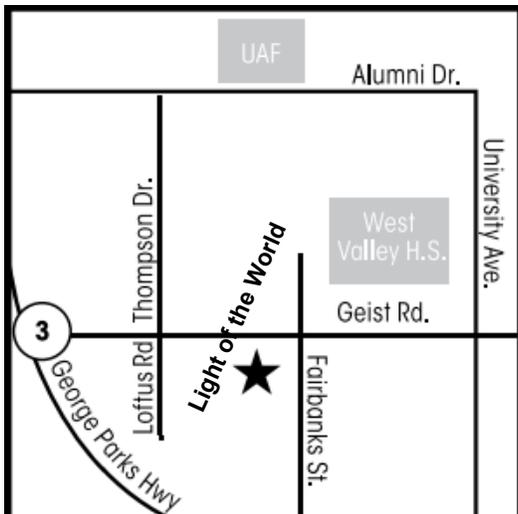
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“But Christ has **INDEED**
been raised from the
dead...”

1 Corinthians 15:20

