

*Pastor Thad is ministering to the youth at Bair Lake on Pursuit. Please pray for him while he preaches and teaches with the youth at camp.*

*Thank you Nate Penning for your message this morning.*

*As Easter Approaches*

**1 Corinthians 6:14**

*And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.*

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate Easter every year. We have the basic facts down. Jesus was arrested. He was crucified. And three days later, God raised him from the dead.

Often we miss something very important. We miss what turns Easter from a one-dimensional holiday to a multi-dimensional, life-transforming way of life.

We miss that the story of the Resurrection isn't just Jesus' story -- it's our story as well.

You are a part of the Resurrection. Jesus' death and Resurrection didn't just prove there was life after death. The Resurrection proves you can have life after death, that there's life beyond your grave.

Jesus says, if you trust in him, death becomes a transition, not an ending point.

One day your heart will stop. That will be the end of your body. But it will not be the end of you. God made you to last forever. That's why you often have a feeling there's more to life than this. Jesus made this amazing promise in **John 11: 25-26: 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**

That's quite a promise! Jesus proved he could do it by resurrecting himself. Otherwise, we would have no reason to believe it. If Jesus hadn't died on the cross and been resurrected more than 2,000 years ago, you would have zero chance of getting to Heaven -- no hope of the afterlife and no eternal life.

The Bible says,

*And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.*

As Easter comes our way this year, that's a truth to hang our lives upon. It's great news that Jesus rose from the dead. But what turns that truth from black and white to living color, is that one day -- if you trust in him -- he will raise you from the grave, too.

That's the promise of Easter.

**UPWARD BASKETBALL CEREMONY** - Today at 6pm.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** - Today following the morning service.

**SERVANT EVANGELISM PROJECT** - March 31 6pm. Serving Soup Dinner at the Rickman House. Volunteers are needed that night to help serve as well as food donations. A list of items needed and sign up sheet to volunteer is in the Welcome Center. You won't want to miss being a part of this blessing

**ANNUAL YOUTH MURDER MYSTERY DINNER** - Hollywood Presents "Final Cut". Saturday April 22 at 6pm at 12th Street. Tickets are \$20 each and going FAST. They are available for purchase in the Welcome Center on first come first serve basis. If you have any questions please see Autumn Lewis.

**IN CONCERT** - Matt Hammitt on April 2 at 6pm at 12th Street Baptist Church. Tickets on sale at eventbrite.com or at the door the day of the concert. Cost will be \$10 pp. *Reminder the family who sells the most tickets will be dining with the Hammitt Family that evening before the concert.*

**OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** - Saturday, April 15 at 3pm with 8000 eggs. We are hoping to reach 200-250 kids this year. Donations for prizes and candy (individually wrapped that will fit in the eggs-we need to collect approximately 150 bags to fill 8000 eggs during the next few weeks). Help spread the word, it's a great way to share the Gospel. To help please see Krista Asher. Sign up to volunteer to bake, clean up, and stuff Easter eggs is available in the Welcome Center. Come for the Easter Egg Hunt and stay for our Easter Cantata at 5pm.

**EASTER CANTATA** - Saturday, April 15 at 5pm and Sunday 16 at 11am.

**LEADERSHIP GROWTH CLASS** - Postponed until April 19 from 630-730pm. Learn the 21 inequitable "Laws of Leadership" by John Maxwell. Sign up in Welcome Center.

**LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Volunteers are needed to maintain the church lawn this season. Sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for anyone interested in helping. For questions please see Joel Rissena.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Wednesday, May 10 the LAC is sponsoring a trip to Holland Michigan for the Tulip Festival. Bus leaves the church at 9am. One hour Trolley Tours are available every 15-30 minutes for \$20 pp and \$8 for children under 12 if interested or you can wonder on foot to quaint downtown Holland and watch parade, Dutch dancing, floats and marching bands performing daily. The bus departs Holland at 3pm stopping at Russ Restaurant for dinner before heading home. This event is open to ALL who want to attend.

Sign up in Welcome Center.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - It's that time again... looking forward to spring, summer & VBS! Please mark your calendars Monday, July 10 - Thursday, July 13. We need all the help we can get! Please be in prayer for this to be all that God wants it to be!! VBS is such a powerful ministry. If you are interested in helping, please see Brooke Camp. Thank you in advance & God bless!

**ADULT SINGLES** (18+) - Lunch on the First Sunday of each month following Morning Worship Services. Meet Pete Pollard in Welcome Center after the morning service.

**MEW'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** - Tuesday 8:30am at McDonald's on 9th Street.

**MEW'S BASKETBALL** - Tuesday Evening 6:30pm.

**AWANA** - Every Wednesday 6-7:30pm.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Every Sunday 5-7pm.

**NEXT LAG MEETING** - March 21, 10am.

**FOOD PANTRY** - Help others in need of food. See Krista Asher or Lynn Anderson

**VISIT** www.12thstreetbaptist.net for sermons, bulletin, events and other updated information. For Members only you can view new member pictures and prayer requests, as well as our Member Directory, deacon assignments and pictures. Password is 12thStreet.

**JUST LIVE IT!**

*Mystery for March*

- 19 Retha K, Kristine L, Nate T
- 26 Tami S, Alanna S, and Abby M
- APRIL
- 2 Jessica W, Judy K, and Cayla Stout

*Last Week*

Tithes & Offerings	.....	\$ 6,139.21
Benevolence-Carpentry	.....	25.00
Missions - Joint	.....	80.00
Youth Ministry	.....	5.00
Children's Offering	.....	14.22
Coffee/ Donuts/Fellowship	.....	9.91
Total	.....	\$ 6,273.34

MONTHLY BUDGET \$34,916.67	YEARLY \$419,960.00
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\$27,000.-	\$345-
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\$21,000.-	\$265-
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\$15,000.-	\$185-
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\$9,000.-	\$105-
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\$3,000.-	\$25-
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