

The graphic features the word "April" in a large, black, cursive font with decorative flourishes. Below it, the word "Newsletter" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a black outline. The year "2021" is positioned in the top right corner in a black, sans-serif font. The entire text is surrounded by various colorful flowers and leaves in shades of yellow, orange, pink, blue, and green.

April Newsletter

2021

Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV) *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

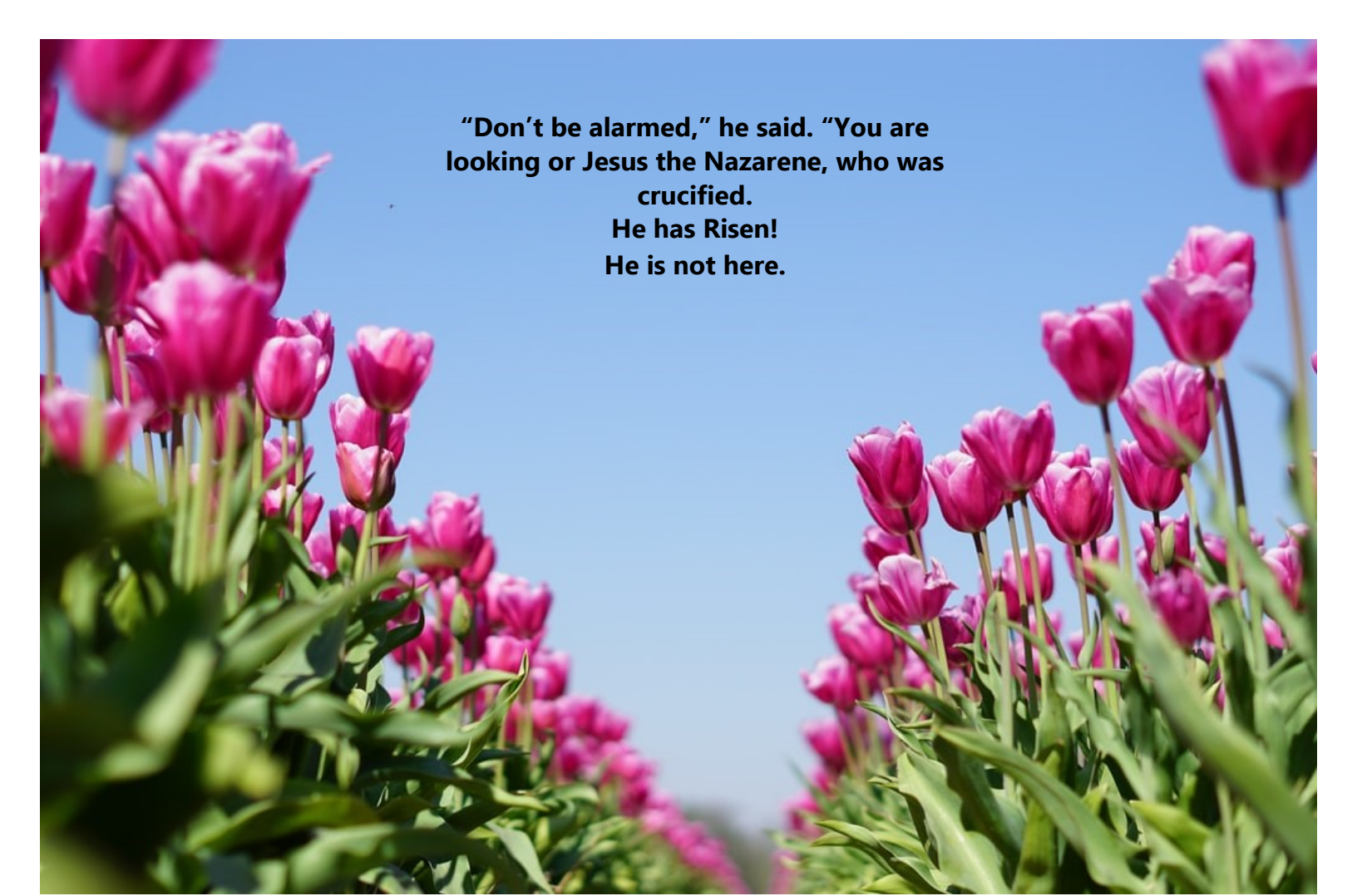
It is still hard to envision that our Loving Lord, who was (and is) the perfect embodiment of love, peace and truth, endured a brutal cross with its shame, scorn, and killing pain (1 John 3:1). He who knew no sin became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21), and we can hardly take it in. Imagine the One (Jesus) who was (and is) eternally pleasing to the Father became an object of His wrath and judgement so that we might be purchased on the cross (1 Corinthians 6:20).

God in His unrestrained, limitless love for humanity gave His One and Only Son, and then Christ would tell His followers to go and love others just as He had loved them (John 13:34). How is this possible? Oh, that Jesus will help us to learn how to love others with His sacrificial love.

While we focus on the cross, the writer of Hebrews invites us to look beyond the finality of the cross onto the resurrection. Considering what Jesus endured on the cross for us will help us find renewed hope and courage for the trials that we face enabling us not to grow weary or lose heart! As the Father raised the Son, so too will He raise those who believe upon Him (Romans 8:11).

Blessed Easter! He is Risen! PC

On April 11th, we will be taking up a special offering for the Adams Christian Prison Ministries (ACPM). This ministry provides a full-time chaplain (Reverend Angel Perez) at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex. This is a nonprofit ministry that is 100% supported by individuals, business, and church contributions. ACPM is also one of the outreaches that we support through our FBC mission budget and Pastor Carl and Mac McBeth both serve on the ACPM Board. Please consider an "above and beyond" gift on April 11th as ACPM sponsors its "Celebration of Grace Campaign". The goal this year is to raise \$20,000 which will go toward the total operating budget of \$90,000.



**“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are
looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was
crucified.
He has Risen!
He is not here.**



**And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8**



April 2021

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

It's spring! We made it through the winter and man are we excited to take youth group outside in the nice weather! Faith, Sharla, Jerred and I have some exciting things coming up this spring and summer for the Fusion Youth Ministry, including our very first local youth retreat that will be held right here at First Baptist Church! We have things like bonfires, outdoor movie nights, and more in addition to our regular youth group meetings planned in the coming months, so please bring your friends ages 6th-12th grades, your Bibles, and your awesome selves and come learn about God with us! We look forward to a great year and can't wait to see what God does! Below is a great devotion from Joyce Meyer that gave me a good attitude check and encouraged me to choose to think positively in every circumstance rather than choosing to be negative in them.

Please check out our Fusion Youth Ministry Facebook page, or see myself or Faith sign up for our Fusion email chain to get more information on these events and more.

Psalms 30:5 NLT

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

How to Think When Life Gets Difficult

Have you ever noticed that being upset about your problems never changes them? A bad attitude is like a flat tire. If you don't change it, you won't go anywhere.

It is more difficult to think and speak positively during the "winters" or hard times of our life, but it's helpful to remember that spring always follows winter. A favorite saying in our family is "This too shall pass." Perhaps you are having a financial difficulty, relationship problems, or illness. It is not possible to live life trouble-free, but it is possible to look for spring in the middle of it. It is very helpful during difficult times to remember that they won't last forever.

God has equipped and anointed us to do hard things. He allows us to go through difficulty to bring glory to Him. He shows Himself strong through us. He told Paul that His strength was made perfect in our weakness (see 1 Corinthians 12:9). We may think we can't make it through tough times, but those thoughts are inaccurate according to God's Word. He has promised to never allow more to come on us than we can bear as we rely on Him (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Even when our circumstances don't make us happy, we can choose thoughts that will. When I am in the midst of difficulty, I often turn to Romans 8:35-39, and I remind myself that no matter how difficult life is, God loves me.

During tough times, it's easy to think, I can't do this; it is just too much; it is too hard. Watch for that type of thinking and when you recognize it, remember that it is a lie. Then replace it with a God-inspired thought like, I can do what I need to do because God is with me. This winter season in my life will be over and spring will come.

Make the Mind Connection: During difficult times, avoid thinking the worst and start thinking about what God says.

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For information about Fusion events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, or you can call or text Faith or myself.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)

2020 PRAYER BOOKLETS

Don't forget to pick up your 2020 prayer booklet. They are available in the church lobby. May they be a blessing to all.

Correction: The bible reference on pg. 28 of the booklet should be Hebrews 10:35, not Hebrews 11:35

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150:6





Important
Date!

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!!!
APRIL 26, 2021**



WEDNESDAYS

6:00 -7:15PM

*A GREAT PLACE FOR
YOUR CHILD TO COME
AND LEARN ABOUT
GOD.*

MASKS REQUIRED.

Last Day - April 14th !!!!

“The Remedy for a Troubled Heart”

Originally Published 22 April 2018 on www.ScriptureWay.com

by Whitney V. Myers



Nags Head Sunrise with John 14:1 - Photo by Whitney V. Myers.

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.” (John 14:1)

Consider. On the evening before his death, Jesus spoke with his disciples. Jesus told his disciples that he was about to leave them (John 13:33). Naturally, their hearts filled with sorrow (John 16:5-6).

Jesus had already told his listeners who he was. “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am” (John 8:58, Exodus 3:6, Exodus 3:14).

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As the remedy for *their* troubled hearts, Jesus asked his disciples to *believe* in him. The Greek word for "believe" is *pisteuó*, which means *have faith in, trust in* (Ref. 1).

As the remedy for *our* troubled hearts, Jesus asks us to *believe* in him. Jesus asks us to *trust him* and to *have faith in him*.

The remedy for a troubled heart is to believe in Jesus.

To the father of the boy who was deaf, mute, and had seizures, Jesus said, "All things are possible for the one who believes and trusts [in Me]!" (verse 23 in Mark 9:14-29)

To the woman who touched Jesus' cloak and was healed, Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith [your personal trust and confidence in Me] has restored you to health; go in peace and be [permanently] healed from your suffering" (Mark 5:34).

To his disciples, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]" (John 14:27).

Listen. I encourage you to listen to Louis Armstrong's recording of the African-American spiritual song, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen."

Apply. Is something troubling your heart today? Will you choose to believe in Jesus?

Reference

1. <http://biblehub.com/greek/4100.htm>

Sunday, April 4, 2021

HE IS RISEN

celebrate the savior

Easter Services :

Sunrise Service 6:30 am (weather permitting)

Combined Service @ 10:00 am

Come and Celebrate the Lord in person!! (masks required)

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

April 1, 7pm

Pastor Carl will discuss the significance of the Last Supper with his disciples, and its relationship to Passover.



Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEER

**Take your pick.
How can you serve
the Lord this year?**

Start the year off RIGHT!!

We Need:

Greeters - welcome guests

Sound technicians - rock the house (training provided)

Nursery Helpers - baby duty

Online Prayer Ministry Leader and **Prayer Warriors** - minister from home!

Sign up today:

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BIBLE STUDY



Join

Men's study of Isaiah – Thursdays @ 6:00am ZOOM

Study of Luke - Thursdays @ 9:30am ZOOM

Let's Dig In together

HELLO

JOIN OUR TEAM OF SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

We are looking for some enthusiastic folks to be GREETERS on Sunday Mornings! This can be done in couples or singles. You would only need to greet folks for the service you attend. If you feel like you would enjoy welcoming people as they enter our church on Sundays, please contact Kathy @ 717-476-5934. We would love to have you join up to be an FBC GREETER!

Prayer

(from page 542 of our hymnal)

Lord, all around us we see brokenness, and we are aware of the fragility of life. There is a child's delicate trust and sense of wonder which can be so easily trampled and broken. There is a teenager's sense of self-worth which can be completely shattered by a word or simply by a disapproving look. There is a family's unit of love, respect and closeness which can be marred by criticism or misunderstandings, dividing family members into torn and fragmented individuals. There is a marriage (which we all thought was so whole and sturdy) which can splinter into pieces before our eyes. There is an old man, a young boy and a middle aged woman who all suffer from the crushing effects of daily pressures. Their minds are emotionally disturbed and frail. O dear Lord, be the glue that holds our fragmented hearts and minds together and never let us forget your words: "I am leaving you with a gift-- peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." Thank you, Lord, for that because these *are* very fragile times and sometimes we *are* afraid.

Joyce Landorf

FBC SERVICE

Thursday, May 6th @ 7pm

Look for more details soon!



National Day of Prayer

Join us for an in-person time of prayer

W2 Group

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month after 2nd service to support and love each other. All are welcome!

Information about future meetings coming soon!

Can You Guess The Hymn?

This weary world
with all its toil and struggle
may take it's toll of
misery and strife;
The soul of man is like
a waiting falcon;
when it's released
it's destined for the skies.
But until then my heart will
go on singing,
until then with joy I'll carry on-- Until the
day my eyes
behold the city, until the day
God calls me home.



15 Questions

Under a Cloud



- 1. What two long-dead men were with Jesus when a shining cloud covered them?**
- 2. What sign did God set in the clouds to indicate that He would never again flood the world?**
- 3. Did the pillar of cloud in the wilderness lead the Israelites by day or by night?**
- 4. What prophet saw a little cloud like a man's hand?**
- 5. What epistle talks about a cloud of witnesses?**
- 6. At what critical spot did the pillar of cloud separate the Egyptians from the Israelites?**
- 7. What epistle mentions believers being caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord?**
- 8. According to Jesus, what person will appear coming in glory on the clouds of heaven?**
- 9. In Revelation, what two unfortunate men are raised by God and then taken to heaven in a cloud?**
- 10. On what mountain did God appear in the form of a cloud?**
- 11. What object of the Israelites is notable for having the cloud of God's glory upon it?**
- 12. What king, seeing the cloud in the temple, said that God had chosen to live in clouds and darkness?**
- 13. What portable object did the cloud of God's glory appear over?**



Josiah Reiter - 3
Hope Plank - 4
Sam Hurda - 4
McKenna Double - 5
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Brianna Miley - 9
Natalie Potter - 11
Lauren Holtzople - 12
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HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY



Marty and Carolyn Tuckey - 3
Bob and Kathy Negro - 16
Loren and Louise Lustig - 17
J.R. and Robin Crushong - 18
Barry and Rhonda Blyler - 22

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ANSWER TO HYMN: Until Then pg. 133

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.

Answers to March

15 Questions

1. How was the woman with the issue of blood healed by Jesus?
SHE TOUCHED THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT (MATT 9:20-22)
2. What woman got up and started doing household chores after Jesus healed her of a fever?
PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW (MATT 8:14-15)
3. What unproductive tree did Jesus wither by cursing it?
A FIG TREE (MATT 21:17-20)
4. Where did Jesus do His first miracle?
CANA (JOHN 2:1-11)
5. Who appeared with Jesus at His miraculous transfiguration?
ELIJAH AND MOSES (MATT 17:1-9)
6. Which apostle did Jesus enable to walk (briefly) on water?
PETER (MATT 14:28-31)
7. What disciples did Jesus call after blessing them with an enormous catch of fish?
PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN (LUKE 5:4-11)
8. Who did Jesus send to catch a fish that had a coin in its mouth?
PETER (MATT 17:24-27)
9. When Jesus healed the blind man of Bethsaida, what did the man say people looked like?
LIKE TREES WALKING (MARK 8:22-26)
10. What widow had her dead son brought to life by Jesus?
THE WIDOW OF NAIN (LUKE 7:11-15)
11. Where was Jesus when he healed the son of an official from Capernaum?
CANA (JOHN 4:46-54)
12. What was the affliction of the man Jesus healed by sending him to the pool of Siloam?
BLINDNESS (JOHN 9:1-7)
13. Why did the people complain when Jesus healed the woman who had been stooped for eighteen years?
HE HEALED HER ON THE SABBATH (LUKE 13:11-13)
14. Where was Jesus when he miraculously escaped from a crowd who was going to push Him off a cliff?
HIS HOMETOWN, NAZARETH (LUKE 4:29-30)
15. What was the other affliction of the deaf man Jesus healed in the Decapolis?
ALMOST MUTE (MARK 7:31-35)