

Sunday 9:25 AM Adult Choir Practice
 10:00 AM Bible Teaching Hour
 11:00 AM Morning Service
 2:45 PM Adult Choir Practice
 3:00 PM Youth Choir Practice
 3:30 PM Adult Prayer Group
 4:00 PM Afternoon Service

Saturday 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer and Bible Study

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Services for Sunday, April 1, 2018

10:00 a.m. Celebration Assembly

Hallelujah! What a Saviour
 Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
 Opening Prayer
 Because He Lives!
 Announcements
 Offertory
 Emmanuel

Brian Petro
 Pastor V. Mark Smith

Sunday Morning Forum Class

Pastor V. Mark Smith

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Call to Worship: **Acts 2:14-36**
 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
 Come People of the Risen King ~ Meekness and Majesty
 BBC Adult & Youth Choirs
 Announcements
 Scripture Reading: **John 5:1-29**
 Confessional/Pastoral Prayer
 Special Music
 Before The Throne Of God Above
 Offertory
 Speak O Lord

Brian Petro
 Jason Guritz
 Pastor V. Mark Smith

Gary Moline

Sermon: The Spirit Speaks to Seven Churches The Resurrection of the Dead Heart

Pastor V. Mark Smith

Scripture: Revelation 3:20-22

O Great God
 Our God Reigns

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship Service

Have a Blessed Resurrection Sunday



A HOLY DAY

Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. (Matthew 27:64)

We welcome everyone this morning for our celebration of resurrection Sunday. If Christianity were to have holy days and a holy calendar, this would surely be the most important date of the year. We have not been commanded to keep holy days, but nonetheless we do well to remember the resurrection of our Lord since this is the miracle of all miracles that confirms the truths of Jesus' teachings.

On numerous occasions, Jesus told the disciples He would die and would rise again on the third day. If the resurrection did not happen, every claim that He made to be God would be a lie. If He claimed He was God and He was not, if He claimed He would rise from the dead and He did not, He would be both an imposter and a liar. It is difficult to imagine we would gather today to speak of Him as any other than the worst of hypocrites.

In Matthew 27:64, the wicked Jews claimed Jesus was indeed a liar and imposter. They were aware of His claims that He would rise from the dead since He so clearly told them He would. He said, *"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."* He spoke to them of His body which soon they would crucify. They did not believe He would arise and they did not want to give occasion to the disciples to steal His body and make such a claim. Therefore, they went to Pilate and begged him to put guards at the tomb, so the disciples would not have opportunity to steal the body and claim He had risen. They warned Pilate that not making the tomb secure would be an error that would multiply support for Jesus in ways he could not imagine. They said, *"The last error shall be worse than the first."* The first error was His claim to be the Messiah which the people latched on to when He made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem just days before. The people strewed palm leaves in the way and called Him *"the Son of David,"* a Messianic term. The last error would be the claim of resurrection, and if the people really believed this happened there would be no stopping the movement that later would be known as Christianity.

As we now know, these wicked Jews prophesied correctly. The disciples did not steal the body; the watch over the tomb made sure of this. Jesus arose from the grave by the power of God and the guards at the tomb were powerless to stop it. Just as the Jews predicted, a risen Jesus confirmed in the disciples' minds that He was the Christ. They did not serve a dead Jesus but a living one, and this fact energized them through the power of the Holy Spirit to make this news known to every person they could tell. They preached the resurrection and told people the same power was available to them through faith in Jesus Christ. Again, as the Jews predicted, there would be no stopping this movement. Soon it swept the Roman Empire, and since Jesus is forever alive, His story survives all empires and all governments. It transcends all societies and all nationalities. There is no stopping His church because as sure as the resurrection was promised, so He has promised to safeguard His truth in His church. The wickedness of hell itself—all powers and principalities must bow to Him as Sovereign Lord. They are still powerless against Him.

We are here today because Jesus reigns supreme. He is alive and with all the grace He has put within us we will continue to proclaim He lives! He lives! He still forgives; He still saves and has promised to return to claim the people that believe He is the Christ, the risen King. Holy day or not, celebrate the risen Christ!

Christ was not reluctant to call a heretic a heretic. Paul said to reject heretics. If they said do it, there must be somebody who fits that bill. Read God's word and compare. It will tell you who they are!

Pastor V. Mark Smith

Romans Group Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

No Class this Week.
 Classes will resume on April 11th.

Teen Work Day

Saturday, April 7, 2018,

Sign-up to help Mrs. Jefferson on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Be sure to wear clothes/shoes appropriate for painting!

Teen Bake Sale

Saturday, April 14, 2018,

Sign-up to help work sale table or with baking.

Bake Sale will be held:

Place: Walmart Neighborhood Market
 Rohnert Park,

Time: 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Teens, remember this helps offset the cost of camp for you parents!

Baked items are welcome from all church members willing to do the baking.

Broom Ball

Friday, April 20, 2018, 9 p.m.

Join us for a fun, competitive game of broom-ball at Snoopy's Home Ice. This activity is open to the church from age 12 years and up.

\$10/person to play; free to watch.

Bring a snack to share with the group.

Snoopy's Home Ice

1667 West Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

Berean Baptist Members

Happy Birthday and Anniversary!

April 1, 2018—April 7, 2018

Anniversaries

No birthdays or anniversaries this week

Prayer and Counseling

Prayer Room 9

For information on: salvation, baptism, membership in Berean Baptist Church, or to pray with someone concerning your specific needs, go to room 9 immediately following any of our preaching services.

Opportunities for Prayer

Adult Prayer Group

Sunday afternoon, 3:30 p.m., Room 9

Men's Prayer Group

Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Saturday, May 12, 2018,

Ladies, save this date for a truly wonderful time of fun and fellowship here at Berean! This year's theme is "*An Anchor for Life*". Our guest speaker will be Melissa Jarrell. See Lucy Kunz with questions.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Bible Trivia

What miracle in Jesus' life is mentioned most in the New Testament?

See the answer next week.

Last Week's Answer:

The Turtledove—Song of Solomon 2:12

Nursery Schedule

Sunday, April 1, 2018

10 am Infants/Toddlers Donna Miller
11 am Toddlers

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

April 8—Dalton A. Abshire, Sr.
April 15—Dalton A. Abshire, Sr.
April 22—Dalton A. Abshire, Sr.
April 29—Dalton A. Abshire, Sr.
May 6—Dalton A. Abshire, Sr.

Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

April 1—No 4 pm Service
April 8—Assurance of Our Salvation
April 15—Total Depravity
April 22—The Christian Attitude
April 29—Bro. John Bunn
May 6—Bro. Erik Kunz

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

April 4—No Classes
April 11—Romans Bible Study
April 18—Romans Bible Study
April 25—Romans Bible Study
May 2—Romans Bible Study

Church Calendar

April 7—Teen work Day
April 14—Bake Sale
April 20—Broom Ball—Open teen event
May 12—Mother's Day Luncheon 11 am
May 13—Mother's Day
July 11-14—Campout at Van Damme State Park

Tithes and Offerings

Week of:

March 15, 2018—March 21, 2018

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| General Offering | \$ 4,639.46 |
| Budget Surplus | \$ 4,780.34 |

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:25