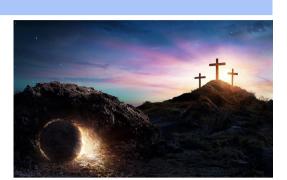
# MARCH 2024 BELL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH JOURNAL



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#### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

- 3-9 Women's Breathe-9 am- 455 Slowdown Rd. Newcastle. Contact Diana Knapp for info.
- -3-23 Union Gospel Mission- Dinner at the Rosenau home at 5:30 pm. Leave/carpool at 6:30 pm Service at UGM from 7:30-8:30 pm

# EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING BY DAVE TUCKER

AS A KID GROWING UP, I ALWAYS LOVED CHRISTMAS, MAINLY DUE TO THE PRESENTS. BUT MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY WAS EASTER.

IN MY HOME IN WOODLAND, WE ALWAYS HAD A JOINT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WITH MANY OTHER CHURCHES. I LOVED THIS AS WE GOT TO EXPERIENCE THE STYLE AND BEAUTY OF WORSHIP FROM SO MANY TALENTED CHRISTIANS. THIS WAS ALWAYS A POWERFUL TIME TO REFLECT ON THE DEATH OF JESUS.

WE WOULD GET OUR EASTER BASKETS ON SATURDAY AND ENJOY HUNTING FOR EGGS AS A FAMILY. MY DAD WAS VERY GOOD AT HIDING EGGS (REAL ONES). WE COULDN'T FIND ONE ONE YEAR, BUT MY MOM FOUND IT LATER DUE TO THE SMELL. WE USUALLY WENT TO BED EARLY TO PREPARE FOR THE BIG DAY.

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, WE WOULD HEAD OVER TO A LOCAL PARK AND PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT SUNRISE SERVICE AND THEN HEAD TO OUR CHURCH. EASTER SERVICE LOOKED DIFFERENT EACH YEAR, BUT THE ONE THING THAT REMAINED TRUE WAS THAT IT WAS THE MOST EXCITING SERVICE ALL YEAR FOR ME. I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED THE DRAMA THAT LED UP TO THE CRUCIFIXION, BUT THE JOY OF EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WAS ALMOST MORE THAN I COULD BEAR!

JESUS CHANGED EVERYTHING! WE, AS CHRISTIANS, UNDERSTAND HOW HIS DEATH WAS A SACRIFICE FOR ALL OF OUR SINS, BUT WHEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, ALL OF THE CREATION FOREVERMORE WAS CHANGED! SATAN WAS TRULY FOREVER DEFEATED! SIN CAN NO LONGER CHAIN US DOWN! JESUS RADICALLY DECLARED THAT HE IS THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF I ORDS!

ACCORDING TO COLOSSIANS 2:15, "HE DISARMED THE RULERS AND AUTHORITIES AND PUT THEM TO OPEN SHAME, BY TRIUMPHING OVER THEM IN HIM." THIS IS THE REASON THAT I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED EASTER SO MUCH! JESUS, THE ULTIMATE SUPERHERO, FINALLY DESTROYED THE ENEMY FOREVER!

DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU WANT TO SHOUT AND RUN AROUND? I KNOW THAT I JUMP UP AND DOWN WHEN MY SPORTS TEAMS WIN. HOW MUCH MORE WHEN I REALIZE AND TALK ABOUT MY SAVIOR DEFEATING ALL EVIL FOR NOW AND FOREVERMORE! JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT HOW AMAZING OUR GOD IS, BUT MOST OF YOU ALREADY KNOW IT. MY CHALLENGE TO US ALL THIS YEAR IS TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM. WE ARE OFFERING THIS EASTER SEASON A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT AUBURN GRACE, A SUNRISE SERVICE HERE AT BRBC, AND A WORSHIP SERVICE HERE THAT WILL CELEBRATE THE GREATEST VICTORY THAT HAS EVER BEEN ACCOMPLISHED! INVITE SOMEONE TO ONE OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS!

#### REVELATION 21:1-4

THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, FOR THE FIRST HEAVEN AND THE FIRST EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY, AND THE SEA WAS NO MORE. 2 AND I SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND. 3 AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE FROM THE THRONE SAYING, "BEHOLD, THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD IS WITH MAN. HE WILL DWELL

WITH THEM, AND THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AS THEIR GOD. 4 HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY."

JESUS CHANGED EVERYTHING!

## **EASTER CELEBRATION! MARCH 31ST!**

JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP OUR LIVING SAVIOR! BRING A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, YOUR FAMILY!



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!



FRIDAY MARCH 29- GOOD FRIDAY 6 PM - AUBURN AREA CHURCHES GATHERING AT AUBURN GRACE





SUNDAY MARCH 31ST 7AM- SUNRISE SERVICE 8:30 AM- BREAKFAST 9 AM- KIDS EGG HUNT 10 AM- ALL CHURCH WORSHIP





### A SUNDAY AFTERNOON STUDY CONTINUING UNTIL MARCH 10TH 4-5:30 PM

"CREATION, FALL, AND ITS IMPLICATIONS: EXPLORING GENESIS 1-3"

THE FIRST THREE CHAPTERS OF GENESIS ARE FOUNDATIONAL FOR UNDERSTANDING THE WHOLE SCOPE OF THE BIBLE. IT IS ARGUABLY IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL WITHOUT KNOWING GOD WHO IS THE CREATOR, HUMANS WHO ARE HIS CREATION, SIN, SATAN AND THE MESSIAH.

PASTOR RYAN WILL BE LEADING AN EIGHT-WEEK STUDY ON GENESIS 1-3..



# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



EVERY TUESDAY MORNING, THE MEN GATHER AT OUR CHURCH IN THE CAFE FOR AN EARLY MORNING DISCUSSION/STUDY OF THE SERMON FROM THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY. 6-7 AM JOIN US FOR SOME COFFEE AND A GREAT DISCUSSION! THIS WILL BE LED BY OUR PASTORS AND WILL INCLUDE A TIME OF PRAYER FOR EACH OTHER. COME READY TO APPLY WHAT WE ARE BEING TAUGHT EACH SUNDAY TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

WEDNESDAY DINNER AND BIBLE
STUDY WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
MARCH 13. WE WILL THEN TAKE
A 2-WEEK BREAK. JOIN US AT
5:30 EACH WEDNESDAYS AS WE
EAT TOGETHER, WORSHIP
TOGETHER, AND STUDY
TOGETHER!
6:30-7:30 IS OUR ALL AGES BIBLE
STUDY TIME.