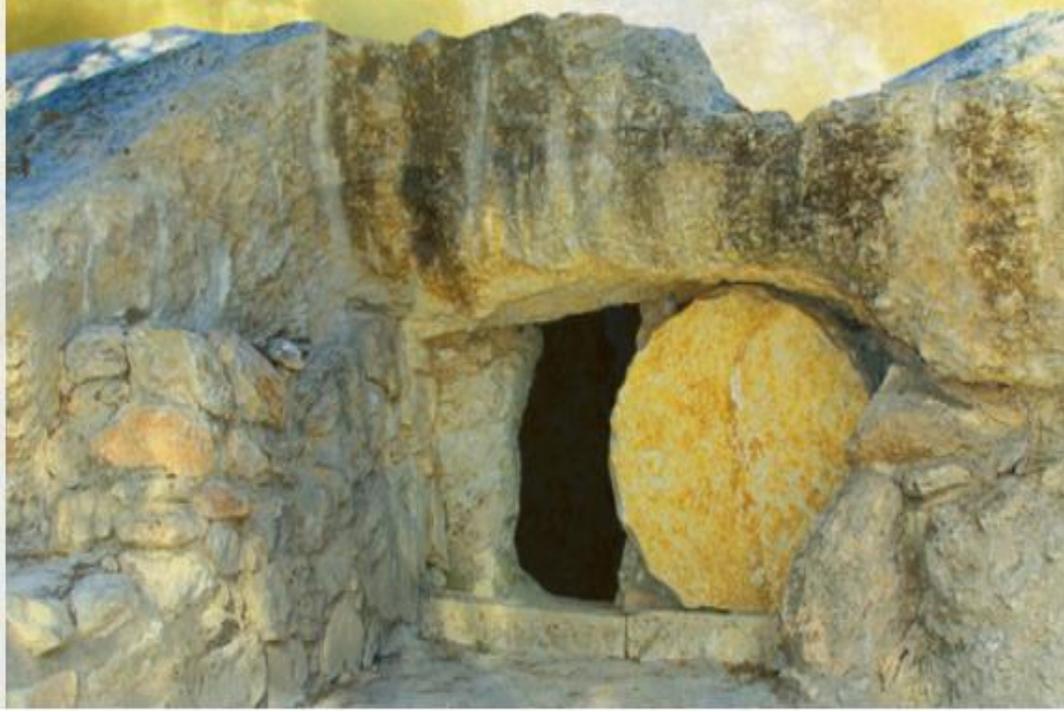


Now hurry, go and tell his disciples,  
"He's been raised from the dead."

—MATTHEW 28:7



Merna Bettinger; Bryce Christman; Sandy Resecker, liver trouble; Gary Holland, stage 5 kidney disease; Sharon Workman, tests; Megan (Alice Keylor's niece), in Hungary working with refugees; Marilyn Martin; Terry Caldwell, spot on lung; Marie Rose; the widows of the congregation.

**Those battling cancer** – Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Misty Robinson (friend of Alice Keylor); Rex McConnell, chemo & radiation (J.D. Wiley's cousin); Pam Jones, stage 4 pancreatic cancer (J.D. Wiley's sister-in-law); Dave Hamilton (friend of J.D. Wiley); Brian Ady (Doris Ady's son), recovering from esophageal cancer; Christine Brown (friend of Gary & Bev Jones), has finished treatments but is waiting on more tests; Nina Christman.

\* **Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

### **Pregnancies**

Kirsten Rouse, Jacklynn Rose, Haylee Carothers, Laikyn Jones (Mike & Julie Jones' daughter-in-law); for their health and the health of the children they are carrying.

### **Elders & Deacons Meeting**

The Elders meeting will be today at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

The Deacons meeting will be tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

### **Widow/Widower Ministry**

There will be a meeting next Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> immediately after services at the front of the building.

### **Upcoming Showers**

Olivia Gauding's bridal shower will be Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> immediately after evening services. If you would like to give on a gift, please see Tina Jones or Sherry Lallathin.

Jacklynn Rose's baby shower will be Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> immediately after morning services. If you would like to give on a gift, please see Chris Christman, Stephanie Gauding, or Linsey Colvin.

## He is Risen!

In our fellowship of the Churches of Christ, we haven't traditionally been big on celebrating the major Christian holidays as a part of our worship gatherings. Historically, the thinking was that we should celebrate Christ every Sunday, not just Christmas or Easter. While I can certainly appreciate that sentiment, there is something significant about Christmas and Easter, especially from our perspective as believers. While the world uses celebrations involving Santa Claus and the Easter bunny, we know the real meaning of these holidays is Jesus! Today we celebrate his victory over sin and death by his own death on the cross and the resurrection. This is huge!

I love what Paul has to say in passing about Jesus in Colossians 1:18—"And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent." Did you catch that?—the "firstborn from the dead." This means that, while Jesus was not the first to be raised to life (there were others both in the Old Testament and in Jesus' ministry in the New Testament), He was the first to be raised NEVER TO DIE AGAIN. There is something different about Jesus' resurrection, and it is ultimately what gives us the power for our own resurrection. Other resurrections never defeated death, because those individuals died again. Jesus defeated death at the cross and tomb, becoming the first to be raised never to die again. This gives us hope! We know that eventually we too will be raised like him, to a resurrection like his! Not a resurrection to a few more years of life, but a resurrection for eternity. Praise God! He is risen!

-Scott McFarland

**April 17, 2022**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

April 10, 2022

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	105
Attendance at the building	186
Bible Hour Attendance	40
Sunday morning Live feed views	25
Post-Sunday sermon online views	47
Sunday night Bible Class	46
Wednesday Bible Class In Person	39
Wednesday Live online views	16
Post Wednesday online views	29
Budget	\$ 5,000
Contribution	\$ 5,014

**J.O.Y. Bus Attendance**

**04/10/2022**

6 Riders

3 Workers

**BIBLE HOUR**

**PowerPoint Schedule**

**April 17**

Whitney Rothacher

**April 24**

Kirsten Rouse

**Sunday Night Small  
Group Attendance  
(04/10)**

Bettinger	16
Burrows	8
McFarland	12
Seidler	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>



**Secret Sisters Ministry**

The Secret Sister ministry will begin Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. There are information cards on the buffet in the foyer to fill out if you're interested in participating. Please complete the cards and return them to the basket in the foyer. On May 1<sup>st</sup> the name of your Secret Sister and her information card will be given to you. If you have questions, please contact Merna Bettinger.



**V.B.S. 2022**

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> for all children ages 3 and up. If you are interested in helping, please contact Merna Bettinger.



The next church game night will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.



**Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the Children's Worship Easter party.