

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages
Attended Nursery**

Opportunities to Serve: May 1, 2011

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Dennis Carter Rafael Gonzalez Jimmy Kirby
Zach Ross Brandon Ulmer Andrew Ward
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Bridgette Grice Mandy Akers

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Weekly Statistics for April 24, 2011

AM Bible Class	
AM Bible Class Avg.	112
AM Assembly	202
AM Assembly Avg.	219
Contribution	\$8,070.50
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,801.88
Weekly Budget	\$9,815.38



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The Tomb Was Empty

I thought this last weekend was one of the best Easters I can remember. Other than the very first run to the tomb we may have ran the first Tomb Run. Congratulations to everyone that participated in the race. A special shout out to Matt Bridges for being the first to the tomb and the first to finish. If you saw his face as he was charging across the finish line you know that I was not embellishing the notion of passion. It was all over his face. I bet you would have seen the same intense look on the faces of John and Peter as they ran to the tomb for the first time.

I also wanted to thank the Carters for arranging such an enjoyable breakfast for everyone. Thank you also to everyone for bringing food and for bringing such good food. I thought it was cool to eat breakfast together and then to have time to hang out for awhile before we started our assembly time. I heard someone say we should do this every week. Would you guess that was a man or a woman? If you guessed man you are right.

It was great to celebrate together the resurrection of Jesus and the fact that the tomb was empty. It was especially meaningful because of the tenebrae service on Saturday night. I noticed several times that people responded with applause or some amen's when we mentioned the empty tomb. There is no doubt that this news would have brought a reaction when it was first being told.

My favorite thing, and the favorite of many others according to the feedback I got, was the tenebrae service on Saturday night. When you were told at the door that you needed to enter quietly and in a somber mood you did. It was obvious on the way out that you no longer needed to be told to be quiet. I have had some tell me that they stayed quiet for the rest of the evening. The songs we sang really sat the mood. I remember one line being

about Jesus praying alone. It really made me think about how alone Jesus was during this great trial and it made me feel sad. Oh Sacred Head is one of my favorite songs and seemed so appropriate for what we were doing. As we listened to the reading of the story of the crucifixion I could feel the reality of how brutal it was and how insulting to our Lord and master. To hear the word spit applied to Jesus is disgusting and unfair. As each candle was extinguished and it got darker and darker you could feel the hope leaving the room and gloom descending. As the last candle was snuffed out you could feel the finality and the confusion of what this means. I know we knew the happy ending but just for a time it seemed like we could feel a part of what they felt. As I went home I was sure glad to know that I knew about Sunday morning.

I have looked forward to this weekend for many months. I will begin looking forward to next Easter. I have already had someone tell me that they will start training for the run now.

Have a great week!
Allen L. Close

Lexington Coming Events

May 1 Collection for Makonde Missions

Makonde Reminder

This Sunday will be the day for our Makonde Mission Contribution. Please come prepared to rejoice with this team, prepared to give with a cheerful heart and prepared to give God the glory.

Nursery

For the month of May we are going to have a trial experiment. The nursery will only be provided for children 3 years old and younger in an attempt to alleviate the overcrowding issues in the nursery.

Ladies Night Out

April 29th at CrossFit
Come prepared to work out and bring a healthy snack to share. See Karyn Giles with questions.

Bridal Shower

For Brooke Dooley & Ben Snyder
May 21st from 10 am til noon at
Kingston Harbour Club House
They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond.
See Sandra Snyder with questions.

Youth News

Wow! Spring break went by so fast! I hope you all had a chance to relax, spend time with family, and enjoy your Easter. I know many of you were out of town, so I would like to catch you up on what was happening here in Lexington. On Thursday night, a pretty big group of us went to see the movie "Soul Surfer." It was amazing! It is based on the true story of Bethany Hamilton, a 14 year old girl who was attacked by a shark while training for a Regional surfing competition in Hawaii. She loses an arm which makes it seemingly impossible to pursue her dream of being a professional surfer. But her faith and trust in God brings her through a very difficult time and she is able to gain some real perspective about her life and the plans God has for her. If you have not seen this movie yet, I would highly recommend it to everyone, even for younger children.

Saturday night was the Tenebrae service at the church. This is something we have never done before, but I really hope we do this again in the future. I loved the way it gave us a completely different perspective of the death and resurrection of Jesus. We read scriptures that focused on the time between the last supper and the crucifixion, giving us a real sense of the sadness and confusion that must have been felt by all of those who had followed Jesus and expected a different outcome. This really helped me to appreciate the joy and excitement of his resurrection even more! And what better a way to end the weekend with a tomb run on Sunday morning! It was great to be able to share in the hope that Peter and John had as they ran to the tomb so many years ago to find that it was empty, that Jesus had risen.

Upcoming Events:

5/1 Guys Group 5pm
5/2 Crossfit 6:30pm
5/3 HS Girls Group 7:30pm
5/4 Service Night

BIRTHDAYS: May 2 Mary Turner May 5 Zach Ross May 5 Terry Kneece
May 5 Nancy Spane May 6 Corey Wisniewski May 6 Mason Bridges May 6 Teresa Castleman



Prayer Requests

Norm & Lynn Gaines Julia Furr Andrew Brown Makonde Team

Lynn Gaines remember her and her family in your prayers.

Sara Hanle, Pray that she and the baby will stay healthy.

Claudia Pinkston, her cancer has returned and she has begun treatment.

JC McCurdy Allen Close's grandfather had a heart attack and had to have stents. Pray for his recovery.