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14 Reasons Some Christians Don't Believe the Easter Story

On Monday, I saw this article on Bolde MSN on the internet. ([14 Reasons Some Christians Don't Believe The Easter Story - Bolde](#)) I was curious as to what these reasons might be. I read them and found that some of them were reasons we typically hear, usually from non-believers. Some of them are misconceptions or misunderstandings of the Biblical text and most of the reasons are easily answered. The one that particularly struck me was reason number 11. **The resurrection isn't essential to the Christian message,**



Some Christians argue that the physical resurrection of Jesus is not actually essential to the core message of Christianity. They believe that the teachings of Jesus about love, forgiveness, and social justice are what really matter, not whether or not he actually rose from the dead.

That reason could have at its root in the tenth reason. **10 The Resurrection Story Is Just Too Far-Fetched For Some People.** The rationale then might be, that if they have a hard time believing the miracle, and perhaps any miracle, there must be another essential to the Christian faith. Our answer is found in **1 Corinthians 15.12-20, If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

Although Jesus' teaching on love, forgiveness and social justice are important, and we must be obedient to them, if there is no resurrection, there is no point to Christianity. There is no reason to be a Christ follower. We might as well follow any other religion, or no religion. Therefore, let us rejoice that Jesus was raised from the dead and therefore our sins are forgiven, we do have hope of eternal life, our faith is not futile and our preaching is not useless. Praise be to God, Christ is risen indeed.

Prayer & Praises



- Merv Good had a heart of praise and gratefulness for the resurrection and a love for all people to know God.
- Greg Verbosky is in the hospital with diverticulitis. Please pray for healing.
- Carolyn had praise that there were “tiny” miracles for Dakota Dixon since he was surrendered to the Lord. Please keep Dakota in your prayers.
- Flossie Deardorff requested prayer for her nephew Joel who was in the hospital with pancreatitis and wasn't doing well. Pray for healing.
- Dorothy Kauffman gave praise for healing from her recent health troubles.
- Sharon Stepp asked for prayer for her mother-in-law Fern Stepp who is having health, heart and circulation problems. She was going through testing and wasn't happy about it and it has been a hard few days for her sister-in-law Brenda (Fern's daughter) So pray for healing, direction for doctors, and rest and strength for Brenda.
- Please pray for Donald Snyder who is going in for a heart catheterization procedure today at 12:30 pm. He is Sue & Al Smeltzer's daughter Jessica's father-in-law.
- Please pray for the families and friends of people who may be lost due to the tragedy with the Frances Scott Key bridge in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Please pray for Ray Hunt who was experiencing a great deal of dizziness. Continue to keep Ray & Dawn in your prayers for continued improvement while they wait.
- Ellen Krouse requested prayer for her mother, Betty Gerber for good test results from her biopsy on Thursday.
- Dave & Mary Titzell requested prayer for Jan Hoffman for recovery from surgery.
- Dave & Mary Titzell requested prayer for Nigel. Our sister-in-law's daughter's husband was killed in a car accident on Thursday.
- Praise from Troy Grim – we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.
- Continue to pray for Cheryl Kurtz unspoken prayer request.

Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

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| *Kathy McWilliams | *Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer) | *Ken Warren | *Mary Fisher |
| *Alyssa Leakway | *Gloria Gerber | *Missy Braden | *Bryce Baublitz |
| *Julie Waggoner | *Bill Barley | *Brandon Little | *Derek Meck |
| *Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) | *Ruth Cook | *Victor Riddle | *Mark Lipsitz |

Cancer Special Prayers

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| *Julia McCartney | *Greg & Sandy George | *Butch Warren's brother | *Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) |
| *Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip | *Tom Kimmel | *Sandy Harlacker | |
| *Ellie Basko | *Mark Yonker | *Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) | |
| *Jean Beck | *Donald Moore | *Butch Warren | |

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Weekly Prayer Point

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
(Romans 12:1 – 2 NKJV).

We ask the Holy Spirit to be with us as we dig deeper into the place where our relationship with Jesus grows.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Bowden Family Worship Center Congregation in Bowden, WV and Pastor Lynn Ryder
 - Brake Congregation in Petersburg, WV and Pastor Craig Howard



This week

Wednesday 4/3

- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Ladies Choir 7:45 pm

Thursday 4/4

- *Walking with Jesus Life Group 1:30 pm

Friday 4/5

- *Youth Lock-in 7:30 pm

Sunday 4/7

- *9 am Come Worship!

Next Week

Tuesday 4/9

- *Commission Meeting 6 pm
- *Board Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday 4/10

- *Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- *Life Group 6:30 pm

Thursday 4/11

- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Sunday 4/14

- *9 am Come Worship!
- *Congregational Business Meeting (after worship)
- *Widows/Widowers Luncheon Noon
- *Music & Dessert Night 6 pm



Women's Fellowship
is planning a spectacular event to support
Tender Care Pregnancy Center.

This year's event will be a
Baby Shower Tea
on **April 6, 2024**
from 11 am - 1:00 pm.

We hope every lady in the church will mark
their calendars and plan to attend.

welcome
APRIL

Small group study
April 11 - June 23 for 8 weeks
Thursday evenings
Dr. David Jeremiah
"The Great Disappearance"
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the sanctuary
The deadline for registration
is March 31.
Sign up sheet in library on bulletin board
For more info contact Dave Titzell

April
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
7 - Mary Stover
9 - Eileen Miller
10 - Sutton Thompson
11 - Michael Myers
11 - Clair Crone

Walking with Jesus
Thursday Afternoon Life Group
with Louise Julius
First & Third Thursdays of the month
Beginning April 4th through June 20th
at 1:30 pm
We will start meeting in The Gathering
Place
Men & Women welcome!

Happy Anniversary
April
4 - Robert & Linda Meck
7 - Roy & Tammy Thompson
16 - Josh & Amanda Stewart



Music and Dessert Night – April 14 – 6:00 PM

On this night we are going to gather in the Gathering Place and eat some good desserts. In between bites, we are going to sing some of our favorite hymns, some praise songs, and listen to some special music. The night will last no more than an hour and a half. This is a very informal time. We are looking for individuals who would like to provide some special music, vocally or instrumental. See Nancy Smith or Pastor Gary if interested.

Ruth's Harvest

a cooperative ministry with the Abbottstown-East Berlin Food Pantry and Bermudian Springs School

Furnishing food items for children with inadequate nutrition at home. April 24th



COLLECTING AGAIN

Thank You for your faithful giving!

CAMP EDER

Golf Outing

Friday May 10th, 2024

Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain
78 Country Club Trail
Fairfield, PA 17320

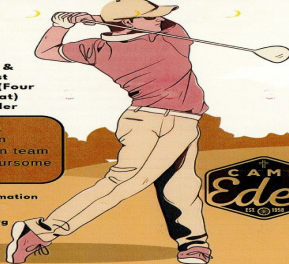
7:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 am Shotgun Start (Four Player Scramble Format)
1:00 Lunch at Camp Eder

Registration \$90 per person
\$360 per four person team
Hole sponsor and Foursome \$460

To register or for more information contact Camp Eder
717-642-8256
campeder@campeder.org
914 Mt Hope Rd
Fairfield, Pa 17320

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Prayer Shawl

Ministry

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 25th, 2024

10 am – 2 pm



Sunday, April 14th 2024

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

**YOUTH
LOCK-IN**

April 5th 7:30 pm

Commission Meeting at 6 pm
Board Meeting at 7 pm
APRIL 9TH

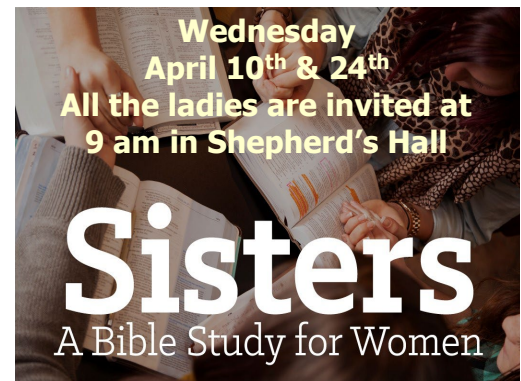


Wednesday

April 10th & 24th

All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Sisters
A Bible Study for Women



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

3rd Saturday each month
NEXT MEETING
April 20th, 7 am
Dover Valley Restaurant



Spring Fling

Saturday, May 4th, 2024
10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Mom and Dad, how would you like a couple of hours to complete those spring chores, spend a little time together, or maybe just grab a little extra rest?

Drop off the kids ages 5 through 12

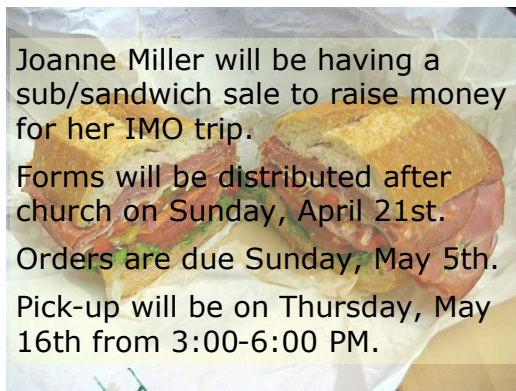
We are planning a couple of hours of movies, games, crafts, and a light lunch.

Joanne Miller will be having a sub/sandwich sale to raise money for her IMO trip.

Forms will be distributed after church on Sunday, April 21st.

Orders are due Sunday, May 5th.

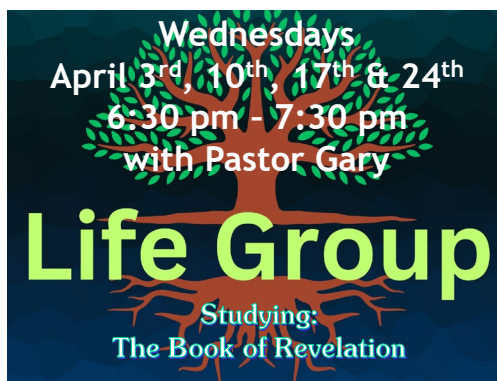
Pick-up will be on Thursday, May 16th from 3:00-6:00 PM.



Wednesdays
April 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Revelation



Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
April 14th
At Noon

At
Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP

