

April 2019



 Omega Baptist Church

A circle of believers with Christ at the center.

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“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Because He Lives!!!

The importance of the resurrection of Jesus as it relates to our hope of being resurrected is impossible to overstate. The Bible says, “If Christ has not been raised (from the dead), your faith is futile...If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” 1 Corinthians 15:17-19. It would be completely pathetic and sad to put our hope in a lie. Many unbelievers think that this is our situation and so you can understand why they look down on us as pitiable or gullible. All of the good news of Jesus depends on his resurrection.

A little later in the passage it declares that contrary to the terrible situation that would be true if Jesus has not been resurrected, “...Christ has indeed been raised from the dead...” 1 Corinthians 15:20. Do we have any evidence that he has been raised beyond the declaration in the Bible?

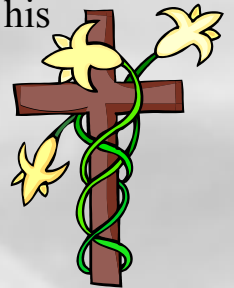
Yes! Earlier in the passage several eyewitnesses are listed who were personally known by many of the people to whom the text was written. These eyewitnesses should be taken with an enormous amount of respect and consideration because they are not your typical eyewitnesses in many respects.

Several of the witnesses had personally witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus. They knew he was dead. Others buried the body of Jesus. Still others were so convinced of his death that they were bringing spices and perfumes to anoint his body as a sign of mourning and respect.

None of these people expected Jesus to rise again even though he had told them. They were not looking for a resurrection. They were wondering what to do now that their hopes had been dashed. Luke 24:19-21. It took remarkable evidence for them to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

The evidence that they did come to believe is clear. In many instances they endured all kinds of persecution because of their belief in the resurrection of Jesus; some even accepting execution rather than to deny their trust in Jesus.

We have excellent evidence that faith in Jesus is well founded. Please join us as we remember and celebrate what his resurrection means for us.



In His Strength,
Pastor Rodney

APRIL SERMON SCHEDULE

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| 7 | Luke 20:20-44 “Q & A with Jesus” |
| 14 | Luke 19: 28-44 “The Peace of Jerusalem” |
| 19 | Luke 22:39-23:56 Good Friday |
| 21 | Luke 24:1-53 “He Is Risen!” |
| 28 | Luke 20:45-21:4 “Values in Heaven” |



YOUTH-MINISTRY



So I was thinking...

_____ . That's a flat line. On an EEG, a machine that reads your brain, that flat line would mean you are brain dead. I give you the flat line because showing you what my actual brain activity looks like is not possible to do in an MS Word Document. Plus, who really wants to see that?

It's that time of year when there is a lot going on and little creativity left. Topics for what to write about are elusive and all I can think of is this flat line. When I was in school, I thought my "flat lining" was because I was ready to be done with whatever grade I was in and just sick of school or that I was ready for summer break. During senior year, we called it senioritis. So what is it called when you're no longer in school and an adult? No, seriously. What's it called?

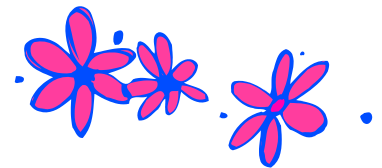
While trying to figure out what to write about and just contemplating my thoughts an old hymn and three words stood out to me. The song, which I have been singing on and off for the past few weeks is "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." It's a hymn I remember well from my childhood. (The title in our old hymnal is actually, "O Soul are You Weary.") The three words are wrestle, character, and trust. So why are these seemingly random words and a song so important? I honestly don't know. But they are there.

Maybe I need to wrestle with them a little more and see what God shows me, but I'm guessing it won't beat the deadline for turning in my article. So as I contemplate the problem with feeling brain dead, but overloaded at the same time, could it be that I need to trust that by turning my eyes to Jesus, I can wrestle less with problems of this world, find rest in Him and a courage to press on as I continue learning about His character? That seems like something I need to do. After all, that is how we learn to trust someone. We search out their character. We measure their integrity and then we make the choice to trust. The most awesome thing I have learned recently is that while wrestling with doubts, problems, laziness, sickness, and everything else in this ridiculous world, God's character is never changing. His integrity has been proven over and over, but we still have to choose to trust Him. Get to know the character of God. Wrestle with it even. And then turn your eyes upon Jesus and grab onto "the light of His glory and grace" and let it pull you through.

I know, not very insightful or awe-inspiring, but it's where I am. I don't know where I'm going or what God will really teach me about my three words, and adventures make me nervous, but I do trust the One I'm with and you can too.

...until next time,

Rebecca Anderson



"The disciples were unschooled and ordinary like my kids, like all of us. Yet they didn't need all the details because they were on an adventure with a father who wanted to take them. You don't need to know everything when you're with someone you trust." *Love Does*, Chapter 20, "Ten-Year Old Adventures" by Bob Goff.



EASTER BREAKFAST is Sunday, April 21, 8:00—9:30 a.m. Please plan to join us as Ground Zero and Spot 68 students planning to travel to Haiti in 2020 will be cooking and serving our annual pancake breakfast. Donations from the Easter Breakfast will go towards the 2020 mission trip. Thank you very much for all of your help and support of OBC Youth Missions!



GRAD Night will be Sunday, May 5, 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!

Moms' Night Out!

Sunday, April 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

FREE Project: Homemade Pies 

Discussion: "Feeding Your Family" Panel

Please invite the moms in your life that could use an evening of fun, friendship & encouragement!

All moms with kids at home welcome!
Contact Laura Blomberg with questions: 715-767-5400



Good Friday Service
April 19 7:00 p.m.

Missionary Update from Emilie Blomberg

During the month of April, Emilie's team of 7 will be working with Capstone World Outreach in Bangalore, India, an urban church planting ministry. They will help with Capstone's community educational center and evangelism ministry, media works, music, counseling, prayer walks and gospel sharing.

You can follow her missionary journey through her blog, emilieblomberg.theworldrace.org, to hear stories of what God is doing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We would LOVE to have you join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays for a special hour of learning from God's Word and applying it to our lives!

There are classes for children of all ages (nursery - jr. high), as well as these adult classes:

Bridge (young adults) & High School class, currently studying apologetics with Arnie Blomberg & Rick Anderson; a study of Romans with Stan Carlson; and Evangelism & Apologetics with Mike Gasser.



Community Ecumenical Choir Concert

"Lift Your Voice in Song"

at OBC on Sunday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.

Fellowship time with Refreshments following the Concert

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Please join us on Resurrection Sunday as OBC youth who plan to travel to Haiti in 2020 will be cooking and serving our annual Pancake Easter Breakfast.

April 21st

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Donations will go towards the 2020 mission trip.




Join us for Easter Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m. April 21
Choir Mini-Concert & Easter Message



Family Fun Night

Bring your family for an evening of FUN!

Friday, April 12, 6:30—8:30 p.m. 

Enjoy half court basketball, beach ball volleyball, visiting with friends, and snacks.

Contact Josh or Stef Jones if you have any questions: 715-767-5310

INVITE SOME FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS! Fun for all ages!



"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down His life
for the sheep."
John 10:11

April Birthdays



- 1 Heather Olson, Teri Byrd
- 2 Dan Mattson, Kyle Nussberger, Klara Swan
- 3 Tzeitel Jo Stolhammer
- 4 Ledger Jones
- 5 Sue Strombom, Brian Ulrich
- 6 Colby Winter
- 8 Steven Wear, Thomas Monroe
- 9 Meg Gustafson, Patrick Daniels
- 10 Ben Blomberg, Lance Mattson, Myra Grapa
- 12 Stephanie Karlik
- 14 Jennifer Blomberg
- 15 Kevin McIlhany, Barbie Monroe, Mark Winter, Will Rhody
- 16 Roger Bartoszewski, Karen Anderson, Dolly Hadden
- 19 Bradley Blomberg, Brian Mattson, Emily Espinoza
- 21 Sheri Archer, Jenae Mattson, Matt Temby, Jake Walcisak
- 22 Greg Donahoe, Josh Sarkkinen
- 23 Lexi Blomberg
- 24 Randy Blomberg, Amita Elleman, Dylon Lind
- 25 Mark Wildberg
- 27 Jenna Meier
- 28 Derek Foster, Emily Blomberg, Jim Palmquist, Elizabeth Nelson
- 29 Pattie Swan



Happy Birthday!

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- You would rather receive your Beacon by email
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Whatever your age or stage in life,
YOU are WELCOME here!

"He has risen!"
Mark 16:6a

"I am the Living One;
I was dead, and behold
I am alive for ever and ever!"
Revelation 1:18

Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am
Wednesday Student & Ladies' Ministries - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm

