

Bloomer Baptist Church To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Pastor's Portion

Several years ago when I preached through Acts I was struck with the emphasis on the resurrection on the lives of the early church. As I count it there are more messages and references to the resurrection in the book of Acts than all four gospels combined. Truly the resurrection of Jesus Christ impacted the early church. That resurrection emphasis stimulated the church to phenomenal growth.

Mid-April this year we celebrate the resurrection. For this Pastor's Portion I would like to observe the resurrection in Acts and its impact. There are several speeches recorded in the book of Acts. Most of them, at some point, bring in Christ's resurrection. A characteristic of an Apostle was that they had witnessed the resurrection (Acts 1:22). In the message on the Day of Pentecost Peter quotes (Acts 2:25-28) from Psalm 16 (my favorite Psalm & one of the few Old Testament references to resurrection). Peter sees the resurrection as proof that **God keeps his word**. "...God had sworn with an oath to him that he ... foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ..." Acts 2:30, 31; 13:32.

A reoccurring theme is **attributing to God the Father the resurrection** (Acts 2:24,32; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33, 34, 37; 26:8). This may seem to be a no brainer but I believe the writers of Scripture wanted us to know for sure that the Trinity was involved in the greatest event of all time. Jesus came to back to life not by resuscitation or medicine but by the Father acting!

Christ's resurrection was not just a resuscitation. Acts 13:34-35 among other passages affirms the fact that **Jesus was not to die ever again.** Some religious traditions have Jesus dying over and over again. Our Jesus lives—never to die again!

The resurrection is the event that many distain. Acts 4:2 and in Acts 17:32 at Athens the crowd began to mock Paul for his message of the resurrection. For us it is the epitome of God's work of salvation. To the secular and irreligious mind it is impossible and silly. To this day secular forces are out to debunk the resurrection.

The resurrection was defining event for the Apostles. Throughout the book it is the event that the Apostles made reference to and lifted up as the reason for their change of behavior (Acts 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 10:40) to be bold witnesses. Acts shows the resurrection changes peoples' lives.

Last year in my quiet time in reading through the Bible I took to making note and writing in the flyleaf of my Bible all the "**but God**" **statements**. Someday I am going to preach a message just on those 2 words. It could actually be a whole series. A couple of the precious "but God's" in Acts are 10:40 and 13:30. The devil and his inspired followers thought they had a victory over the Almighty. Those 2 words make it clear that the God of the resurrection is about reversing the evil of sin and changing people. The Father has stepped into this world and we now have a relationship with him. To God be the glory!

-Pastor Eldon Carlson

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Sunday School

We pray you are continually being blessed in your Sunday School classes this year. Remember to pray for your matched up prayer partners. Here are important dates to remember:

April 16th - Easter Brunch - No Sunday School

May 21st is the last week of Sunday School

Sr. High Youth Group

Hi Church Family!

Amanda and I are very grateful for all of your support and encouragement since we announced that I'm heading off to school in the Fall. Thank you especially to everyone who has expressed an interest in helping with the youth in one way or another. What I would like to do is cast a vision for the youth ministry, and from there see where everyone with a passion for the youth can fit into that vision and keep that going. I know so many out there have gifts, talents, and passions for different things, and I know there's room for everyone interested in volunteering. If you are interested in helping with the youth in any way, could you please let me know? On a different note, we're preparing for something a little different this year with our talent show. We'll have it on May 6th, but instead of a silent auction, we're going to do a thrift sale. If anyone has any items they'd like to sell or donate at a community thrift sale to benefit our summer mission trip, please let me know. Thanks!

Yours in Christ,
Pat Conlin

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Mother's Day Right to Life Roses

We will be selling WI Right to Life
Mother's Day roses again this year. A
sign up sheet will be in the Fireside
Room mid-April.

Jr. Hi Youth Group

Jr. Hi meets on Wednesday's from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Youth Mission Trip Update

Due to scheduling conflicts we have moved the dates of the mission trip a week earlier. We'll leave on July 7th and return on July 15th. We are still going to Cleveland, OH to serve with World Changers & P2 Missions.

The first \$100 deposit will be due on Wednesday, April 5th.

For the first time, Bloomer Baptist Church is opening up this trip to Jr. Hi students as well as high school students. In order for junior higher to come they have to already completed the 6th grade. High schoolers are welcome to attend up to the year after they've graduated. We are still open to having other adult leaders on the trip as well. Contact Pat if you are interested.

World Changers and P2 Missions are sister organizations working to share the gospel by practical acts of Christian love and connecting people to local churches. World Changers focuses on construction projects in low-income neighborhoods, where students show others the love of Christ as they paint, hang siding, install windows, and other work projects. As they work, the ultimate goal is to point people to Jesus through connecting them to local churches. P2 Missions works on the other end, by helping local church pastors grow their ministry and serve their community. This might include vacation Bible schools, street evangelism, sports outreach, or other person-to-person ministries.

For more information about the trip, contact Pat.

Children's Church

4/2 - Wundrow

4/9 - Culver

4/16 - Lundgren

4/23 - Jones

4/30 - Carlson

February Weekly Cleaning

4/6 - Crowell & Russell

4/13 - Bogle & S. Hetke

4/20 - Harder & Misner

4/27 - Hammond

Nursery

4/2 - Brindle/Carlson

4/9 - Engstrom/AJacobson

4/16 - Beal/Shoebridge

4/23 - Rohrssen/Wundrow

4/30 - Misner/Bruxvoort

SINKS

Monthly Potluck will be Saturday, April 1st at 5:00 p.m. at BBC





Men's Renewal Breakfast at Main St. Café

Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 a.m.

\$7 buffet



Pulpit Committee Update

The pulpit committee continues to meet and discuss the future of BBC. Surveys have been turned in and information has been compiled. Thank you to those that shared their opinions. Please be in prayer for the committee and the future of BBC.

Missionaries Dick and Robin Hart will be on a farewell tour May 9-15th and will be visiting us during that time.

Ladies Spring Tea

Friday, May 12th at 7PM
"For Such a Time as This"
Special Guest Speaker Robin
Hart

\$2 at the door

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New Auburn Community Choir presents *Look to the Lamb* this Easter Saturday, April 8 - Chetek Lutheran Church @ 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9 - St. Jude's Catholic Church New Auburn @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12 - St. Peter's Catholic Church Cameron @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 16 - Bloomer Assembly of God @ 7:30 p.m.

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Daily Bible Reading by Genre

4/1- Psalms 12-14

4/2 - I Corinthians 9-10

4/3 - Mark 7-8

4/4 - Exodus 1-4

4/5 -I Samuel 16-20

4/6 - Psalms 39-41

4/7 - Job 27-28

4/8 - Jeremiah 7-11

4/9 - I Corinthians 11-12

4/10 - Mark 9-10

4/11 - Exodus 5-8

4/12 - I Samuel 21-25

4/13 - Psalms 42-44

4/14 - Job 29-30

4/15 - Jeremiah 12-16

4/16 - I Corinthians 13-14

4/17 - Mark 11-12

4/18 - Exodus 9-12 I

4/19 - Samuel 26-31

4/20 - Psalms 45-47

4/21 - Job 31-32

4/22 - Jeremiah 17-21

4/23 - I Corinthians 15-16

4/24 - Mark 13-14

4/25 - Exodus 13-16

4/26 - II Samuel 1-4

4/27 - Psalms 48-50

4/28 - Job 33-34

4/29 - Jeremiah 22-26

4/30 - II Corinthians 1-3

4/31 - Mark 15-16



1st - SINKS Potluck

8th - Men's Renewal Breakfast

12th - Deacon Board Meeting

13th - WIG/Health Dept.

14th - Good Friday Service

16th - Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt

19th - CBC Awards Night

26th - CBC Book Finishers Outing