



THERE IS STRENGTH IN YOUR STRUGGLE

Rhema News

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The Significance of Easter

by Pastor Ronnie

The significance of Easter is Jesus Christ's triumph over death. His resurrection means the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The purpose of Easter also means the full confirmation of all that Jesus taught and preached during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had simply died and not been resurrected, He would have been thought just another teacher or prophet. However, His resurrection rebuked all that and provided final and undeniable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had overcome death once and for all.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the core of the Christian gospel. Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and hope are in

vain (*1 Cor. 15:14*). Certainly, without the resurrection, there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The apostles of Christ would have continued as the disheartened group which the Gospel of John depicts being in hiding for fear of the Jews. They were in total despair until they met the risen Christ (*John 20:19*). Then they touched Christ's wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him.

The resurrection became the foundation of everything they said and did (*Acts 2-4*): "...for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (*Luke 24: 39*).

The resurrection affirms Jesus of Nazareth as not only the prophesied Messiah of Israel but as the King and Lord of a new

Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

So you see, Easter is a far cry from "Happy Easter everybody" speeches to bunny rabbits, new suits, dresses, shiny patent leather shoes and colored eggs.

We have a Savior, who is alive, forever more!!

Pastor Ronnie



HOW TO REACH US

Please notify the church office at 618-398-7362, or email – memberservices@rhemaworshipcenter.com, if you are sick, hospital bound, have had death in our family or just to say "Hello".



Online Prayer Meeting

Let's Pray!!

Yes, online prayer service began in March 2021. Go to www.rhemaworshipcenter.com, click on resources tab and complete prayer request form.

SICK & SHUT IN

Provide a personal touch and minister through calls, cards, prayer and offering communion to ensure that members continue to feel part of Rhema Worship Center – even during seasons of illness or life changes that prevent them from worshipping with their church family.

CONTACT INFO

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"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." – James 5:14-15

by Member Services

Pastor Ronnie & Family
Pittman family
Miller family
Jacora Jenkins
Angela Boyd
Camillie Liggins & family
Mary Irons
George & Mae Washington
Minister Vivian Cunningham
Precious Reeves & family
Hughes family
Rev. E. L. O'Bannon & family
Hughes family
Shanta Davis
Sierra Davis
Geraldine Temple

Lee Chaney
Regina Hasson
Johnson Family
Patrick Randolph
Karen Crowl
Lori Estep
Janet Wepfer
MCS Staff & Students
Bryan Gaither
Joe Priest
Cherise Beard
Smith Family
Elreese Johnson
Lapongee Shelton
Valdez Family
Brian & Ronnie (Valerie Gray's daughter)
Jacora Jenkins & Family

Benefits of going to church

by *Think, you don't have time for church?*

Church Connects Us with God

We are making time for God and physically allowing him into our lives by attending a place of worship.

Church Gives Us a Chance to Reflect on Gratitude

By practicing gratitude, we can reframe negative or frustrating situations into learning opportunities. Church helps us change our outlook and stop dwelling on empty questions like, "Why is this happening to me?"

Church Connects Us Socially

Generally, church people are pretty friendly, and most churches have a variety of social events, groups, clubs, and connection opportunities available each week. If you're struggling to meet people or to make friends, this is the place to do it!

Church Helps Us Better Connect with our Spouse

Couples who attend church together are making time to reiterate the important foundations of their marriage. When you got married, you pledged to love and support each other.

Church Allows Us to Feel Reverence

Attending church can help us revisit this revered state regularly. It gives us a space to pray and to express humility and gratitude.

Church Provides Plenty of Opportunities to Give Back

Church offers an opportunity to donate our time and money to causes we believe in. We can also help out through organizations who share the same values and want to share God's Grace and love with those in need.

Church Helps Us "Find the Lesson" in our Trials

We all want to know why things don't always go the way we planned.

Church helps us "get it," whether we are ready for it or not through the sermon.

Church Teaches Us Forgiveness

It can be hard to let go of disappointments, frustrations and annoyances. Forgiveness is one of the **hardest lessons** to learn, and yet, when are finally able to let things go, it can take a huge weight off our shoulders.

Church Fills Our Hearts with Song

Listening to hymns and religious music can uplift us and give us messages we may not otherwise hear. It's amazing how open our hearts can become through song, and how sometimes even the weight of the world can be lifted off our shoulders the moment that first song begins playing.

Church is Where We Find Deeper Meaning in our Lives

"What's the point?" When we feel despair, sorrow, frustration and stress, it's easy to lose sight of the greater plan and purpose that's out there for all of us. We might even feel alone and isolated from God and from other people. But when we go to church, we're given a greater sense of purpose and meaning.

We are waiting on you!

COVID-19 PANDEMIC:



You can volunteer, support or sponsor MCS.



On the front line

by Camille Liggins

In September of 2020, I decided to help other people across the country through this COVID-19 pandemic. I share a brief insight of my journey.

Looking back over one of the toughest times of the pandemic. I recall Registered Nurses providing total care. Such as, working as nursing assistants, while they were made runners (meaning they stayed outside of patient's room) and went to get supplies, drawing our own labs, vitals, glucometer checks, pulling trash and not taking away from the fact that I felt like I was suffocating in my plastic gown, goggles, and recyclable N-95 mask.

Patients left alone in the hospital without family to battle this horrible infection, (fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, children, aunts and uncles). Still I cry after encountering many deaths some were

suicide.

As a frontline RN, I must say that I am proud to be a part of a profession of strong, caring, sacrificing, and devoted professionals whom I seen first-hand risk it all to care for the needs of others.



Got one for ya

by Tonya O'Bannon



Riddle definition:
A riddle is a question or statement
that offers a puzzle to be solved.

- Who was the only person in the bible without a father?
- I have a tail, and I have a head, but I have no body. I am NOT a snake. What am I?
- What did one penny say to another penny?

BLESSINGS!!

by RWC



February
28th - Charlene

April

6th - Glenda Brown
19th - Jerred Zingale
22nd - Mitch Miller
29th - Thomas Hughes

May

2nd - James Peters

6th - Kingston Coleman
15th - Aurnal Hart
19th - Alisa Miller
23rd - Robert Pittman, Jr.

June

3rd - Joyce Davis-Washington
4th - Destiny Johnson
5th - Karla O'Bannon
6th - Felicia Peters
20th - Gloria Pittman
26th - Robert Pittman, Sr.

3rd -
Pastor
Ronald
Caradine



Thomas & Cora Hughes - 4/29
Robert & Gloria Pittman - 5/4
Charles & Barbara Moore - 6/28



Mother was a symbol of love and care. She was a teacher, friend and inspiration. She was most beautiful, strong, loving, caring and wonderful person.

One never had to wonder what was on mother's mind. I can remember our first conversation vividly, I felt like, I had known her all of my life. I can say mother left a great impact along with great memories. I knew mother for a short time, I loved her spirit. – Angela Jenkins

The Message of Salvation in Jesus Christ, the Lord: The Roman Road

by Christian Education

Romans 1:16 (NIV): "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

God's Power can make us secure—God's power helps us in whatever problems we face. Through Jesus Christ a power great, enough to bring salvation and deliverance is available for anyone and everyone.

Romans 2:4: "God's kindness leads you toward repentance."

God's power results in change—Through God's power, people can change. CHANGE is REPENTANCE—ask God to change the direction of your life.

Romans 3:23: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Sin makes change necessary—Sin is to fall short of the mark or standard that God has set. None can always do right as God requires.

Romans 5:8: "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God still loves us—Knowing our sin, God chose to love us. Jesus Christ, God's only Son, demonstrates God's love in that He died for us.

Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Sin earns death, but God gives life—Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place. He took the guilt for sin and the punishment of God against us upon Himself. He gives us His life as a gift instead of the death we deserve.

Romans 10:9-10,13: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that

you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Confess, repent, believe, call—this is what you must do—Confessing Jesus as Lord means that you recognize His rightful authority over us. Confessing also means to repent of your sins. Repentance means to change the direction of your life and living a God-oriented life. Believe means to trust. You trust in the work of Christ rather than in the work of your life for your salvation. Trusting in His work alone for our salvation, you need only call on Him to be saved. No qualifications are needed! To call on the name of the Lord is to ask Him for forgiveness of sin and for salvation.

Are you ready to do what is necessary to be saved? – Confess, repent, believe, call? If yes, recite in saving faith this Prayer of Salvation:

Dear God, I know that Jesus is Your Son and that He died and was raised from the dead. Because I have sinned and need forgiveness, I ask Jesus to save me. I am willing to change the direction of my life by acknowledging Jesus as my Savior and Lord and by turning away from my sins. Thank you for giving me forgiveness, eternal life, and hope. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Romans 8:16-17, 38-39: "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,

neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We now have hope—When we are saved, God adopts us as His children, and His Holy Spirit assures us that we are part of His family. We are eternally secure in God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 12:1-2: "I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Faith=life for God—begin to live your life for God even if it means sacrifice. Look and live less like the unsaved people of the world and more like Jesus.

Publicly profess your faith and be baptized. Read the Bible and pray daily. Tell others what God has done for you. Declare Jesus as Lord!

You are invited and welcome to worship with us!

Sunday Worship Service: 9:45 AM

Wednesday Online Bible Study:

7:00PM

Saturday Prayer Service: 10:00 AM

Christian Education

Around the Word

The Bible itself is a book. In fact, the word “bible” comes from the Latin and Greek words for “book” (*biblia* and *biblos*, respectively). But it’s a book of books. That means if you want to know the Bible better, you’ll need to get acquainted with the 66 documents it comprises.



Old Testament books of the Bible

The **Old Testament** includes **39** books which were written long before Jesus was born.

The first five books of the Bible are called the Torah, or the Law of Moses.

1. [Genesis](#)

Genesis answers two big questions: “How did God’s relationship with the world begin?” and “Where did the nation of Israel come from?”

Author: Traditionally Moses, but the stories are much older.

Fun fact: Most of the famous Bible stories you’ve heard about are probably found in the book of Genesis.

2. [Exodus](#)

God saves Israel from slavery in Egypt, and then enters into a special relationship with them.

Author: Traditionally Moses

3. [Leviticus](#)

God gives Israel instructions for how to worship Him.

Author: traditionally Moses

4. [Numbers](#)

Israel fails to trust and obey God, and wanders in the wilderness for 40 years.

Author: Traditionally Moses

5. [Deuteronomy](#)

Moses gives Israel instructions (in some ways, a recap of the laws in Exodus–Numbers) for how to love and obey God in the Promised Land.

Author: Traditionally Moses

6. [Joshua](#)

Joshua (Israel’s new leader) leads Israel to conquer the Promised land, then parcels out territories to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Author: Nobody knows

Fun fact: (the Battle of Jericho and the day the sun stood still).

7. [Judges](#)

Israel enters a cycle of turning from God, falling captive to oppressive nations,

calling out to God, and being rescued by leaders God sends their way (called “judges”).

Author: Nobody knows

8. [Ruth](#)

Two widows lose everything, and find hope in Israel—which leads to the birth of the future King David.

Author: Nobody knows

9. [1 Samuel](#)

Israel demands a king, who turns out to be quite a disappointment.

Author: Nobody knows

10. [2 Samuel](#)

David, a man after God’s own heart, becomes king of Israel.

Author: Nobody knows

11. [1 Kings](#)

The kingdom of Israel has a time of peace and prosperity under King Solomon, but afterward splits, and the two lines of kings turn away from God.

Author: Nobody knows

12. [2 Kings](#)

Both kingdoms ignore God and his prophets, until they both fall captive to other world empires.

Author: Nobody knows

13. [1 Chronicles](#)

This is a brief history of Israel from Adam to David, culminating with David commissioning the temple of God in Jerusalem.

Author: Traditionally Ezra

14. [2 Chronicles](#)

David’s son Solomon builds the temple, but after centuries of rejecting God, the Babylonians take the southern Israelites captive and destroy the temple.

Author: Traditionally Ezra

15. [Ezra](#)

The Israelites rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, and a scribe named Ezra teaches the people to once again obey God’s laws.

Author: Ezra

16. [Nehemiah](#)

The city of Jerusalem is in bad shape, so Nehemiah rebuilds the wall around the city.

Author: Nehemiah

17. [Esther](#)

Someone hatches a genocidal plot to bring about Israel’s extinction,

and Esther must face the emperor to ask for help.

Author: Nobody knows

Books of Poetry in the Old Testament

18. [Job](#)

Satan attacks a righteous man named Job, and Job and his friends argue about why terrible things are happening to him.

Author: Nobody knows

19. [Psalms](#)

A collection of 150 songs that Israel sang to God (and to each other)—kind of like a hymnal for the ancient Israelites.

Author: So many authors.

20. [Proverbs](#)

A collection of sayings written to help people make wise decisions that bring about justice.

Author: Solomon and other wise men

21. [Ecclesiastes](#)

A philosophical exploration of the meaning of life—with a surprisingly nihilistic tone for the Bible.

Author: Traditionally Solomon

22. [Song of Solomon](#) (Song of Songs)

A love song (or collection of love songs) celebrating love, desire, and marriage.

Author: Traditionally Solomon (but it could have been written about Solomon, or in the style of Solomon)

Books of prophecy in the Old Testament

23. [Isaiah](#)

God sends the prophet Isaiah to warn Israel of future judgment—but also to tell them about a coming king and servant who will “bear the sins of many.”

Author: Isaiah (and maybe some of his followers)

24. [Jeremiah](#)

God sends a prophet to warn Israel about the coming Babylonian captivity, but the people don’t take the news very well.

Author: Jeremiah

25. [Lamentations](#)

A collection of dirges lamenting the fall of Jerusalem after the Babylonian attacks.

Author: Traditionally Jeremiah

26. [Ezekiel](#)

God chooses a man to speak for Him to Israel, to tell them the error of their ways and teach them justice: Ezekiel.

Author: Ezekiel

27. [Daniel](#)

Daniel becomes a high-ranking wise man in the Babylonian and Persian empires, and has prophetic visions concerning Israel’s future.

Author: Daniel (with other contributors)

28. [Hosea](#)

Hosea is told to marry a prostitute who leaves him, and he must bring her back: a picture of God’s relationship with Israel.

Author: Hosea

29. [Joel](#)

God sends a plague of locusts to Judge Israel, but his judgment on the surrounding nations is coming, too.

Author: Joel

30. [Amos](#)

A shepherd named Amos preaches against the injustice of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Author: Amos

31. [Obadiah](#)

Obadiah warns the neighboring nation of Edom that they will be judged for plundering Jerusalem.

Author: Obadiah

32. [Jonah](#)

A disobedient prophet runs from God, is swallowed by a great fish, and then preaches God’s message to the city of Nineveh.

Author: Traditionally Jonah

33. [Micah](#)

Micah confronts the leaders of Israel and Judah regarding their injustice, and prophecies that one day the Lord himself will rule in perfect justice.

Author: Micah

34. [Nahum](#)

Nahum foretells of God’s judgment on Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

Author: Nahum

35. [Habakkuk](#)

Habakkuk pleads with God to stop the injustice and violence in Judah, but is surprised to find that God will use the even more violent Babylonians to do so.

Author: Habakkuk

36. [Zephaniah](#)

God warns that he will judge Israel and the surrounding nations, but also that he will restore them in peace and justice.

Author: Zephaniah

37. [Haggai](#)

The people have abandoned the work of restoring God’s temple in Jerusalem, and so Haggai takes them to task.

Author: Haggai

38. [Zechariah](#)

The prophet Zechariah calls Israel to return to God, and records prophetic visions that show what’s happening behind the scenes.

39. [Malachi](#)

God has been faithful to Israel, but they continue to live disconnected from him—so God sends Malachi to call them out.

New Testament books of the Bible

The **New Testament** includes **27** books about Jesus’ ministry and what it means to follow him. The first four books of the New Testament are called the Gospels.

40. The Gospel of [Matthew](#)

This is an account of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, focusing on Jesus’ role as the true king of the Jews.

Author: Matthew

41. The Gospel of [Mark](#)

This brief account of Jesus’ earthly ministry highlights Jesus’ authority and servanthood.

Author: John Mark

42. The Gospel of [Luke](#)

Luke writes the most thorough account of Jesus’ life, pulling together eyewitness testimonies to tell the full story of Jesus.

Author: Luke

43. The Gospel of [John](#)

John lists stories of signs and miracles with the hope that readers will believe in Jesus.

Author: John

44. [Acts](#)

Jesus returns to the Father, the Holy Spirit comes to the church, and the gospel of Jesus spreads throughout the world.

Author: Luke

Paul's epistles

45. [Romans](#)

Paul summarizes how the gospel of Jesus works in a letter to the churches at Rome, where he plans to visit.

Author: Paul

46. [1 Corinthians](#)

Paul writes a disciplinary letter to a fractured church in Corinth, and answers some questions that they've had about how Christians should behave.

Author: Paul

47. [2 Corinthians](#)

Paul writes a letter of reconciliation to the church at Corinth, and clears up some concerns that they have.

Author: Paul

48. [Galatians](#)

Paul hears that the Galatian churches have been lead to think that salvation comes from the law of Moses, and writes a (rather heated) letter telling them where the false teachers have it wrong.

Author: Paul

49. [Ephesians](#)

Paul writes to the church at Ephesus about how to walk in grace, peace, and love.

Author: Paul

50. [Philippians](#)

An encouraging letter to the church of Philippi from Paul, telling them how to have joy in Christ.

Author: Paul

51. [Colossians](#)

Paul writes the church at Colossae a letter about who they are in Christ, and how to walk in Christ.

Author: Paul

52. [1 Thessalonians](#)

Paul has heard a good report on the church at Thessalonica, and encourages them to "excel still more" in faith, hope, and love.

Author: Paul

53. [2 Thessalonians](#)

Paul instructs the Thessalonians on how to stand firm until the coming of Jesus.

Author: Paul

54. [1 Timothy](#)

Paul gives his protégé Timothy instruction on how to lead a church with sound teaching and a godly example.

Author: Paul

55. [2 Timothy](#)

Paul is nearing the end of his life, and encourages Timothy to continue preaching the word.

Author: Paul

56. [Titus](#)

Paul advises Titus on how to lead orderly, counter-cultural churches on the island of Crete.

Author: Paul

57. [Philemon](#)

Paul strongly recommends that Philemon accept his runaway slave as a brother, not a slave.

Author: Paul

The general or epistles

58. [Hebrews](#)

A letter encouraging Christians to cling to Christ despite persecution, because he is greater.

Author: Nobody knows

59. [James](#)

A letter telling Christians to live in ways that demonstrate their faith in action.

Author: James (likely the brother of Jesus)

60. [1 Peter](#)

Peter writes to Christians who are being persecuted, encouraging them to testify to the truth and live accordingly.

Author: Peter

61. [2 Peter](#)

Peter writes a letter reminding Christians about the truth of Jesus, and warning them that false teachers will come.

Author: Peter

62. [1 John](#)

John writes a letter to Christians about keeping Jesus' commands, loving one another, and important things they should know.

Author: John

63. [2 John](#)

A very brief letter about walking in truth, love, and obedience.

Author: John

64. [3 John](#)

An even shorter letter about Christian fellowship.

Author: John

65. [Jude](#)

A letter encouraging Christians to contend for the faith, even though ungodly persons have crept in unnoticed.

Author: Jude

66. [Revelation](#)

John sees visions of things that have been, things that are, and things that are yet to come.

Author: John

Please Join Us Study of God's Word

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
www.rhemaworshipcenter.com

15th Pastor & Church's Anniversary

June 18, 2006 – June 18, 2021

Rhema Worship Center had its beginnings from a small bible study group held at Pastor Ronnie's family home on June 18, 2006 with 18 people. Pastor Ronnie was given specific instructions by God to design a ministry that would address the needs of people who were crying out to Him. Later in 2006, Rhema Foundation the Governing Board was also formed under Pastor Ronnie, which has been renamed Reset to Success. Reset to Success is the financial arm for Midwest Career Source, in which over 300 hundred students have entered into our programs.

Shortly thereafter, worship services was being held on the campus of McKendree College at the Bothel Chapel.

Due to college activities on certain Sundays, our worship services were held at the Holiday Inn-Express (Shiloh) and The Fountains (Fairview Heights). During this time of our journey we began to "spy out the land" for our permanent location. We began our search by thinking outside the box for properties to be renovated. We had viewed many properties, but none fitted our vision. But, in March 2009, the Lord led our congregation to the building for sale by the YMCA in Belleville, Illinois. On May 24, 2009, we held our first worship service in our new location at 9100 Lebanon Road.

We honor Pastor Ronnie — great visionaries. We are so grateful for their dream and for their courage to move forward. We are so grateful for the opportunity they have given us to stand on their shoulders and have the opportunity to reach out — reach out to one another, to our community, to the world and to the future — opportunity to

be that beacon, to be that shining light, to be an example, to be an inspiration.

Not for the sake of being a beacon or shining light but instead — that is who we are — that's what we are being called to do — that's what we have the opportunity to do.

"The answer to the question is to be found in a Divine revelation which came to responsive hearts that some should go out and create in the name of Christ a church that would meet the needs of a community as they had never been met before. (Build it from scratch). So we make bold to say that the organization of this Church took place because certain people became possessed of a dream. In the fulfillment of this dream there was the necessity for the re-examination of the work of the Christian church; the willingness to make it come alive.

The question is Are we ready? Are we willing? Is the dream still alive? Do we possess the burning desire? Are we willing to step out of our comfort zone and listen for God's voice and to shine the light? Do we have the courage, commitment and stamina to move it forward? Are we willing to exercise our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world? Are we willing to use our diversity as a blessing and a strength — an opportunity to have meaningful conversations and to learn and grow. Can we pass the test whether this Church so conceived and so dedicated can long endure? Can we still dream of what God might do with each of us in bringing into actuality our unique, unprecedented, never recurring potentialities?

Consider the ant However, — it is important to remember that this is our Church — we, the congregation, we the members of RWC. It is up to us to be engaged and not be an inactive spectator — taking a wait-

and-see attitude. It is up to us to be active and accept the baton that our founders have passed on to us. Think about what our Church can be with our engagement — with our involvement and by the grace of God. This Church can be what God is calling us to be. It is up to us.

Have you ever stopped and wondered what your purpose in life is? Why am I here? It's a tough question and the answer is sometimes hard to nail down. You are pretty sure it's not to get up and wander aimlessly thru the day so you can cross the date off the calendar. It has to be more than that. Much more.

Knock knock — who is there? It's me God, (fill in your name). I am so grateful for my many blessings. I am so grateful for the gift of this day with its many opportunities to learn, to grow, to love, to serve. I am so grateful for the many miracles that surround me every day. Help me to hear your calling for my time, for my life and for my purpose and direction. I will keep my eyes and ears open.

Keeping your eyes and hears open is important because God might not shout back an answer. Sometimes there is just a whisper — Sometimes you might see or hear something out of the blue — in very unexpected places. So it is important to watch, to listen.

And how about our Church? Do we have a purpose? Why are we here? Knock knock — Who's there. It's us God, RWC. We are so grateful for our history and heritage and for the dream and the courage to make it happen. And we want to remember those who have gone on: Bro Nick, Bro. Dee Day and Mother Gloria Pittman.

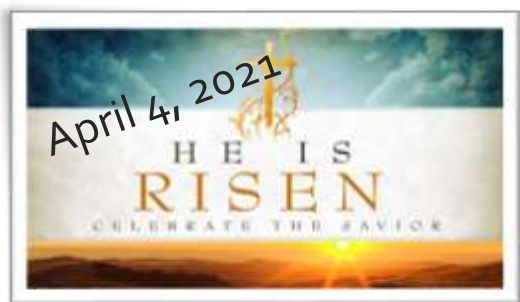
However, as great as our past has been we know the work is not done. We yearn to be active participants in your ongoing creation. Help us hear your calling on how we, going forward, can best serve you, serve each other, our community and the world. We promise to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open.

Rhema News

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Definition of awareness: the quality or state of being aware: knowledge and understanding that something is happening or exists promoting a heightened awareness of the problem seemed to have only a slight awareness of what was going on an acute awareness...



Answers:

- Joshua, because he was the son of nun (none).
- A coin
- We make perfect cents

Put It Into Practice

Tithing is one way to worship God—to honor Him as your provider and remind yourself that all of your resources belong to Him and are provided through His grace. As you give away that first 10% of your income, you set your course to honor God in the way you handle the rest of your finances.

