

A Gauge for our Times

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”- Matthew 20:28

I know that I have said it before, but I will let everyone know that we are entering into the time of my favorite season of the year. Easter is my favorite season because it is at its very roots a Christian holiday. I love Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus, but I love celebrating the rebirth that Jesus gives all who believe in Him even more. Easter is by far my favorite season.

One of the reasons I love Easter so much is because of what our focal passage tells us about our Lord. Jesus came to this earth to serve us by giving His life as a ransom for each and every one of us. We were all lost in our sins and could do nothing about this. Jesus willingly came and gave Himself for us. He also came to set an example for us on how to live and please God. None of the Christian life would be possible, if it was not for the Easter story.

The empty tomb lets us know that our empty hearts can be filled with the love of God. It also encourages us to reach out and fill the empty hearts we come in contact with by sharing the message of Jesus with them.

Easter teaches us that there is hope for this lost and dying world. We don't have to participate in the hate and rebellion of this world against God. We can know and experience the love of God in Jesus Christ and then share that with those around us.

We, as believers, follow the example of Christ, and are here to serve God and to give up our lives in service to the Lord. We are His messengers in this world. We all need to be sharing and caring especially as the end of this world draws near.

I hope you will get the chance to come and participate in our Sunrise Service and Breakfast on April 9. We will begin the Sunrise Service at 7 am outside by the shed and then have breakfast to follow. Our Trail Life boys and American Heritage girls are going to be cooking our breakfast for us this year. They will be giving us a taste of the cooking they do on their camping trips and yes, Brother Warren, we will have flap jacks this year. □ After the Breakfast, we will have Sunday School and Regular Easter Service with the Lord's Supper.

We will also have a Movie Night the last Friday of this month. I hope you will invite others to come and enjoy a Christian movie and some fellowship that evening.

Hope to see you at the different opportunities for fellowship, discipleship, and worship at our church this month.

Glad to be your Pastor.

God bless as you continue to serve Him.

Pastor Gage



Deacon Corner

April Deacon of the Week Rotation

April 2- Charles Pillow
 April 9 - B.L. Heckathorn
 April 16- Dustin Freeman
 April 23- Glen Polson
 April 30- Charles McBay

April Deacon Rotation

Hospital:

Charles McBay
 Glen Polson

Visitor Visitation:

B.L. Heckathorn
 Dustin Freeman

Shut-in Visitation:

Charles McBay
 Charles Vanzant

Member Visitation:

All Deacons and Brother Floyd



Deacon Ministry



ESBC RAISED \$1,176.95 IN MARCH FOR THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING!



Warren Engler	April 20
A.J. Fonseca	April 30

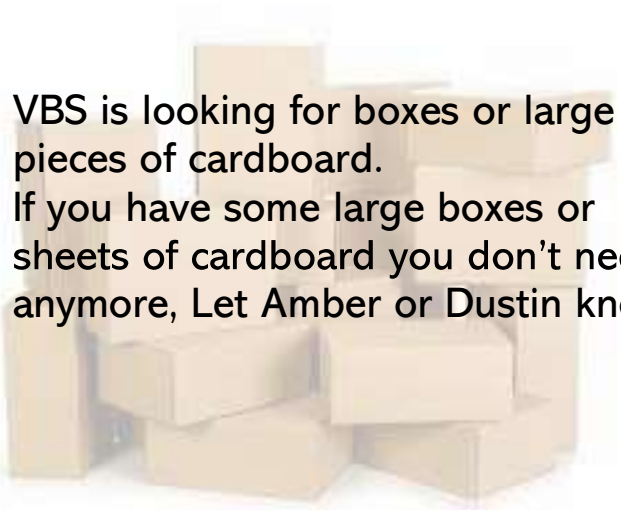
CTS Operational Expenses March 2023

Expenses

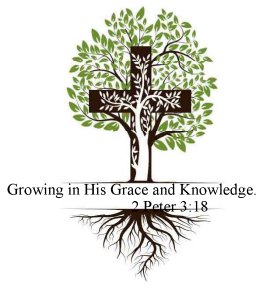
Reliant Electric	\$640.62
Atmos Gas	\$400.79
City of Killeen Utilities	\$286.59
Church Mutual Ins. for buildings	\$970.35
Spectrum Internet & Phone	\$180.22
Killeen Pest Control	\$60.00
Alert 360 Alarm sys.	\$121.46
Total Expenses	\$2,660.03

Rec'd in February to be applied to March
 Operational Expenses \$685.00

VBS is looking for boxes or large pieces of cardboard. If you have some large boxes or sheets of cardboard you don't need anymore, Let Amber or Dustin know.



HE IS RISEN



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 6pm Stewardship Meeting	4	5	6	7 Good Friday Church Office Closed	8
9 Sunrise Service Breakfast Lord's Supper Easter	10	11	12	13	14 6pm Bible Study with the Pastor	15 9am Church Clean-up
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 6pm Family Movie Night	29
30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">EASTER</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em;">He is Risen</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 2em;">+</p> </div>					



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Sunday Morning

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

6:00p.m.

Bible Study for All Ages

Morning Worship

Evening Service

Monday Evening

6:30pm

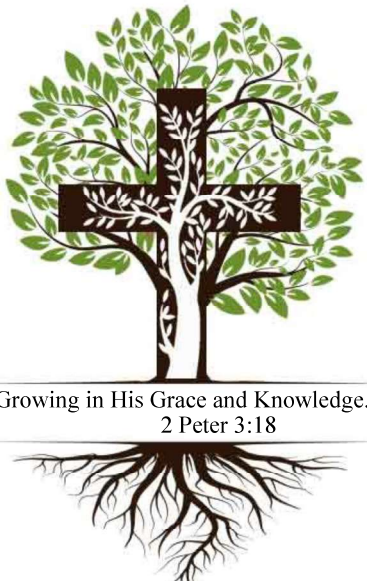
Trail life USA &

American Heritage girls meeting

Wednesday Evening

6:00 p.m.

Prayer Service



Growing in His Grace and Knowledge.
2 Peter 3:18

April



LOCAL MISSIONS

Off-Campus Adult Bible Studies and Services

Wed., 10:00 a.m. Lion's Club Bible Study



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