

The Newsletter

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“AN EASTER QUOTE”



Dear Church,

Oftentimes when this time of year comes, I get excited. I get excited for the coming of warmer weather, for the birds singing and the flowers blooming. I get excited for opening day at Tigers stadium, and for longer days, and most of all the SONshine.

While pondering this time of year I searched for the most famous quote to share with all of you about Easter. I looked up many different quotes, and even looked online to see what the most famous quote was. My desire was to share some famous words that would help bring into perspective just how important and how meaningful Easter is. There were many quotes by men way more famous than me. Some are very good and others are superficial and shallow. I continued to think, what if we were to take away the Easter Bunny and Easter baskets, and the delicious jelly beans (original, besides black ones, I am highly allergic to black ones) and take away the Sunday brunch with our church family or the kite flying tradition after brunch (one tradition my family had growing up). What perspective are we left with? What perspective am I left with?

As I prayed and pondered over this, I could not help but hear one quote repeated over and over. Jesus said in John 19:30 “It is finished” what could be more famous and what could be more meaningful. “It is finished”, but does it bring perspective? Yes, a resounding Yes! Because those three words signified the most momentous event in the world’s history. That is perspective, the completion of Jesus, perfect Jesus taking on all the world's terribleness, selfishness, bitterness, unkindness, hatred, and above all as he cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46). Jesus did all that was asked and commanded Him to do by God His father. Then His Father turned His back in the hour of His deepest need and forsook Him to bring pleasure to Him in you and me. Isaiah 53:10 (KJV) ***Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.***

As I reflect on “It is Finished”, I am left in awe of what those words really mean... the power in three words that allows you and I to enter into the throne room of grace and be called sons of God; **man what a great quote.** Church, it is the prayer in my life and for all to realize and proclaim... “It Is Finished”. There is no more wondering or waiting for prophecy to be fulfilled, over 2000 years ago Jesus went to the cross as sin for you and I that we may KNOW that IT IS FINISHED and by GRACE—GOD’S Grace, we can be made free. Oh dear friends, dear church... **“IT IS FINISHED”!**

Happy Easter & God bless
Pastor Nick

YOU ARE WELCOME TO
JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY! April 9th
Easter Sunrise Service @ 9:00 am
Followed by a Brunch
Resurrection Sunday Worship
Service is at 10:45 am

NEW MEMBERS!

We want to extend a very warm welcome to Ken and Judy Kubischta. They’ve attended FBC for awhile and officially joined the Friendship Baptist Church family on Sunday, March 26th.

VERY SPECIAL NEWS FROM KEN & JUDY KUBISCHTA

We’d like to announce that our daughter, Krista has accepted the marriage proposal from Rich Moeller. The wedding will be in August or early fall in Scotland.

Things You Need to Know

THE LORD'S SUPPER TONIGHT | SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd 6:00 pm

Members, please join us in remembering Jesus Christ's great sacrifice on the cross for payment of our sins, specifically His broken body and shed blood. This is the most spiritually significant observance of the year for a believer.
"...this Do in Remembrance of me."

HE IS RISEN! | RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

Please join us and plan to invite family and friends. Sunday School will be canceled in lieu of a Sunrise Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by an Easter brunch. The morning service will be held at 10:45 a.m. As in years past, the church will provide the hams for the brunch and families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Please sign up at the visitor center to let us know what you might bring.

GUEST SPEAKER, LARRY ROBBINS | SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd

Mr. Robbins is a Chaplain from the Western Region of FBF, Foundations Baptist Fellowship International. He will visit with us explaining the chaplain ministry during the Sunday School hour and will bring a sermon during our church service.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE As of Sunday, March 26th we have received 20 Faith Promise cards totaling \$76,750 promised for the next Missions budget year that begins June 1, 2023. We will continue to collect Faith Promise cards for the next few weeks. The Missions team will meet in the May and based on the amount promised through Faith Promise cards, set a budget for the 2023-2024 year to determine who FBC will support and the monthly gift amount for each missionary family. That budget will then be presented to the members for a vote of approval.

EXTRA MISSIONS GIVING

FBC currently provides monthly support to 31 missionaries. In March we were blessed to be able to provide the following special gifts over and above our monthly giving:

- * Faldes in Haiti—\$500 for Legliz Batis Primitive church construction
- * Gazaways in Egypt—\$500 for the Red Sea church plant and \$500 for the Upper Egypt church construction
- * T&J Long—\$500 for the Turkey earthquake Refugee project
- * Dalton Walker—\$1000 for their vehicle fund & to help a couple attend Bible College
- * Moellers in South Africa—\$1000 for urgent travel-return to the states

GUEST SPEAKER ON FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY DAY | APRIL 30th

Welcome Kenton Rowe, a representative of Communio will speak during the Sunday School hour and bring a special message during the worship service. Communio is a nonprofit that consults with churches equipping them with proven strategies and technologies to solve our nation's family and faith crisis. After church services, we will gather for a potluck luncheon—please sign up to bring something. Then directly after the meal, we will enjoy a second worship service hosted by our FBC teens. Please join us and support the efforts of our young people as they lead us in a time of worship, music, and preaching.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | THURSDAY, MAY 4th

This year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much" James 5:16b. Join with your Brothers and Sisters from around Montana at noon in front of the Capitol Building in Helena for a time of prayer.

GUEST MISSIONARY SPEAKER | SUNDAY, MAY 7th

We will welcome Daniel Grover, church planter to Libby, Montana.

CAMP DATES Here are some camp dates coming up this summer for those who need to plan early: CbarN Junior Camp—June 13-16, Father's Day Camp—June 16 & 17, CbarN Junior High Camp—June 19-23, and CbarN Senior High Camp—June 26-30, FBC Family Camp—August 4—5 @ Lion's Sunshine Camp.

MANNA MISSIONS TRIP | AUGUST 11-21, 2023

The Mission trip to visit the Santa Marta Manna Feeding Center in Columbia is a go! Contact Pastor David for more information.

- Prayer requests should be emailed to Diane Liggett at fbcmontana@gmail.com or call 316-323-4859
- If you are not getting the Friendship prayer requests, missionary updates & letters, and Pastor David's weekly email, please let the church office know.

APRIL & MAY EVENTS

April 2	The Lord's Supper, 6:00 pm Greeters Meeting after worship service
April 9	Easter Sunrise Service, 9:00 am 9:30 am Brunch 10:45 Resurrection Sunday Worship Service
April 23	Guest Speaker, Larry Robbins
April 30	5th Sunday Family Day with Guest Speaker Kenton Rowe followed by a family potluck, then a special Teen Worship Service
May 4	National Day of Prayer at the Capitol
May 7	Missionary Speaker, Daniel Grover
May 10	AWANA Year-End BBQ

MARCH STATS

Average Sunday Morning Service Attendance:	107
General Fund to date:	\$ 62,243
Budgeted:	\$ 77,557
Received same date 2022:	\$ 57,132
Missions giving after 43 weeks:	
Faith Promise:	\$81,109
Budgeted:	\$83,317

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL

Dave & Marta Maser 12th

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