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# Messenger

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## Not Resuscitation — Resurrection!

In the early years of the U.S. space program, a small but powerful rocket was supported by a metal framework. This “escape tower” was bolted to the capsule in which astronauts awaited takeoff. If disaster occurred, the escape tower was to carry the capsule up and away from the main rocket. A parachute would then float the astronauts safely to earth.

Jesus’ resurrection is more than a great escape. If he had merely eluded death, that would be akin to resuscitation. By God’s power, Jesus didn’t merely survive death but conquered it, once and for all. On Easter, Jesus returns to life not for his own sake but for the sake of all humanity. He reassures the disciples — and us — “Peace be with you.”

—adapted from *Homiletics*

# APRIL

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

## MONDAY, APRIL 8

- 6:30 p.m. Prison Ministry

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 6:00 p.m. Mission Committee

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

**Special thanks** to Mabel George and all her helpers who constructed the beautiful crosses for our Easter service.



## Memorial Gifts

*Mary Thompson*

Linda & Rusty Smith

Carmen L. Diaz

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There will be a Memorial Service for **Jack David Varner** Saturday, April 13, in the Chapel. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. with the funeral at 11 a.m.

## Easter Fun with the Daycare!

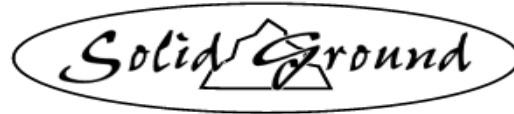




Our series for the month of April is called *A Time for Concern*. The last time we met, Elijah had just had a contest between God and the prophets of Baal. When the prophets called for Baal to send fire from the sky, nothing happened. When Elijah called for God to send fire from heaven, He burned up everything. The 450 prophets were killed, and Queen Jezebel called for Elijah to be killed. This week's lesson, "God Cares," reminds us that God was with Elijah and comforted when he felt all alone.

### **W.O.W. Wednesday**

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> continues to meet at 5:30 p.m. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. We are currently studying about the story and life of Moses. We will soon complete the Book of Genesis and study a little from Exodus. Learning about all of God's faithful followers has been so fun and learning through arts and crafts has kept it hand



### **Youth Bible Study and Small Group**

As Youth Bible study continues to meet on Sunday and Wednesday nights, we will continue our study concerning entertainment, music, and social media. We will be discussing the progression of the types of entertainment throughout the past decades and how we have been manipulated to accept, become numb to, or just ignore the fact that wrong is being presented as right. We will connect scripture to these facts and talk about how/what we can avoid being too pulled in.

### **M28 CAMP**

Camp dates are Friday, July 5- Tuesday, July 9. The total cost is \$350. A payment of \$75 must be made by Sunday, April 17. Each participant must have paid a total of \$150 by Sunday, May 5. Final payment must be made by June 16.

# Sunday, April 7, 2024

Greeters	Sandra Martin/Sharon & Phil Nichols
Scripture	Matthew 28:11-15
Sermon	<b>“The Inconvenient Truth”</b>

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### APRIL

<b>9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>John 20:1-18</b>
10. All people shall see	Isaiah 40:1-5
11. As a gentle rain	Isaiah 55:6-13
12. Let everything praise God	Psalm 150
13. Bold witness	Acts 5:27-32
14. God’s marvelous acts	Psalm 118:14-29
15. The First and Last	Revelation 1:4-8