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O, death, where is your sting?



O death, where is your victory?

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New Life - *By: Cole Flanigan, Director of Ministries to Youth*

April is a time for new life. We usually experience our first extended time of bright, warm sunshine, we get to visit tulip fields, and we have to start cutting our grass constantly. For me and Valerie, April will be the month that we welcome our first child. For our Christian family, April is the month that we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

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Recently, I have been thinking about the way that we talk about and experience life and death as Christians. Often, we think of life as temporary and death as final, we talk as if the eternal life that we have with Christ exists in the enormous shadow cast by the death and decay of our earthly bodies. And I understand why. Physical death feels so final to the living. Death means the end of everything natural that we experience as humans, and (naturally) those are the things that often grab our focus.

But life is more real than death.

As Christians, we know this truth. We know that resurrection and eternal life are waiting for us, we know that death is a temporal experience but life is an eternal reality. But we (maybe this is just my problem) struggle to acknowledge this reality in our daily lives.

When Jesus came to Mary and Martha after the death of Lazarus, He said to them, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." Jesus follows up this statement with a question, "Do you believe this?" And I believe He is asking us the same thing.

In the Genesis creation account, each day ends with a similar statement, "And there was evening and there was morning..." For the Jewish people, their Sabbath days worked like this too. The day started with the evening. It is almost impossible for me to retrain my brain to think that way. The day begins as I go to sleep...but this was how they lived. We have a similar problem with life and death. We believe that we live and then we die, but what the Bible teaches us is that we are dead until we are brought into life eternal. Ephesians 2 begins with this declaration, "You were dead." Paul's next declaration comes in verse four, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ." Friends, we were dead; we are now alive. We are now alive in an eternal way. Your spirit, joined together with Christ in His resurrection is never going to die. We have been promised, and we have received, eternal life. We have received a life that overthrows death.

As you think about Easter this year, as you consider resurrection, remember the power that saved you; remember the power that brought you out of death and into life; remember the eternal nature of your salvation.

*Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is your victory?
O, death, where is your sting?*

"Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."



Family Profile...

By: Patty Wallace

The Millers are a very loving and fun family of redheads whose love for Jesus is evident in their lives. I enjoyed listening to their stories!

Andy was raised in Bend, OR. As he grew up, he enjoyed the outdoors and was especially intrigued by computers which led him to know he wanted to attend college to study them. He ended up at Willamette University, which was the closest college at that time with this program. Every year, God miraculously provided. He works now as a technology architect. Andy was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ at age 12. However, until he got older, he wasn't interested in fully following Jesus with his whole heart. During his senior year of college, he began to attend Salem Alliance. The summer after college he met Ruth at the church's Young Adult Ministries group.

Ruth's family lived in Redwood Falls, MN, when she was born. When she was three years old, her parents homesteaded near Akeley, MN. They had no plumbing or running water! Her mother delivered her younger brother in this cabin with only her husband to assist! When Ruth was seven her Dad believed God was calling him to the ministry. So, the family moved to Oregon where her dad attended seminary. They then settled in Dallas, OR, where Ruth spent her growing up years as a pastor's daughter. She accepted Christ around age 12. Ruth attended Greenville College in IL, and it was during that time that she fully committed her life to Jesus. After college she moved back to Oregon to be near family. Not long after this she met Andy. They were married a year later.

After several years of marriage, 2 children, and some struggles, God revealed Himself by showing His great love to Andy. This radically changed his heart, restored brokenness, and started him on a new path of serving in ministry. Ruth also expressed how she experienced God's wonderful grace during those hard times. Her favorite verse is one that has held her through trials. Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

The Millers love to be together as a family... singing, playing games, reading aloud, and taking road trips. Ruth homeschools their four children: Gracie, Benjamin, Zoey, and Kate. Their goal is to raise godly children desiring to follow God's path. They are off to a good start! Ruth also emphasizes that taking the time to disciple their children's hearts has been worth every minute!



Andy & Ruth Miller and Family

Gracie's passion is drawing and painting. A talented young lady, some of her artwork has been printed by her brother and made into cards that are for sale. Gracie loves to be at all things involved with church. She is/has been a part of or helped with youth group, AWANA's, children's church, choir, leading worship, and has also been a junior counselor at Canyonview Camp.

Benjamin likes basketball and is in preparation for Ultimate Frisbee. He is also a master of yo-yo's! He wows people by his many impressive tricks! His dad is teaching him guitar and computer programming, and he has recently been involved with videoing EBC church services. He's looking forward to joining Gracie as a junior counselor at Canyonview this summer.

Zoey's favorite pastime and talent is crocheting. She's crocheted many dolls and animals and recently created a Mary Poppins doll on her own! She has a business with Gracie to sell her work. She also likes to knit and sew. Zoey is an avid fan of Adventures in Odyssey and enjoys acting in dramatic productions. She loves having others her age at EBC to interact with. Zoey attends AWANA and has helped with children's church.

Kate likes to draw and paint. She is very good on a ripstick and doing handstands. Kate is an animal lover and enjoys the family chickens. She also attends AWANA.

The Millers moved from West Salem to their current home about 3 1/2 years ago. Soon after their move, their neighbors, the Basketts, invited their kids to AWANA. After 3 weeks of AWANA, the Millers visited the EBC church service. After the first week, they already knew and all agreed that this was home! The Truth being preached, the music, and the congregation worshiping as a family unit helped cement their decision. It wasn't long before they began to get connected by joining a Family Life Group and inviting people into their home. The Millers attend 1st service and are fully blessed to be a part of the EBC body!

Going to Others...



EVENT PAGE

THE HAPPENINGS AT EBC

APRIL EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

05-07 - Lifeguard Retreat

Location: Seakrest Lodge

Contact: Tom and Annette Aman

09 - Women's SOS Night

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: South Building

Contact: Jenny Shetler

Rosie Roth will be speaking on God's attribute of "Goodness". All ladies are welcome, even if you haven't registered before.

16 - Women's Meet and Greet with Beth Wallace

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: South Building

Contact: Jenny Shetler

All ladies are welcome to come to this event and hear from Beth, who serves with her husband Sam with YWAM Idaho. Dessert refreshments and fellowship to follow.

19 - Good Friday Service

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Sanctuary

Contact: Church Office

Everyone is invited to our Good Friday service, including all friends and neighbors! We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together.

21 - Easter Worship

Time: 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM (no Sunday school)

Location: Sanctuary

Contact: Church Office

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ together on April 21st! Please note the time change for the first service.

24 - Awana Awards Night

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Sanctuary

Contact: Erin Stucky

25 - Women's Day trip to Tillamook Cheese Factory

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Meet at the church to carpool

Contact: Jenny Shetler

Watch for signups at the Ministry Information Desk on April 7th, 14th, and 21st.

28 - Lifeguards Sausage Feed Fundraiser

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Tom and Annette Aman

Enjoy a yummy sausage dinner while supporting our Jr. High group and hearing about their events!

MAY EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

05 & 19 - Newcomers Class

Time: 9:30 AM (during the Sunday school hour)

Location: South Building, Conference Room

Contact: Church Office

We welcome all those who are new to Emmanuel Bible Church to attend this class and learn more about who we are! Please plan to attend both Sundays, if possible, as the second Sunday builds on the first. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

12 - Child Dedication

Time: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Location: Sanctuary

Contact: Church Office

If you would like to dedicate your child(ren) to the Lord on Mother's Day, please contact the office.

14 - SOS (Seeking Our Savior) Women's Event

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: South Building

Contact: Jenny Shetler

All ladies are invited to hear Keely Kohl share at the May SOS! Details to come.

19 - Baptism

Time: 10:45 AM

Location: Sanctuary

Contact: Church Office

Emmanuel Bible Church is having a baptism service on Sunday, May 19th, during the first part of the 10:45 AM service. If you would like to be baptized at that time, please contact the church office.

27 - Memorial Day / Church Office Closed

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed. Please contact the elder on call for any urgent pastoral care needs.



*Sunday**Monday**Tuesday**Wednesday**Thursday**Friday**Saturday*

	<u>01</u> 12:30 WC Meeting 2:00 After School Program	<u>02</u> 5:30 Men's Fellowship 7:00 Deacon Council Meeting	<u>03</u> 6:30 Awana 6:30 Lifeguards 7:00 Prayer Meeting	<u>04</u> 7:00 YAM Gathering	<u>05</u> Lifeguard 	<u>06</u> Retreat
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CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Cate Duda
- 02 Nate Arnautov, Timmy Galante, Diane Slater,
- 03 Audrey Batson, Roth Bizon, Makayla Mohr,
Sonja Tripp
- 04 Neil Beutler, Steve Finch, Coby McGraw, Lily Mohr
- 05 Meghan Caughman, Cameron Phillips
- 06
- 07 Darren Kuenzi
- 08 Stephanie Brenden, Graham Slater,
Keith Stadel, Kara Stucky
- 09 Hunter Davisson, Andrea Khieu
- 10 Timothy Perkins, Becky Roth
- 11 Megan Steffen
- 12 Jan Friesen
- 13 Greg Hoffman, Katelyn Rogers, Ryan Welty
- 14 Eric Rogers, Johnny Roth
- 15 Sue Lorenzen, Cole Purington, Somjit Trent
- 16 Aaron Elliott, Greg Vanderwall, Trevor Tickner
- 17 Lesli Kaufman, Barbara Spalding
- 18 Bruce Harle, Alice Koger
- 19 Willow Falkenstine, Pat Harle
- 21 Teresa Miller, Kathy Warneke
- 22 Kristen Kuenzi, Mark Purington, Scott Richert
- 23 Clarissa Batson, Moses Ford, Eric Kuenzi,
Corinne Tuggy, Matt Turkington
- 24 Stephen Shetler
- 25 Madelyn Caughman, Kami Myers
- 26 Mindy Walz
- 27 Loren Hargreaves, David Ortega, Avery Tickner
- 28 Steve Richardson, Leanne Whygle
- 29 Mark Idol, Debbie Izer, Shellie Kuenzi
- 30 Eva Folsom, John Tripp

- 03 Chuck and Sheila Goode
- 05 Wayne and Doryce Steffen (62)
- 06 Gabe and Lacy Clayton
Jordan and Annie Hoffman
- 07
- 08 Gregg and Carol Ditchen
- 09 Dale and Bonnie Kaufman
Deron and Kathy Neukomm
- 14
- 16 Patrick and Tara Hurley
- 22 Kraig and Kristy Goode
- 23 Darren and Rachelle Caughman
- 28 David and Nicole Aitken
- 30

If we inadvertently left you out of the Birthday or Anniversary list or if you would like to be added to the EDGE mailing, please notify the office at: 503.364.6179 or office@ebcsalem.com

Library Corner

By: Pat Campbell, *Library Committee*

The Persian Gamble by Joel Rosenberg

The awaited sequel to The Kremlin Conspiracy has just been released, so you can take a deep breath and once again plunge into the thrilling world of international politics. This book begins just minutes after the events of book one, but brings new elements into the unfolding story. If you are interested in behind-the-scenes looks at what is going on in Russia, North Korea, Iran and the rest of the Middle East you will be fascinated by Joel Rosenberg's writings. Fast-paced and hard to put down, his books help provide a Christian perspective on world events. Although fiction, the story has enough of the author's experience, research and insight to feel as though it could be true.



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Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Services 8:00 & 10:45 AM

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Rosie Roth

April 9th, 2019, 7:00 PM

*Rosie Roth will be teaching on
God's attribute of goodness.*

*All women (high school and older) are invited
to join us in the South Building! Doors open at
6:45 PM, and the event begins at 7:00 PM.*

*Questions? Contact: Jenny Shetler
(503.779.6623)*

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