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...and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. (Luke 20:36)

Friends, with the passing of some of our loved ones this past year, this verse spoke to me about the core of our faith. On Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead which serves as a guarantee for us who are in Christ that there is a better life waiting for us and our loved ones when we physically die. We are children of the resurrection! How cool is that? So even in the worst of times: the loss of a loved one, unemployment, depression, anxiety, broken relationships, etc. we can have peace and hope because we know the end of our story. Our story ends in resurrection and eternal life with Jesus and all the saints who have gone before us! WOW!!! This is why we celebrate Easter. Easter changes our lives now and forever. The bottom line: WE WIN BIG! This Holy week, we will celebrate our victory a little differently than in past years. We will not have the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper play on Maundy Thursday. Instead we will have Megan Hoover, a Messianic Jew, teach us Messianic DANCE on Wednesday April 4th at 6PM. This will be followed by worship at 7PM in which Megan will explain the meaning of Passover to us and we will dance and celebrate the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday we will have our prayer vigil from 5AM to 5PM. At 7PM on Good Friday we will remember Christ's death and nail our sins to the cross and burn them outside at the end of worship. Easter Sunday we will have our normal worship schedule, an Easter egg hunt for the kids, and a continental breakfast. We will also decorate the cross from Good Friday so please bring some flowers from your garden. I believe this will be the best Easter celebration ever! Here is our schedule for Holy week:

- **Wednesday-April 4th- 6PM Messianic dance with Megan**
- **Wednesday-April 4th- 7PM-Explanation of Passover and the Lord's Supper Worship and dance**
- **Good Friday-April 6- Prayer vigil 5AM-5PM**
- **Good Friday-April 6- 7PM- Nailing Our Sins To The Cross**
- **Easter Sunday: Worship at 8AM, 10AM, and 12:00PM in Spanish**
- **Easter Sunday: Easter egg hunts for the kids at 9:45AM and 11:15AM.**
- **Easter Sunday: Continental breakfast after all services.**

Children of the resurrection bring a friend and join us in celebrating our VICTORY!

Love & Peace, *Pastor Rick*

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Amigos, con la partida de algunos de nuestros seres queridos el año pasado, este versículo me habló en lo persona acerca de lo más importante de nuestra fe. En el domingo de Pascua celebramos la resurrección de la muerte de Jesús, lo que nos sirve como garantía, para los que estamos en Cristo, que hay una vida mejor para nosotros y para nuestros seres queridos cuando morimos físicamente. Somos hijos de la resurrección. ¿Cuán bueno es eso? Así que incluso en los peores momentos: pérdida de un ser querido, desempleo, depresión, ansiedad, relación dañadas, etc., podemos tener paz y esperanza porque sabemos cuál es el final de nuestra historia. Nuestra historia termina en la resurrección y vida eterna con Jesús y todos los santos quienes se han ido antes que nosotros! WOW!!! Esto es por lo que celebramos Pascua. La Pascua cambia nuestras vidas hoy y para siempre. El punto final: NOSOTROS GANAMOS A LO GRANDE! Esta Semana Santa, celebraremos nuestra victoria un poco diferente que en los años pasados. No tendremos la representación de la Cena del Señor el jueves santo. En lugar de estos tendremos Megan Hoover, una Judía Mesiánica, que nos enseñará una danza Mesiánica el miércoles 4 de abril a las 6PM. Seguido de esto, tendremos nuestro servicio a las 7PM, en el que Megan nos explicará el significado de la Pascua y danzaremos y celebraremos la Cena de nuestro Señor. El viernes Santo, tendremos nuestra Vigilia de Oración de 5AM a 5PM. A las 7PM, en ese mismo viernes santo, recordaremos la muerte de Cristo y clavaremos nuestros pecados en la cruz y los quemaremos afuera antes de terminar nuestro servicio. El domingo de Resurrección tendremos nuestro horario normal de misas, y una cacería de huevos para los niños, y un desayuno continental. Decoraremos la cruz que usamos el viernes, así que por favor, traigan flores de su jardín. Creo que este será la mejor celebración de Pascua que antes hayamos tenido! Este es nuestro horario para la Semana Santa:

- **Miércoles-4 de abril - 6PM Danza Mesiánica con Megan**
- **Miércoles-4 de abril - 7PM -Explicación de la Pascua y la Cena del Señor con Danza.**
- **Viernes Santo-6 de abril - Vigilia de Oración 5AM-5PM**
- **Viernes Santo-6 de abril - 7PM - Clavada de pecados a la cruz**
- **Domingo de Pascua: Misas a las 8AM, 10AM, and 12:00PM en Español**
- **Domingo de Pascua: Cacería de los huevos de Pascua a las 9:45AM and 11:15AM.**
- **Domingo de Pascua: Desayuno continental después de todas las misas.**

Hijos de la resurrección, traigan a un amigo y únanse a nosotros en esta celebración de nuestra VICTORIA!!

Amor & Paz, *Pastor Rick*



In April...

BUBBA'S BREAKFAST

Don't miss the monthly Men's Breakfast! The next breakfast will be **Saturday, April 8th @ 8am** at the church.



PRAYER TIME

Join us in this powerful time. Come and pray for our church, community, pastors, nation, whatever the Spirit lead us!

Monday @ 6:30PM



Ladies' Seaside Escape

Please be sure to sign up for the April 28th Seaside Escape (our special women's all day retreat!) You can bring a sister-in-Christ, a new or old friend, or just yourself but be sure to sign up.....lots of goodies are planned for YOU. There is a \$10 registration fee. Thanks, Shirley



May 12. Party Time! God's Grace Is Reason to Celebrate

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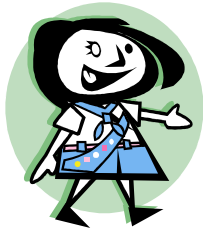
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Troup 3036 Amazing Grace corner



Thank You!!!

Troup 3036 Amazing Grace would like to thank the Congregation for once again supporting us in our Cookie Sales. Nineteen girls sold 3407 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies! That's a lot of cookies. Just ask Susie, she had every box in her home. Way to go Girl Scouts!! And mant thanks to our best



Sunday , April 22, Earth Day, is Scout Sunday at Amazing Grace . The Girl Scouts and the Bubba Scouts will participating in the 10:AM Service. Plan to attend to support the Scouts of Amazing Grace.



"3036 Raises the Roof, Talent/Fashion/Can Food Drive" Show. Plan to attend the show that the girls have been working on all year. We'll have music, merriment and much much more. The price of the show is 2(or 3 or 4) cans or boxes of nonperishible food for The Amazing Grace Food Pantry. Please plan to come , we promise a great show and you will be helping to replenish the Food Pantry Shelves. Watch for the date and time for the end of May.



We would like to invite you on Wednesay, May 23 at 6PM for our 5th Annual Court of Awards Ceremony. This is where the girls of Troup 3036 are recognized for their accomplishments this past year. Please come and join us and support the efforts of these wonderful young ladies. In His love, Cathy Gardner and Susie Diaz, leaders Troup 3036



Monastery

PASTOR'S JOKE

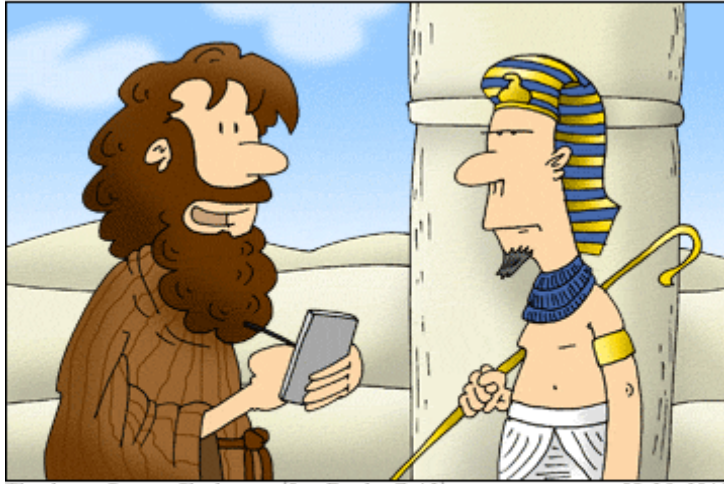


A monastery in the English countryside had fallen on hard times, and decided to establish a business to defray their expenses, such as a bakery or winery. Being English, however, they decided to open a fish-and-chips restaurant. The establishment soon became very popular, attracting people from all over.

One city fellow, thinking himself clever, asked one of the brothers standing nearby, "I suppose you're the 'fish friar'?"

"No," answered the brother levelly, "I'm the 'chip monk'."

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Thanks to Connie Clarkson (See Exodus 7-12)

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I'VE GOT YOU DOWN FOR BLOOD, FROGS,
LICE, LOCUSTS AND HAIL ... WOULD YOU
LIKE ANY FLIES WITH THAT?

Birthday blessings to...

GOD BLESS
YOU ALL!!

APRIL			
1	Esmeralda Romero	Kameron Willy Oxley	Teresa McCrosse
4	Anthony Stych		
6	Zenaida Madrueño		
9	Jacob Escobar		
14	Bridget Goetz		
20	Yamilet Romero		
21	Ann Mothershed		
25	Sebastian Delgadillo		
28	Jamie Shackles		



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The Power of Jesus' Resurrection

By [John Urs](#)

"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death..."
(Philippians 3:10)

Christianity can't exist without resurrection. The main difference of Christianity and other religions is the reality of resurrection. All other religions have founders who were born, lived and died - only Christianity is worshiping Jesus who was not only born, who not only lived and died, but He rose again from the death.

A well known Easter song says: " Christ is resurrected from dead, stepping with death over death and giving life to those laying in the tombs". The apostle Paul says that there is no faith and hope without resurrection.

Our tendency is to put more accent on Christmas, because of the commercial aspect, but you can't be a Christian without believing and without experiencing the resurrection.

The purpose of Paul was to know Jesus and to personally experience the power of Jesus resurrection.

The power of resurrection brings victory over sin. Is not only about forgiveness of the sins, but it's about being victorious over the root of the sins, the sin itself. The resurrection is giving us power to be like Jesus, sinless and accepted by God.

Without the existence of the resurrection there is not salvation, because Jesus would have been only a good teacher, a kind man who died unjustly...and this is the end of the story.

Resurrection is showing us that Jesus' sacrifice was accepted and the New Covenant is now valid.

The power of resurrection brings victory over death. The fear of death is the worst enemy of our happiness. We live our lives under this dark cloud - death and our lives are affected dramatically by the fear of death. But since we know that Jesus was there and is victorious, we are no longer afraid to die with Him, because we know that we will be resurrected with Him.

The power of resurrection is the power to live. "And the life is worth to live, because He lives." Many people don't find a good reason to live, but the apostle Paul says he knows and pursue only one purpose and this is enough for him: TO KNOW JESUS.

Knowing Jesus is not the boring Sunday service, is not the boring and long sermon, but is a living relationship, a wonderful daily experience of His character, of His providence and of His love.

Why do you live? Is your life full of power and joy ? If not reconsider your position toward RESURRECTION and start living it's experience in your life.

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If you have something you want put in the newsletter, or have an idea for an article or the Inspiration Corner, please contact Caridad at caridad_legere@hotmail.com

Ideas for the Newsletter

Please do not schedule appointments with Pastors on a Sunday. Instead, call their cell phone on a Monday. Sundays are busy and they don't carry their calendars with them in the church so they are not able to schedule appointments.

Time With Pastor Rick or Pastor Perry

Would you like to donate wine/juice for Communion? We use white grape juice (any brand) and Mogan David or Manischevitz Concord Wine. One bottle of each usually lasts for a month. If you would like to donate either, or both, please sign up on the chart on the bulletin board. The Altar Guild thanks you!

Communion

Please, feel free to share ideas, volunteer your time or talents, get a call back from one of our pastors or to make an appointment with one of them. God bless you!

SUGGESTION BOX

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Please remember that the first Sunday of each month is "**BRING A CAN OF FOOD TO CHURCH SUNDAY**". Through your generosity we have been able to help many families, including some at Amazing Grace. Keep up the good work!! God's Blessings to you.

