

## *From the Pastor's Pen...*



Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year is quickly passing by as we are now in the month of April. March was a busy month. I greatly appreciate all the help we got on March 25th for the church workday. We got a lot of things done that needed to be done before Easter Sunday and our Missions Revival.

Our Missions Revival is upon us. We will start at 5:45 each night with a church wide meal. This will give you and your family a great opportunity to get to know our guest missionaries. I trust each of you have been asking the Lord to show you what He would have you and your family do this year for the cause of World Missions. This is the most important meeting we will ever have as a church. Make plans to be in your spot each service and let's encourage these servants of God.

Our Easter services will be a little different this year. We are going to change up the order of our services. There will be no Sunday School. We will start our morning Worship service at 8:00 AM. Our men will cook breakfast for the whole church. This will give us a chance to fellowship together as we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection. We will then have one more worship service following breakfast. I encourage you to spend the remainder of that day with your family.

Let me end this month's Pastor's Pen with a short devotion. Easter is a season of great gladness for those who know Christ. But for those who are without "the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God" (2 Corinthians 4:6), there is nothing to rejoice over. Jesus left us with the great hope and certainty that He is going to return to bring a new Heaven and a new earth where, we are told, there will be no more sorrow, trouble, or death for those who have believed and followed Him. There will be trouble, sorrow, and suffering for those who have neglected or rejected Him. As Christians, our great task is to obey the command to tell the whole world about Christ crucified, buried, yet risen again. My prayer for you during this season of the year, when we meditate on our Savior's great sacrifice for us on the cross, is that you will be filled with great peace and hope, because "He is risen!" That is the Good News. As you follow Christ, are you obeying His command to tell others that He is risen indeed?

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."