

Thought for the Week

The resurrection is the cornerstone which supports the entire building of Christianity. It is the keystone in the arch of our salvation. It would take a volume to set forth all the streams of living water which flow from this one sacred source, the resurrection of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But to know that He has risen, and to have fellowship with Him by possessing a risen life, this is even still more precious.

Because He left his tomb, we are able to leave the tomb of worldliness ourselves. The truth of the resurrection is the basis of the experience, but as the flower is more lovely than the root, so is the experience of fellowship with the risen Savior more lovely than the bare fact itself.

I encourage you to trust wholeheartedly that Christ rose from the dead, so much so as to be moved to sing about it and to derive all consolation from it. But I urge you, don't merely rest contented there. Although you can't see Him visibly like the disciples did, you should seek to see Jesus through spiritual eyes. And though like Mary Magdalene you may not "touch" Him, you are still privileged to converse with Him, and to know that because He is risen, you too both are and will be risen to new life in Him.

While it's truly wonderful to know crucified Savior who died for my sins, but to know a risen Savior who has given me new life is incomparable. Short of this knowledge of the head and heart there can be no ultimate satisfaction of our deepest longings. May you today know Him and the power of His resurrection. Rise, for the Lord is risen!

-By Charles Spurgeon

Prayer Points

- Thank God for the death and resurrection of Jesus, which we remember this Easter weekend.
- Thank God for the life of Lesley Galagher, who passed away last Sunday evening. Thank God for Lesley's faith in Jesus, and that she is with the Lord now. Pray for Emily and Janice and pray for our church as we care for them in their grief.
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Jan A, Ruth S, Annette H, Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, and others.
- Thank God for the Baptisms we celebrated last Sunday, and pray for Eva, Miki, Riley, Ian, Allie, Jill and Zsofia as they continue to follow Jesus.

What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

Birthdays

8th Travis Bayley,
9th Janice Smallwood, Emily Gallagher & Meryl Pryor,
10th Lorraine Padgett

Memorial Service for Lesley Gallagher

A memorial & celebration service will be held for Lesley Gallagher at the church at 10am on Wednesday, April 8. We will share morning tea together afterwards, so please bring something to share if you are able to. (There will be no Wednesday morning prayer meeting next week to allow preparations for the service.)

"Task Force" to help with Lesley and Emily's House

As a church, we will be helping clean up and move Lesley and Emily's house over the next couple of weeks. There are all kinds of tasks to help with both inside and out, so if you can help, please contact Tom Symons on 0407 795 112 or Sue Wust on 0438 020 380.

Women's Ministry Event

Women, you are invited to a "Create and Reflect" Paint and Praise women's social at the church on Saturday 11th April (9am-12pm), including morning tea. The activity will involve following a step-by-step process to paint a resurrection scene on a framed 12x16 inch canvas. Please RSVP to Jess by 8th April on 0420 625 463.

Bill & Kathy away

Bill, Kathy and family will be away on holidays in NSW from Monday April 6, back at work on Monday April 13. (Wrong dates were listed in the weekly email this week.) Please contact Harrison or the elders if you have any particular pastoral needs while Bill is away.