

Community of Christ
Fairbanks Congregation Happenings
April 12, 2006

The theme for this Sunday is “Witness the Victory” (**Easter Sunday**)

We show our faith and joy
In
The Good
News
Each time we
See someone or
Say something

This Sunday is Easter Sunday. What images and thoughts come to your mind when you think about Easter Sunday?

Do you see the Easter Bunny, Easter Eggs, Easter Bonnets, Easter Dresses, Easter Parades, Marshmallow Peeps...? Do you see it as time spent with family – willingly and maybe not so willing...?

Do you see a cave with the stone rolled back? Do you see the re-born Christ? Do you feel the joy, the hope and the promise?

We are told that on the 3rd day He arose in accordance with the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Wow! What a feat. He overcame death and was made alive again.

When have you experience a personal death? I am not referring to a physical death really because I would like to think that all of you are still physically alive. I am more referring to a spiritual death or near spiritual death experience. If one were to be truthful, I am willing to wager that this has happened several times in one’s lifetime. You see it has for me and I refuse to believe that I am that unique!! But the great news is that we are now either in the process of being alive again or are fully alive again.

What helped you resurrect your spiritual life? Was it prayer, the scriptures, the fellowship of your church, a particular sermon, a friend, a relative, or was it all of the above along with your will to open your heart to listen to God’s message. Witness the victory of Christ so you can have hope but also give witness to the victory of Christ so that others too can share in the hope - the hope of eternal life, of salvation and the ever present gift of grace freely bestowed on us.

Easter is a holiday – a feast day (as referred to by some denominations) – a day of joy – a day of celebration – a day of thanksgiving – a day of awe – a day of miracles that lets us know that we too will witness the victory,

So as we celebrate the day with our families – eating too much and gathering tons of eggs – give witness to the victory and keep the victory in your heart to share through out the year.

May all of you have a blessed Easter Sunday and Easter Year.

Announcements:

We will be collecting new men's underwear and baby receiving blankets to donate to LBJ hospital. Please bring the items to the fellowship. We will be collecting until Easter Sunday.

Second and fourth Sundays of each month – Coffee Talk and Continental Breakfast- Warm hearted conversation and loving each other is the purpose of the gathering. Got an idea for the future of Fairbanks? This is your opportunity to express yourself. Coffee Talk is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Give yourself a treat and be there!

Choir practice on Saturdays at the church and make a happy noise.

April 16th - Easter Sunday - Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt 9:30 am

May 20th – Silent Auction Talent Show Fund Raiser – North Houston- Benefits the school supply program for a local elementary school. See announcement that was forwarded under separate cover on April 12th. There are many ways to help and participate - Contact Dorothy Hibbard or Teri Portz.

See Mission Center web page for more information

April 22- 23rd- Sionito Work Party

April 28th – 30th – Texas Men's Retreat – Livingston Mission – John Wight – Guest Ministry

May 25th – 29th – Young Adult Reunion – Sionito- Contact Diane Solario.

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 2nd quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

April 12th – John Reimer

April 23rd – Sue Turner

April 30th – Carole and Leo Caesar

May 7th – Doug White

May 14th – Gary Chatburn

May 21st- John Reimer

May 28th - Jeff Whitehall Sr

The nursery schedule cannot be posted in the family center for January through March 2006. Please contact Andrea if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery this quarter.

Nursery Schedule:

We need volunteers for the nursery. Please see Andrea Watson.

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

Calendar & Mission Center News:

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at www.coastalbendmc.org

The Coastal Bend Mission Center (CBMC) has established a Youth Campership Fund to assist youth attending summer youth events. This program is not tied to any local congregational campership program. Any youth, member or friend of Community of Christ, residing within CBMC, may apply for one (1) campership per youth event (Sionito Youth Camp, IYF or Spec). Each eligible camper will receive up to \$50 per event, depending upon demand for camperships. To receive the campership, the youth must complete the application information shown below.

Please complete the application information by April 30, 2006 and forward to the Mission Center President and Financial Officer, Mark Euritt.

The options for completing and forwarding the application are:

1) online using the website form
2) send a copy you can get HERE via mail to:
Mark Euritt, Coastal Bend Mission Center 311 West Annie Austin, TX 78704

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes.

Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!**I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

Martha Romig