

HE is Risen

by Pastor Doug

Recently I read the following account of a child and his Sunday school class. What a great lesson about the value of resurrection hope this Easter season.

A little boy born with Down syndrome attended his third-grade Sunday school class faithfully each week. As you can expect, the other children did not readily accept the boy because he seemed different.

The Sunday after Easter their teacher brought in small boxes--one for each child. The children were told to go outside, find some symbols of new

life, and put them in their containers. So the children ran wildly throughout the property looking for something to fill their boxes.

Once they returned to the classroom, they began to share their discoveries with the class. One by one they opened their boxes to show flowers, butterflies, leaves, and more. Each time the class would "ooh" and "ahh."

Then the child with Down syndrome opened his box to reveal nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid! It's not fair! He didn't do the assignment right!"

The little boy exclaimed, "I did so do it! It's empty...because the tomb where Jesus laid was found empty!"

If Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith would be foolish and fake. But He did rise from death, confirming His life and message. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis for our hope of life eternal beyond the grave.

Don't ever forget to include the resurrection of Christ from the dead when speaking of His death on the cross. For because He conquered sin on the cross and death through His resurrection, we can have unmistakable hope in Him for eternity.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

SERIES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS OF JESUS

April 4 —
Today You Will . . .

April 11 —
It Is Finished

NEW SERIES: GOD QUESTIONS

April 18 —
Does God Exist?

April 25 —
Why Does God Allow Suffering?

May 2 —
Is The Bible True?

May 9 —
Is Jesus God?

Community Meal
Saturday, April 17
6-7 pm

COMMUNITY MEAL— APRIL 17



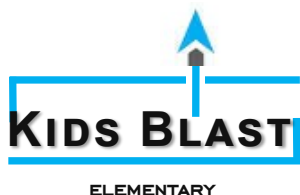
We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on **Saturday, April 17th** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) Meals are first come, first serve until the food runs out. Please note that meals are provided free of charge. Donations are accepted to help support this ministry.

If you do not drive, and would like a meal delivered to you, please call the church office at (330)-723-5155. Leave your name, address, phone number, and number of meals wanted. ***Deliveries are made within 3 miles of the church the church at this time.***

Please contact Emily Winans to volunteer for this outreach: Tel: (240) 405-4003 or Email: winanse@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUPS

- **Young Adult** study with Arlen Gerig meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm at MCC.
- **Ontrack** (Jr. High) and **Student Life** (Sr. High) youth groups will resume Sunday, April 11 (5-6:30 pm) at MCC.
- **Kids Blast** (kindergarten-5th grade) will restart on Wednesday, April 7th (6:15-7:30 pm) at MCC.



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL GROUPS.

OPERATION HOMES FOOD DRIVE

We haven't been able to open our doors to our homeless guests during the pandemic, but we continue to show love with meals, housing, and transportation. During the month of April we will be collecting food donations for the homeless. We need granola bars, instant oatmeal, mac and cheese in a cup, canned spaghetti's, ravioli, stew, chicken noodle soup, ramen noodles in a cup, peanut butter and jelly, and loaves of bread. Boxes of kool aid mix for bottled waters, bottled water, and juice boxes are also needed. We have a collection box in our foyer for donations. Please call Sherry Hall at (330) 421-8559 if you have questions or would like to help transport donations to those in need.

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