

The Roar

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." John 20: 20-21



The door is locked. Deadbolted. Maybe even a chair under the doorknob. Inside sit ten knee-knocking itinerants who are astraddle the fence between faith and fear.

As you look around the room, you wouldn't take them for a bunch who are about to put the kettle of history on high boil. Uneducated. Confused. Calloused hands. Heavy accents. Few social graces. Limited knowledge of the world. No money. Undefined leadership. And on and on.

No, as you look at this motley crew, you wouldn't wager too many paychecks on their future. But something happens to a man when he witnesses someone who has risen from the dead. Something stirs within the soul of a man who has stood within inches of God. Something stirs that is hotter than gold fever and more permanent than passion.

It all started with ten stammering, stuttering men. Though the door was locked, he still stood in their midst. "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

And send them he did. Ports. Courtyard. Boats, Synagogues. Prisons. Palaces. They went everywhere. Their message of the Nazarene dominoed across the civilized world. They were an infectious fever. They were a mobbing organism. They refused to be stopped. Uneducated drifters who shook history like a housewife shakes a rug.

My, wouldn't it be great to see it happen again?

Many say it's impossible. The world is too hard. Too secular. Too post-Christian. "This is the age of information, not regeneration." So we deadbolt the door for fear of the world.

And as a result, the world goes largely untouched and untaught. Over half of the world has yet to hear the story of the Messiah, much less study it. The few believers who do go out often come home weary and wounded, numbed at the odds and frustrated at the needs.

What would it take to light the fire again? Somehow, those fellows in the upper room did it. They did it without dragging their feet or making excuses. For them it was rather obvious. "All I know is that he was dead and now he is alive."

Something happens to a man when he stands within inches of the Judean Lion. Something happens when he hears the roar, when he touches the golden mane. Something happens when he gets so close he can feel the Lion's breath. Maybe we could all use a return visit. Maybe we all need to witness his majesty and sigh at his victory. Maybe we need to hear our own commission again. "Will you tell them?" Jesus challenged. "Will you tell them that I came back...and that I am coming back again?"



"We will," they nodded. And they did.

Will you?

~ Copied from "No Wonder They Call Him the Savior" by Max Lucado

I love being your pastor!
Chris



A Celebration of Praise for Easter

I will praise you among the nations, O Lord; I will sing praises to Your name. Psalm 18:49

His body was taken from the cross and laid in a new tomb. The grief of those who had believed in Him and had followed Him was overwhelming. They didn't know it yet, but the Master they loved and trusted wasn't gone along with all their hopes.

Sunday dawned, and Heaven did something that changed everything! It still changes everything today! If you're looking for Jesus in a grave, He isn't there! He has risen like He said!

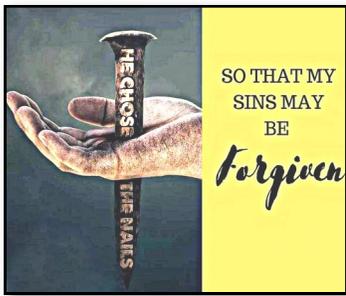
**Forever changed...I stand amazed...
Christ is risen! Arise, my soul!**

Please bring your friends and family and join us for worship **Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 10:55 a.m.** as the Worship Choir of Enka Baptist Church presents the Easter Cantata,

ARISE MY SOUL, HE IS RISEN!

We pray that your hearts and minds will be open to God's message through word and song and you will be blessed.

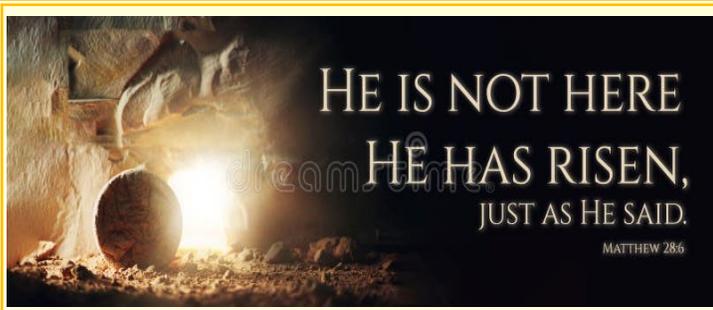
		Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) Sunday Evening Services resume April 12
APR 01	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
APR 05	10:55 a.m.	The EBC Choir Presents "Arise My Soul, He is Risen"
APR 07	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 08	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
APR 12	9:00 a.m. 10:55 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	2 nd Sunday Celebration Morning Worship Quarterly Business Meeting CIA / Youth
APR 14	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 15	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
APR 19 ABCCM SUNDAY	10:55 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Worship Family Night Adults on Mission
APR 21	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 22	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
APR 24	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 25	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
APR 26	10:55 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Worship Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth Church Council
APR 28	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 29	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study



Come with me to the hill of Calvary. Watch as the soldiers shove the carpenter to the ground and stretch his arms against the beams. Jesus turns his face toward the nail just as the soldier lifts the hammer to strike it! Couldn't Jesus

have stopped him? With a flex of bicep, a clench of the fist, he could have resisted. But the moment isn't aborted. Why? Why didn't Jesus resist?

As the soldier pressed his arm, Jesus saw a nail—yes. He saw the soldier's hand—yes. But he saw something else. A long list of our lusts and lies and greedy moments and prodigal years. A list of our sins. He knew the price of those sins was death. He knew the source of those sins was you. **And he couldn't bear the thought of eternity without you. He chose the nails!**



HAVE A BLESSED EASTER



DID YOU KNOW?

Easter is celebrated with symbols that represent rebirth, renewal, and the resurrection of Jesus, blending Christian, pagan, and cultural traditions. Here are 12 Key Easter Symbols and their meanings.

1. **The Cross** – Represents the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection, symbolizing redemption and faith in Christianity.
2. **The Empty Tomb** – Signifies Jesus' resurrection and victory over death, directly linking to the Easter celebration.
3. **Easter Eggs** – Originally a pagan symbol of fertility and rebirth, Christian tradition interprets eggs as the tomb of Jesus, with opening the egg symbolizing resurrection.
4. **Easter Bunny** – A symbol of fertility and new life, introduced to America by German immigrants; the bunny delivers eggs as part of Easter festivities.
5. **Easter Lilies** – Represent purity, hope, and life, often used in church decorations to celebrate resurrection.
6. **Lamb** – Symbolizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and represents innocence, sacrifice, and redemption.
7. **Palm Branches** – Commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, symbolizing victory and peace.
8. **Butterflies** – Represent transformation and resurrection, reflecting the metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly.
9. **Chicks** – Symbolize new life and rebirth, often associated with spring and Easter celebrations.
10. **Candles** – Represent Jesus as the light of the world, often used in Easter vigils and church services.
11. **Chocolate and Candy** – Modern symbols of celebration and reward, reflecting joy and abundance during Easter.
12. **Pysanky (Decorated Eggs)** – Traditional in Eastern Europe, these intricately decorated eggs carry symbolic designs representing life, protection, and prosperity.

These symbols collectively reflect themes of renewal, spiritual transformation, and the joy of spring, blending religious significance with cultural and seasonal traditions. They are celebrated through decorations, rituals, and festive foods, helping people connect with the deeper meaning of Easter.



YOUR GENEROSITY is more than a gift.

Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us... Ephesians 3:20-21.

A "tiny" gift. "Just" a prayer.

In God's economy, there is no such thing.

Because He "is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think," your North American missionaries can use loftier adjectives...miraculous, supernatural, unexplainable...to describe what happens **when you pray and give.**

Your missionaries are sharing the gospel in places and ways they never imagined, and they're seeing that powerful message transform lives, families, and communities both for the here and now and for eternity. God is writing kingdom-sized stories far beyond what anyone can imagine through your prayers and gifts!

NORTH AMERICA

- ◆ Population: 386 million
- ◆ Languages: 378
- ◆ Estimated Lost: 291 million
- ◆ Unreached people Groups: 161

(Statistics from US Census Bureau and The Joshua Project)

As Annie Armstrong said, "**What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God in winning the world for Christ.**"

Our 2026 Goal is \$2,200.

The offering will be taken through April 30.

As always, thank you for your generous heart in giving to this worthwhile mission project!

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Wedding Shower

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KAYLEIGH
&
EVAN

APRIL 12, 2026

2:30 - 4:30 IN THE AFTERNOON



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