

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

4/17/2022 Easter Sunday

A Fallen World: A Risen Savior

1 Corinthians 15:1-26

Why the resurrection matters

We live in a _____ world.

The world we actually live in is not the world we'd like to live in...

ZOOM IN CLOSE: REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED (1 Cor. 15:1-5)

If Easter didn't happen... then that's really bad news.

1 Cor. 15:12-19 (NIV) *But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*

But Easter did happen and Jesus did rise from the dead!

ZOOM OUT: LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE.

He is Alive and this is the Good News!

1 Cor. 15:20-22 (MSG) *But the truth is that Christ has been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries. There is a nice symmetry in this: Death initially came by a man, and resurrection from death came by a man. Everybody dies in Adam; everybody comes alive in Christ.*

We will be resurrected, and the enemy Death will be defeated.

Rev. 21:4-5 (NIV) *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

Another way to say that is: "The fallen world will pass away." But until then, we continue to live in a fallen world where our lives are a mixed bag of both the good and the bad but we also follow a Risen Christ.

So what can we do to follow Christ in a fallen world?

When we follow a risen Christ, it means we no longer let a fallen world _____ us.

When we follow a risen Christ, we know that our _____ are still being written.

Following a risen Christ means that we do not despair or sorrow as others may despair "as those who have no hope."

We follow Jesus who is our _____.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE drop your connection cards in the buckets on your way out of the Sanctuary.

Offering Envelopes are now available in the Welcome area. You can also stop by the church to pick them up Mon -Thurs, 8 - 4 pm or Fri, 8-noon. If you do not want your envelopes, there is a basket on the table to recycle.

THRIVE MOMS | 4/19

Come spend time with other moms who can relate and support you! We will meet on the third Tuesday of each month during the school year, 6:00-7:30 pm, in The Lodge. **Opportunities to serve with Thrive:** Have you been blessed with a few extra minutes and a desire to serve our community? Please consider pouring some of your time into our Thrive ministry! For more info call or text Calah Pearson (706) 599-9144 or email thrivemomshiwasssee@gmail.com. To RSVP, text "thrive" to 706-995-7515.

DEACON HUDDLE | 4/24

There will be a deacon huddle in the conference room on Sunday morning, April 24th at 8:30 a.m. All deacon's are asked to attend.

McCONNELL MEN'S MINISTRY | 4/24

Men of all ages are invited to come to our McConnell Men's ministry on Sunday April 24th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lodge Facilitated by Pastor Steve Awtrey, this group meets on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Lodge with dinner provided. We will be starting a new study of the Gospel of John, taught by Dr. Tony Evans, which encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple's book - that we should believe in Jesus and find life in his name. Invite a friend and join us!

VBS MEETING | 4/24

Calling all VBS volunteers! VBS 2022 is June 20th - 24th. If you have already committed to serve, or are interested in serving at VBS 2022, come to a short informational meeting on Sunday 4/24 immediately following the worship service in the Children's dept. (PEAK Kids room). Call or text Pastor Steve Awtrey for more information at 205-567-7729.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE | 4/27

The Quarterly Church Conference will be **Wednesday, 4/27**, at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center before the bible study. The Quarterly Financial Reports will be available at the Welcome Desk next Sunday, 4/24. During the upcoming week, the reports will also be distributed to all members and attendees who have an email address on file.

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

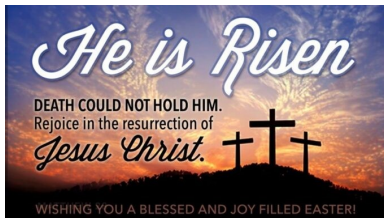
The church has an electric wheelchair with a new battery. It is available to anyone who needs it. Please call the church office for information at 706-896-2281.

ADDICTION

Text the word **addiction** to 706-995-7515 to be contacted with details on getting help for any type of addiction, for yourself or others.

Weekly Activities 4/17 - 4/23

SUNDAY	8:15 a.m.	Band Rehearsal
	8:30 a.m.	Deacon Huddle, Conference Room
	8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Library Open (also before and after services)
	9:00 a.m.	M Groups, The Lodge
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for ALL ages
	10:15 - 11:30 a.m.	PEAK Kids Worship (Nursery Available)
	10:15 a.m.	EASTER SUNDAY Morning Worship Service/Baptism
6:00 p.m.	Book Study: The Handwriting on the Wall, #219-FLC	
MONDAY	10:00 a.m.	Prayer for the Country, #219-FLC
	11:00 a.m.	Prayer for Moral & Civic Concerns - #219-FLC
	3:00 p.m.	Awana Clubs, FLC
TUESDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Mary's Southern Grill
	10:00 a.m.	Churchwide Prayer Group, #026-LL
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Open to Public
	6:00 p.m.	Thrive Moms, The Lodge
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Library Open (also 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Quilter's Group, #219-FLC
	3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Summit Students - The Lodge
	5:15 - 5:45 p.m.	EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept.
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parents Small Group w/Pastor Danny, #233-FLC
	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Wednesday in the Word with Pastor Steve, Worship Center
	6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Groups, TEL & Esther Classrooms
6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Worship Center	
THURSDAY	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Open to Public
	7:00 p.m.	ESL (English as 2nd Language), #219-FLC



A Summary of Clickable Links

[Mountain Messenger](#) [Connecting Points](#) [Online Giving](#)

Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor - Rev. Steven Taylor

Associate Pastor - Rev. Danny Byers

Associate Pastor/Children & Discipleship - Rev. Steve Awtrej

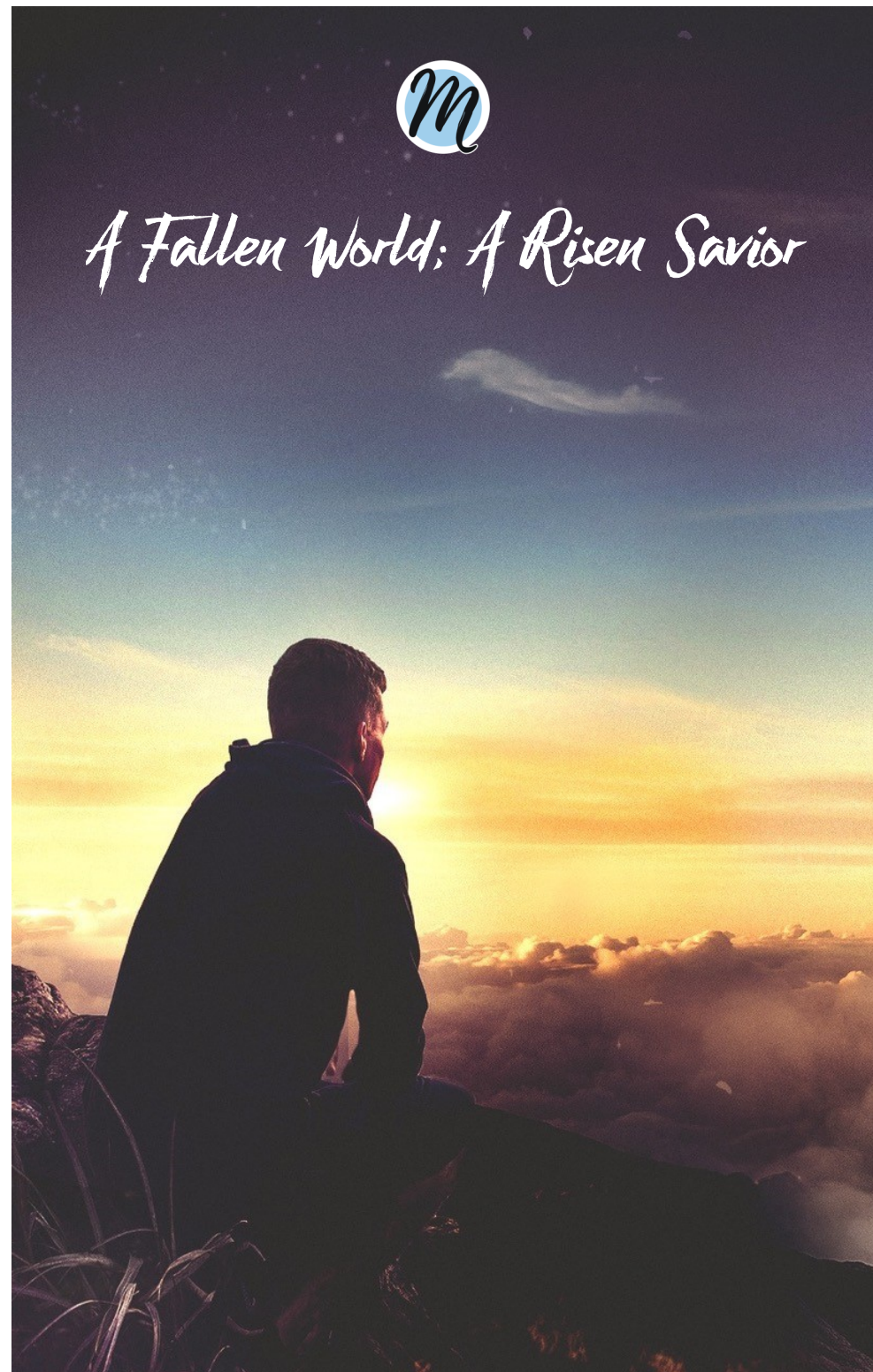
Associate Pastor of Students/Young Adults - Rev. Jeremy Pearson

Minister of Music and Worship - Rev. Chris Adams

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4/10/2022	Budget		Moving Mountains	
	Weekly	YTD	Weekly	Since last pmt.
Required	\$27,535.19	\$413,027.85	\$7,286.43	\$14,572.86
				To Date
Received	\$49,030.50	\$439,783.91	\$6,739.00	\$89,193.50
To Date: Annie Armstrong: \$20,313				



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