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Portland Avenue Goal \$3,200.00
Given to Date: \$ 1,528.87

Spring Retreats at Falls Creek



Women's Retreat

\$85 For All Ages

Register on-line at

bgcowomen.org/womensretreat

by April 3rd.



Men's Rewired Conference

April 27-28

Adults \$70 and Students (age 13-18) \$60

Register on-line at menrewired.com

by April 9th.

If you have registered for either of the retreats please sign the list at the Welcome Center. Also, if it is your first time attending the retreat the church is offering a half scholarship!

Ladies Only Bible Study

NEW Study on 2nd Corinthians

6pm in room 162

We will be on using the SOAK method. Got questions contact Kathy Mullican or Christiana Haworth.



Sunday, April 8th
6pm in the Auditorium



Fresh Food Mobile Market
Tuesday, April 3rd
9am at Connection Center

In Christian Sympathy
The Portland family extends
Christian love and sympathy to:

Eddie Lombard in the loss of his cousin
Angie Martens in the loss of her nephew

Thank You

Notes of appreciation to the Portland Family have been received from the following:

Children of Barbara Huff
Cliff & Linda McBeth

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Menu
Served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2 Family—\$12

Apr. 4—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
Apr. 11—Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert
Apr. 18—Chef's Choice
Apr. 25—Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert

OPEN WIDE dental clinic

Saturday, April 21st
at the Connection Center
Appointments required.

Call 946-9497 beginning at 9am Thursday, April 19th to schedule an appointment.

Aluminum Can Collection
For Children's Ministry Camp Fund

A collection container for CANS only is in the Children's Building Entry Hallway.

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Baptist Messenger

Special Edition

March 29, 2018



Dr. Walter L. Mullican, Senior Pastor
Tony Mullican, Student/Community Minister
Cody Boyer, Music & Senior Adults
Gina McKean, Preschool & Children

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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1, 2018
SMALL GROUPS AT 9:30 AM
EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE AT 10:45
THE RISEN KING MUSICAL CELEBRATION
& EASTER MESSAGE BY PASTOR WALTER MULLICAN
EASTER EGG DASH FOR THE KIDS RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE

He is Alive!

"He is not here, for he has risen, just as he said" (Matt. 28:6). Our faith stands and falls on the validity of the resurrection. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then our faith is empty according to Paul (1 Cor. 15:14). But Christ has risen from the dead conquering death, hell, and the grave! Again, Paul writes in 1 Cor. 15:20, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead..." The resurrection is no mere myth or sacred story, it is a historical fact verified by multiplied witnesses. God raised Jesus from the dead and now Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19) awaiting the Father's signal to return to get his church and his children. And because Jesus lives, we live also. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). There is no life outside of Jesus. You can be alive on the outside and dead on the inside! You've heard people say, "I just feel dead on the inside." Maybe you've even said that. We are dead spiritually because of sin. Ephesians 2:1 says, "As for you, you were dead

in your transgressions and sins..." But here's the good news of the resurrection. We can be alive on the inside and outside. We can experience life with purpose, meaning, and direction. Ephesians 2:5 (NLT) declares, "that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)"

Because of the empty tomb, Jesus Christ offers this invitation to you in John 6:40 (NLT) "For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day." God wants you to have eternal life both now and forever as you put your full faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

That's good news to celebrate! That's why Easter is not about the bunny, but the lamb of God who takes away our sin (John 1:29). See you Sunday as we celebrate the risen Christ.

Bro. Walter

Senior Spirit

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because the you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3

Greetings!

In May 2010, while on a six week west coast tour with the Weatherfords, I heard a story that I don't believe I will ever forget. A young lady came to our CD table after the concert and shared that she had been in a car accident 5 years prior to our meeting. The accident left her with pain that she said was often unbearable and that she suffered daily with for 2 years. She remembered crying out one night, saying "Lord if you heal me I'll tell everybody, I'll give you all the praise and glory for it!" At that moment it was as if she heard an audible voice say "What if I never heal you? Will you still praise me in the midst of your pain?" She said those words changed her thought process and that she decided that God was good and worthy of praise no matter if she was healed or if she had to live with the pain for the rest of her life. It was only days later that the doctors figured out a solution through a small surgery. She no longer lived with the pain.

I was reminded of this young lady's story last spring while driving to the church. A brand new song began playing on Christian radio that basically said "Lord, I know you're able to take this pain and sorrow, but even if you don't I will still trust in you alone." What a wonderful reminder that no matter what we're going through, whether God takes it or leaves it, He is still God, He is still good, and He is always our hope.

Cody

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

10	Margy Weyandt	24	Terry Hedgecock
15	Wesley Lavin	27	Wanoma Francione
	Ada Tate	28	Gloria Draper
17	Zola Zinn	30	Robert Followwill
21	Bill Hood		

Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list?
Call the church office at 942-5539 and let us know.

P A B C M U S I C M I N I S T R Y

THE RISEN KING

a musical celebration for Easter



Sunday, April 1st 2018
at 10:45 am

A special thanks...



Our musicians & myself we're privileged to lead worship during the Indwelt Conference with Bro. Ted Kersh. I want to thank Darrell, Mary & John for their extremely hard work and dedication. They rehearsed sixteen songs and learned five new songs just for the conference. I am so thankful that you all use the talents God Has given you for His glory.

PARENT CONNECTION

Teach me Your way LORD and I will live by Your truth. Psalm 86:11



Gearing UP
for the
BIGGEST GAME of
our Lives!

JUNE 4-8

Our **GAME MANUALS** are IN
and it's time to plan our **STRATEGY . . .**
We NEED YOU on our **TEAM!**



Be a part of the
TEAM PORTLAND
STARTING LINE-UP
Call the church office
at 942-5539
for a list of the open
ROSTER Positions and
see where your
TALENTS
can best be utilized.

VBS ISN'T JUST about FUN, games, & snacks.
Its **PRIMARY PURPOSE IS** leading people
to experience the life-transforming
power of **THE GOSPEL!**

His divine power has given us everything required for life
and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us
by His own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

GAME ON!

VBS TRAINING COMING IN APRIL

Sunday, April 8th—Quail Springs Baptist—3 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17th—Council Road Baptist—6 to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22nd—Southern Hills Baptist—2:30 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 26th—Meadowood Baptist—6 to 8:30 p.m.



PLEASE PRAY
for our
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Schools have changed through the years, however, one thing remains the SAME—Teachers work long hard hours educating, encouraging and preparing students academically and socially for Life's Journey.

Here are some ways YOU and I can make a difference in our schools and communities . . .

- ⇒ Pray for Oklahoma legislators to make swift and reasonable decisions that not only benefit our teachers but benefit the residents of Oklahoma as well.
- ⇒ Pray fervently for our neighborhood schools—the entire faculty, staff and students. Our children are worried about their teachers, their friends and their own safety—and they shouldn't have to be.
- ⇒ Volunteer at your neighborhood school. Let's make a difference by **DOING** something to **HELP**. Schools are **NOT** getting the parental or community support they once did. Let's end that trend and start something **NEW!** Contact the school board or your neighborhood school and ask what **YOU** can do to help.
- ⇒ Volunteer to serve as a Whiz Kids tutor. When reading levels improve, it is a **WIN** for that child, the school and our community.

It is to our advantage to support the Public School system as those students are the future leaders of our world.

Let's work together to put an **END** to the negative connotations of public education and be a **SOURCE** of **LIGHT** through **PRAYER** and support to our community.



A Prayer for ALL Teachers

Dear God,
Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.