

E a s t e r M o r n

In the heart of Christian faith, Easter reigns supreme,
When life conquers death, as it did on that day serene.
The power of the resurrected Christ, radiant and divine,
Shines brightly upon our souls, leading us to His design.

Christian hearts rejoice, for Easter morn has come,
A victory so miraculous, it cannot be undone.
The stone rolled away, an empty tomb revealed,
The power of the resurrected Christ, mightily unsealed.

Through His sacrifice, our burdens are set free,
In His resurrection, we find strength and victory.
No sorrow, no pain, can endure His mighty reign,
For the power of the resurrected Christ breaks every chain.

So let us celebrate with joyful voices raised high,
Sing praises to the Lord, our Savior in the sky.
Easter's message echoes across the Earth's expanse,
Proclaiming the triumph of love, in a divine dance.

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

Easter Bible Verses . . .

⁶ He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' ” **Luke 24:6-7**

³ 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, **1 Peter 1:3**

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; **John 11:25**

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, **Philippians 3:10**

Easter's Guiding Light

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In the joyous season of Easter's embrace,
We gather as Christians in humble grace.
Together we stand, side by side,
United in faith, our spirits allied.

Through the cross, our blessed symbol anew,
We remember the sacrifice of the One who,
Gave His life on Calvary's hill,
To save us from sin and grant us goodwill.

Christian brothers and sisters, hear the call,
To find solace and strength in our faith's enthrall.
In times of doubt or moments of despair,
Hold steadfast to His love, and find comfort there.

For within the Christian identity we share,
Lies the promise of hope, eternal and rare.
A belonging to a greater community,
Where Christ's love is felt in unity.

Easter reminds us of the triumph of light,
Of the resurrection, pure and bright.
From darkness and death, He did arise,
To offer us grace, without deathly cries.

In times of tribulation or doubting days,
May we turn to our faith, like a guiding blaze.
For within these beliefs, we find purpose renewed,
To serve, to love, and in Christ's footsteps, to pursue

Poet: Byron Pulsifer





CERESCO BAPTIST CHURCH

SPRING CRAFT SHOW

MAY 2, 2026
9AM-3PM

UNIQUE CRAFTS ON
DISPLAY FROM AREA
VENDORS

***GRILLED HOTDOGS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE***

Date	Worship Flowers	Special Music	Junior Church	Children's Time
4/5/2026	Sommers	Sommers	OPEN	Sommers
4/12/2026	Anthony	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
4/19/2026	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Sommers
4/27/2026	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

A Broken Chrysalis

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson



It's truly amazing what a girl will do for love.

My wife, Jean, and I lived next door to each other for ten years before we were married. My sophomore interest in high school biology had sparked a live caterpillar collection. Their home was a shoe box, covered with screen wire. When I went on vacation, Jean fed them faithfully with leaves from her willow tree. She hated it.

Finally the caterpillars stopped their incessant crawling and chewing, attached their tails firmly to a stick and lay still, sheathed with a shiny leather-like case. For weeks they seemed to be dead, unmoving in their tiny gray wrappings. I removed the screen and waited.

One by one, the gray cases began to twist and turn violently, and suddenly split open. A beautiful butterfly emerged. It stood for hours gently moving its wings, pumping fluids into them to extend them fully. Then the butterfly soared gracefully away on the breezes of summer, leaving nothing behind but a broken chrysalis to indicate its former bondage.

The chrysalis and butterfly suggest the empty graveclothes of our risen Lord. When Peter and John heard the news that the Lord's body was gone from the garden tomb, they ran all the way from their lodging. Peter entered the tomb and "he saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen" (John 20:6-7, NIV). The graveclothes once wrapped continuously around the body now lay collapsed, mute testimony that the corpse they had once shrouded had now emerged in life.

The bondage of death is broken. **Christ is risen!** We can face tomorrow with the assurance that Jesus is in fact alive to help us, to guide us, to give us hope for the future. And since He is living, our problems are not insolvable. The broken chrysalis of His graveclothes proclaims that Christ is Victor even over death. Because He lives, nothing is impossible.

EASTER *with* FRANKLIN GRAHAM

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Always Good News.

WHAT IS
TRUTH?

FEATURING MUSIC *by*
JOHNNY CASH MICHAEL W. SMITH CHARLIE DANIELS

FOX NEWS channel

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
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“The world had no clue what was taking place ... it was God sacrificing His Son for their sins. They didn’t recognize the truth.” ~ Franklin Graham

Invite your friends and family to watch Franklin Graham’s powerful new Easter special with inspiring music from Michael W. Smith, as well as the late Johnny Cash and Charlie Daniels.

Filmed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this half-hour program features a message of the Gospel’s unchanging truth—and the certainty of a God who loves us.

This Easter, April 5, watch *What Is Truth?* on **Fox News** at **noon EDT**, on stations across the nation throughout the day, or online at BillyGraham.org/truth. See how our risen Christ gives us eternal peace, no matter what’s going on around us.

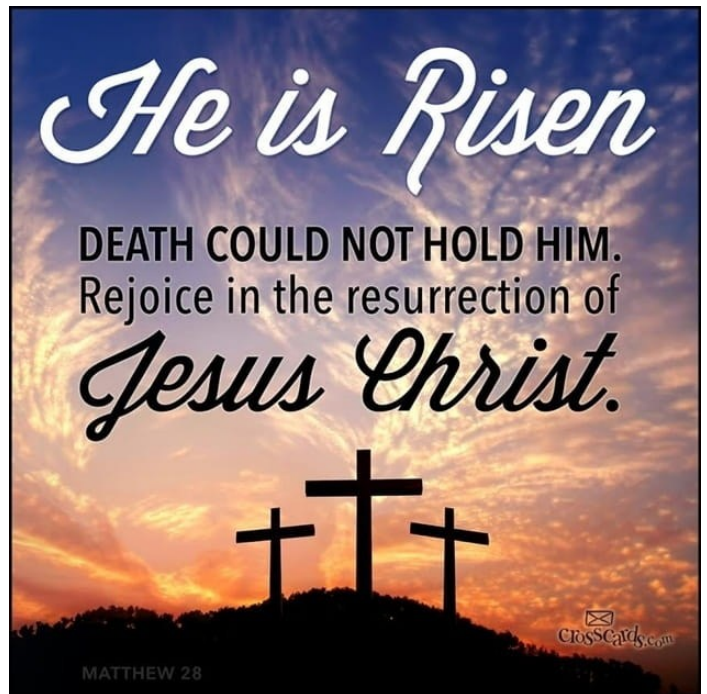
Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

- Apr 1 Emily Biljum
- Apr 6 Zane Ivey
- Apr 10 Jenny Markos
- Apr 13 Ruth Paschen
- Apr 14 Reed Goodman
- Apr 16 Charity Gary
- Apr 19 Don St. John
- Apr 24 Stacey Goodman
- Apr 30 Katherine Rogers

- Apr 4 Rick & Dawn Frey #45
- Apr 5 Roger & Joy Sommers #30
- May 2 Scott & Melissa Boysen
- May 6 Craig & Nicole Thomas
- May 6 Alex & Olivia Farmer
- May 7 Brad & Charity Gary
- May 21 Jason & Emily Ivey

- May 3 Valerie Kibby
- May 3 Stephen Phelps
- May 5 Jayme Biljum
- May 5 Alex Finch
- May 6 Jared Babcock
- May 7 Kim Dayton
- May 15 Marcy Bonney
- May 15 Chrissy Wilkens
- May 17 Kalab Gary
- May 19 Heather Casey
- May 24 Patricia "Trish" Ivey
- May 25 Diane Biljum
- May 25 Melissa Boysen
- May 26 Shawn Skinner
- May 27 Oak D Wasielewski



APRIL 2026

Sunday		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thu.		Fri.		Saturday	
29		30		31		1		2		3		4	
Palm Sunday & Brunch W Area Palm Sunday 5 pm		Calhoun County Schools Spring Break Week				Bible Study 10 AM Passover Begins		Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm at 1st Pres, downtown BC		Good Friday Service, 5:30 pm at CBC		Men's Breakfast 8:00 am	
5		6		7		8		9		10		11	
EASTER SUNDAY Son Rise 8 am Reg 9:45 am				Relay for Life Meeting, 6:30 pm		Bible Study 10 AM WMT 5:30 pm Martha Circle 6 pm		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm				Educational Ministry Team Meeting 9 am	
12		13		14		15		16		17		18	
						Bible Study 10 AM Family Night Potluck 6 PM		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm					
19		20		21		22		23		24		25	
		Relay for Life Meeting, 6:30 pm				Bible Study 10 AM		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm					
26		27		28		29		30		5/1		5/2	
Palm Sunday & Brunch! Bake Sale Holy Week						Bible Study 10 AM May Messenger information due by noon		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm				Craft & Vendor Show 9am-3pm	

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