

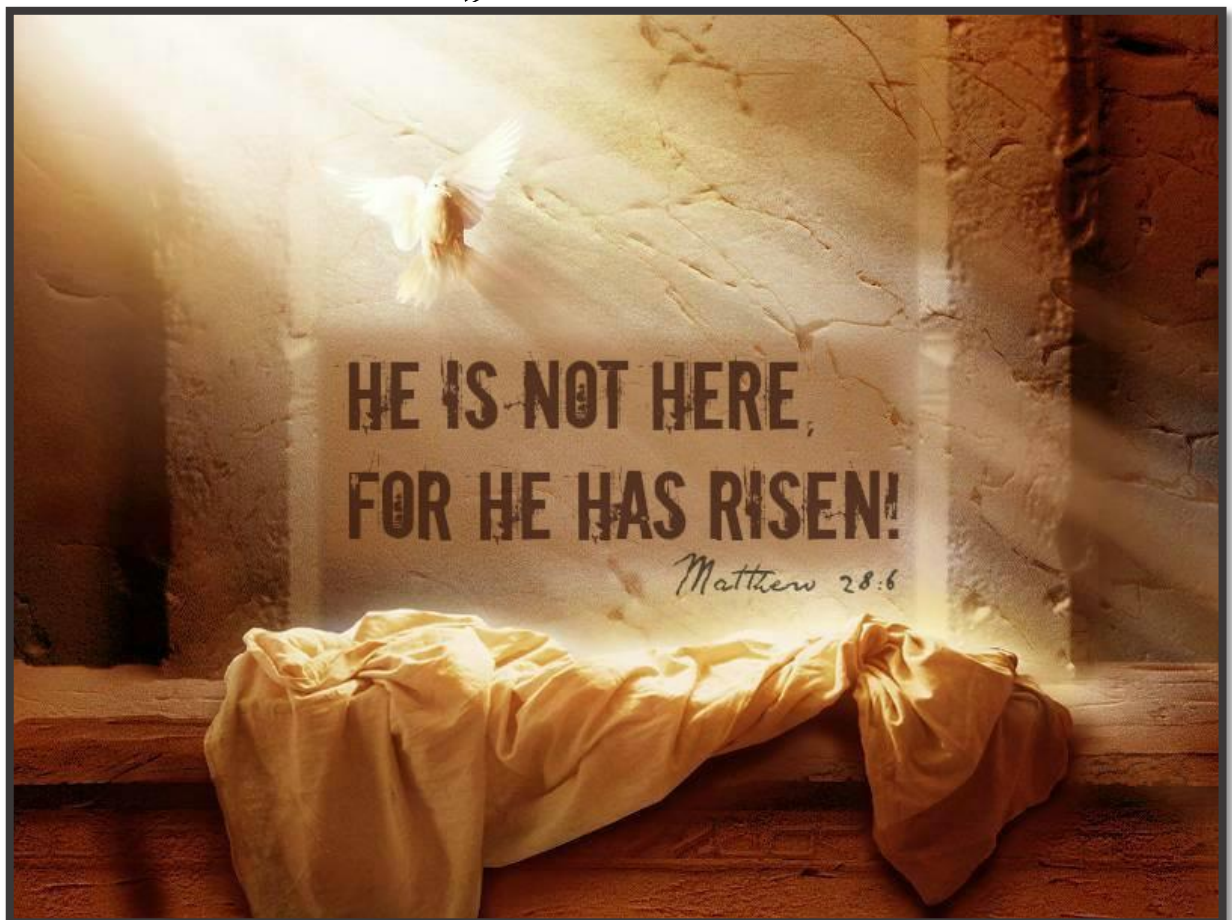
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WORSHIP



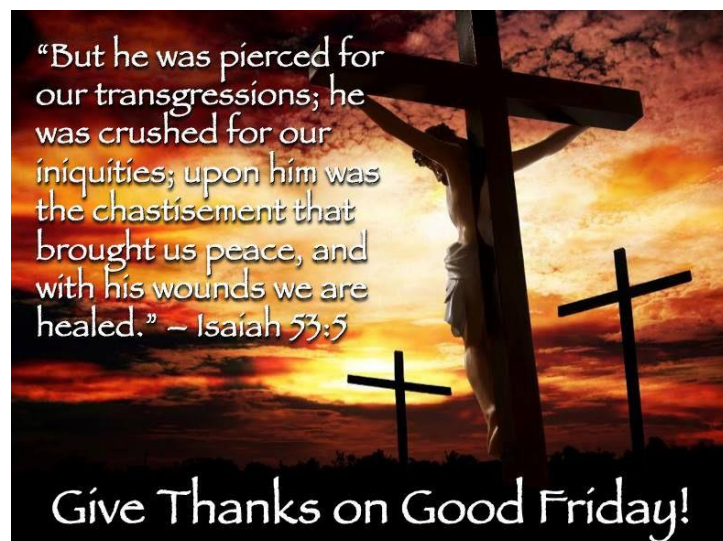
We will be observing Communion Easter Sunday, April 4th at the Drive In service. It will be wonderful to be back together observing the Lord's Supper!



Session voted to go back to **Drive-In Church starting on March 28, 2021, which is Palm Sunday**. This will take place at 11:00am, Sunday mornings in the paved parking lot between the Church and the Elks. There will also be a video provided for those who are not comfortable yet coming back to church.

For Palm Sunday and Easter only there will be pre-recorded videos made in addition to the Drive in Services. Even if you attend these two drive-in services you will want to watch the videos as they will be different than the live worship service. **Starting the Sunday after Easter**, the actual Drive-in service will be taped and made available on Monday by noon. It will not be a live stream that you can watch on Sunday morning, but it will be the actual taped Sunday service that will be on the website on Monday.

There will be a **Good Friday Video** available by noon on April 2, 2021 for you to enjoy as we prepare our hearts for Easter.



Sermons

April 4 – Resurrection Sunday - Easter
 April 11 – Doubting Thomas
 April 18 – Behind Closed Doors
 April 25 – The Good Shepherd



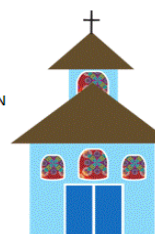
Easter Story Word Search

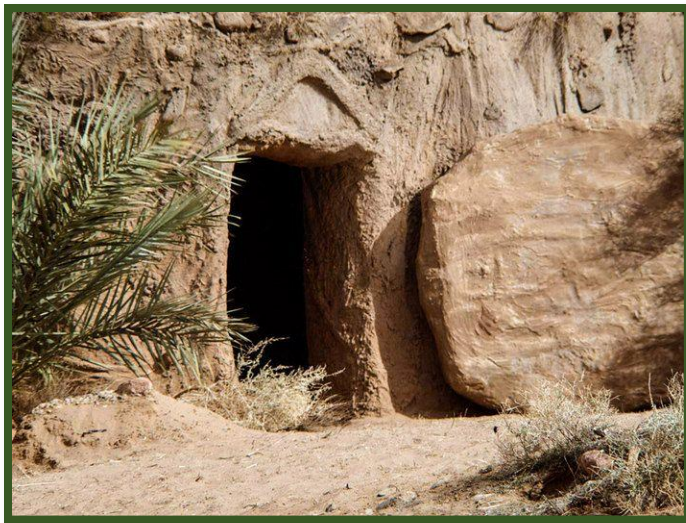
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 BETRAYAL
 CAVE
 CHURCH
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 DISCIPLES
 FAITH
 GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
 JUDAS
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 MARY
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PRAYER
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He is risen! He is risen indeed!

² And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.

³ And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?

⁴ And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

⁵ And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

⁶ And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

⁷ But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

Mark 16:2-7



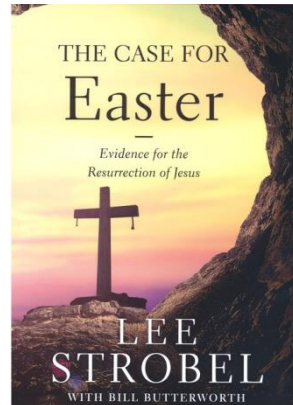
ADULT ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class begins our Lenten study March 14th using Lee Strobel's "*Case for Easter*", a 4-week DVD-based study.

In this study Strobel investigates Christ's resurrection to determine whether the resurrection actually occurred. He explores the 'discrepancies' critics have pointed to in the Gospels, looks at the evidence that Jesus' tomb was truly empty, and shows how the eyewitness accounts of those who

saw Jesus alive after the crucifixion are credible.

The case for Easter invites us to look beyond the familiar traditions of the season, challenges us to examine the evidence for ourselves, and consider why Easter is so important to our faith.



Study guides are optional; please contact Peggy if you are interested in having one.

This is the zoom link for March and April.

Join Zoom Meeting

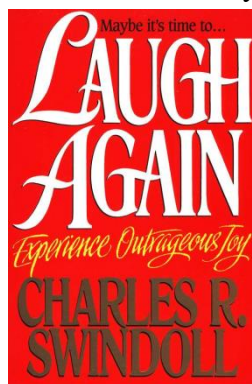
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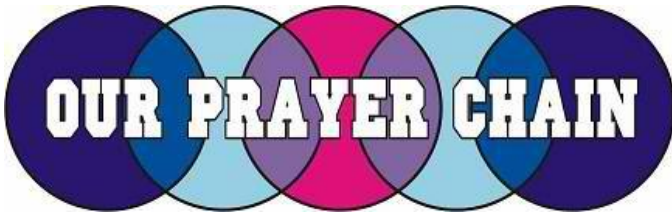
The Adult Sunday School class resumes our "Laugh



Again" study by Chuck Swindoll on April 11th. We are half way through our study looking at the topic of joy using the of book of Philippians. We are enjoying this study, learning to see life from God's perspective and choosing joy as we trust Him more. We are actual beginning to 'laugh

again"! Please join us via Zoom Sunday mornings. The link opens at 9:00, class begins at 9:15 for an hour.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Prayer Chain Updates – Please send all prayer requests to Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net. Please state whether requests are for Prayer Chain Only or should also be distributed to the church body.

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH



Floatplane Replacement Update: March 2021

Email sent by [Michael and Nancy](#)
Apartado 22
Pucallpa, Peru

Dear friends and co-laborers,

Recently at SAMAIR Peru, we have adopted the idea of “generous collaboration” in our ministry and partnerships. We never expected that this practice of generous collaboration would impact SAMAIR Peru so significantly following the loss of our floatplane in a freak wind storm. The amazing response to this need blew us away!

In the two months following our devastating loss, we watched in awe as the Lord orchestrated events through His people to bring in funds to replace the floatplane and beyond.

There are so many encouraging stories to tell but I want to share a few key elements that have made it possible for us to be close to deploying a new plane to Peru in a relatively short time.

Early on, the Lord put it on the hearts of five individuals to pledge \$170,000 in matching funds to help launch the fundraising efforts for a replacement

floatplane. A combination of email and social media marketing, and a new giving platform on SAM's website, helped get the word out and effectively invite people to give. The response was, in a word, overwhelming. We are so thankful for the part each one played in helping us reach our fundraising goal by December 31, 2020. **In November, on the heels of the storm that destroyed the plane, we were projecting an 18-month timeframe to get all the funds raised; God, through you, made it happen in eight short weeks.**

Unbeknownst to us, God was already readying a replacement airplane for us. JAARS aviation contacted us in December and shared that they had a plane being readied for the mission field, but it was no longer needed for its original assignment. “*Would SAMAIR Peru like to purchase this plane?*” Wow! Due to our close partnership with JAARS, we've also been able to secure the purchase of this plane at a significantly discounted cost. I mean, could it get any better?

Yes, it could! In addition to the funds needed to purchase the airplane, we received sufficient donations to replace the hangar that protects the floatplane. It, too, was destroyed in the storm. Plus, we can cover the costs of some much-needed upgrades to our other aging aircraft. The hangar is 1/3 complete as of March 1, 2021. We hope to have it finished within the next six weeks.

This airplane along with the rest of our fleet is vital tools for reaching the Amazon with the gospel. The gospel brings the hope of Jesus Christ and opportunity for discipleship and church growth. Your generosity will be multiplied many times as the proclamation of the gospel and humanitarian assistance reaches the most remote corners of Peru. We hope that excites you.

We hope to have the “new” plane ready to fly to Peru by late summer. Stand by for future news as we update you on our progress. We're in this together!
By Faith,

Craig Gahagen for the entire SAMAIR team

SAMAIR Peru Hangar Rebuild Progress
March 2021 video below.

<https://vimeo.com/521881507>



Floatplane doing what it does best: taking the gospel to a remote shore in the Amazon of Peru



Picture and excerpt taken from:

<https://southamericamission.org/blog/march-2021-prayer-focus/>

Blog post: March 2021 Prayer Focus

March 1, 2021 | [Stephanie Hardy](#)

Because He Lives

As we prepare for this Easter season, we remember the gift of salvation. We remember that the crucifixion of Christ leads us to the power of His resurrection. Because of the finished work of Jesus, we have hope for today and tomorrow. As believers, we are called to share this truth not just today but for all tomorrows.

Because He lives, our missionaries and partners work to share the gospel, reproduce authentic disciples of Jesus, plant churches,

train leaders, and equip God's people to minister transformationally. We reach out to those who live without hope. We invite you to join us as bold witnesses to those who are overwhelmed with life and world events. Comfort those who face trials of every kind. Share that God is in control. Pray without ceasing.

Oh the joy of that moment, when the light of Jesus cuts through the darkness, when the impossible becomes possible, when hope springs eternal...

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Because He lives, All fear is gone.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

Because I know He holds the future.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10

13. Pray for Easter Celebrations. Pray for our missionaries and partners who will lead services, Sunday School, children and youth activities, and more during the Easter weekend. May God give them boldness to proclaim the risen Christ. May their places of worship or screens be filled with those seeking the hope only found in Jesus.

Given to date to the following fund:

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$750.00

FYI



Easter Sunday is also SCRIP Sunday! For this month only, please give your orders to Sandy at the drive-in service or mail/email to Peggy.

Orders will be distributed the following Sunday.



Curtain Players
5691 Harlem Rd,
Galena, OH 43021

Last Gas
by John Cariani
Directed by Coreen Janetzke

June 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, & 26, 2021 at 8:00PM
June 20 & 27, 2021 at 2:00PM

Featuring Thom Ogilvie as Guy Gagnon

Nat Paradis is a Red Sox-loving part-time dad who manages Paradis's Last Convenient Store, the last convenient place to get gas - or anything - before the Canadian border to the north and the North Maine Woods to the west. When an old flame returns to town, Nat gets a chance to rekindle a romance he gave up on years ago. But sparks fly as he's forced to choose between new love and old. *Last Gas* takes a hilarious and heartbreakingly hard look at love lost and found, and at what it means to "get back to happy."



Great News!!

Good Morning Bible study will resume on **Thursday, April 8th at 10am** in the **Fellowship Hall in FPC**. Please wear masks. The tables will be set up to provide social distancing. Bring your own drink.

April Birthdays

Sam Lieb - April 11,
Diana Brand - April 12
Priscilla Hare - April 12
Chris Bowles - April 16
Barb Jobes - April 28
Carolyn Durr - April 30

April Anniversaries

Forrest & Thelma Smythe - April 8
Chris & Sarah Bowles - April 16
David & Kay Kittel - April 16



2021 Virtual

Bottles for Life Campaign

Mother's Day - Father's Day
More details to follow in the

May Newsletter



Church and annual meeting/brown bag picnic will be June 6 at Rotary Park.
Mark your calendars!