



APRIL 2019



Now on the first day of the week....John 20:1

The above verse is the way that the account of the resurrection in the Gospel of John begins; seven words that contain the hope of all mankind. Reading that passage again recently, I begin to think of the reality that many amazing things have taken place on the first day of the week; or Sunday as we know it. I would like to explore a few of those events from scripture with you in this month's article.

First of all, all the way back to the beginning we see the beginning of time and the existence of all that was created was begun on the first day of the week. God in His majesty, glory, and omnipotence spoke and the heavens and the earth came into being and light dawned upon the face of His creation. Oh to have been there and to see God create something out of nothingness. That is a pretty impressive and good day's work for the first day. It would almost seem hard to equal such an event, but our lord "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think."

The second event that comes along is what is described in the verse above...the Resurrection of Jesus. On that glorious first day of the week the "Light of the World" dawned on all His creation. Christ had overcome the darkness of sin, death, and hell, creating something glorious out of the void and chaos of this world. He, by His dying and rising again, had provided the way to salvation and a heaven where we will always be with the Lord. He created in us a new and clean heart that was finally capable and willing to serve and know God. We had been "called out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Seven weeks after His resurrection another great event took place on the first day of the week. In an upper room in Jerusalem 120 followers of Christ were praying and waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. In that room all of the sudden the sound of a might rushing wind filled it and the Holy Spirit filled them and manifested itself as divided tongues of fire resting upon their heads. This group who had been in the darkness of despair, sadness, and uncertainty; immediately they became the lights in this spiritually dark world to proclaim the light of the good news of the Gospel.

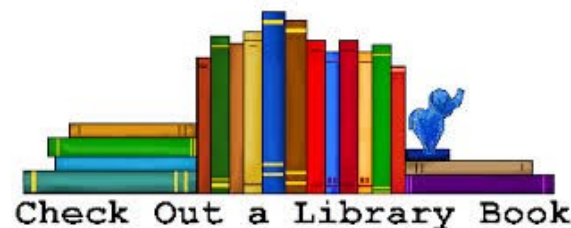
About 70 years later an old man was exiled to an island in the Aegean Sea, it was the Lord's Day or the first day of the week. This man was "in the Spirit" on this day of worship that the early church had adopted as their "Sabbath." All of the sudden he comes face to face with the resurrected and exalted Jesus, whose appearance is described as "like the sun shining in full strength." The revelation that John receives that day brings to light what will happen at the end of all time. We are transported from the darkness of the future, to the light of the truth that God will be vindicated and victorious.

Finally, we do not know on what day of the week Christ will return to right all wrongs and rescue His bride. However, it would not surprise me in the least if that day happened to be on the first day of the week. No matter when it is going to happen, it is going to happen. The only way we can make sure we are ready to enter into His new creation is by accepting and following Him while we are in His old creation. This is the beauty of the account of the Bible from beginning to end is that: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." May we heed the words of the Apostle Paul from Ephesians 5:6-10: "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord." May we look forward to that eternal "first day of the week."

In His Name & For His Glory,
Pastor Tim

Deaconess of the Month:
Kara Pogreba

Communion is Sunday, April 7.



The church library has been updated and is now open for you to check out books.

If you have an activity or event and need to use the church, please contact Pam to check the church calendar for availability of date. Fill out the activity sheet available on the counter in the office and return to Pam.

If you have events and need bulletin inserts made please send me the information by Tuesday of each week.

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Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Birthdays:

4—Sarah Ray
6—Janice Jourdan
10—Don Wynkoop
12—Gaylord Van Loo
13—Carolyn Krauss
14—Bob Abitz
20—Steve Krauss
21—Scott Dohms



Happy Anniversary

13—Gary & Connie Snortum

St Joseph's Food Pantry

Each month we will collect non-perishable food items. Place your food items on the table provided in the foyer.



Evening Service

***Sunday, April 7, 6 pm
Testimony of the Word***

No Evening Service, Easter

***Sunday, April 14, 6 pm
Sunday, April 28, 6 pm***



Fox River Baptist Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.

Nursery Schedule



April 7
Jeff Middlestead & Ian Dohms
April 14
Stephanie Smith & Elle Pogreba
April 21
Catherine Smith & Kate Pogreba
April 28
Rhonda & Anna Dohms

Usher Schedule



April 7
Ron Van Asten & Keith Brown
April 14
Jeff Middlestead & Jerry Kroehler
April 21
Kyle Tubbs & Ryan Smith
April 28
Ron Kempen & Scott Smith

Financial Update

March 3-24, 2019
Budget needed weekly: \$ 2606.00
Received: \$
Contact Rob Mlodzik with questions.



Online giving is available on the website:
www.foxriverbaptist.com. Contact Bill Olson if you have any questions.

*Youth 30 hour famine
Friday, April 26, 6 pm—
Saturday, April -27, 6 pm at the church*

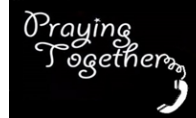
Take a youth group retreat, thought-provoking Bible studies, games, inspirational videos, and more — and mash them all up into an unforgettable day-and-a-half of going without food to raise funds for the hungry.

Praises & Prayers

Here at FRBC, we have a prayer chain meant for the sharing of prayer request needs and for sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new prayer request email address:

prayer@foxriverbaptist.com

Care to be part of the prayer chain? Email or call Shari Middlestead: shari@middlestead.com (920)209-1989 or
Renee Brown: eener654@gmail.com (920)428-5306



You are Invited...
Messiah in the Passover
April 11, 6:00 pm

A meal will be provided at 6 pm.
A Seder presentation by Daniel Nessim will follow. A sign up sheet is available on the counter in the foyer, please sign up by Sunday, April 7.

The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the Communion table.

Youth



**Friday, April 5, 7:00 pm—
Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am
@ Pastor Tim's home**