

# THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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# THE PASTOR'S PEN

Throughout history, there have been people who have doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even today, there are many who are doubting that Jesus died for the sins of the world and arose triumphantly from the dead. There are some that believe He died but didn't rise from the dead, some that believe He didn't really die but was unconscious, and even some that believe Jesus never existed.

There were people who believed Jesus didn't rise from the dead in the Apostle Paul's day, but he had this to say in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve. After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

Paul was quick to point out to the Corinthian church that the scriptures do point to the fact that Jesus came, died, and arose from the dead. He then points to the eyewitnesses of His resurrection. We know of course from reading the Bible, Jesus made at least ten resurrection appearances. Paul points out five of them. After Jesus arose from the dead Paul said He went to Peter, then to the disciples, to 500 people, then to His half-brother James, and finally to the Apostle Paul himself (Acts 9).

Each resurrection appearance from Mary Magdalene, whom Jesus appeared to first (Mark 16:9), to the Apostle Paul changed the lives of those He appeared to. Paul was telling the Corinthian church the resurrection of Jesus Christ really did happen, and there were eyewitnesses of His resurrection. After Paul saw the Lord on the road to Damascus, his life was completely changed. He went from persecuting Christians to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For the rest of his life he lived for Jesus.

What about you? Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead? His resurrection is life changing for all who have trusted in Him as their Lord and Savior! As we celebrate Easter, let's remember why we celebrate Easter. The One True God, the King of kings and Lord of lords came to die for our sins and rise from the dead so we can have everlasting life!!

Pastor John

## LISTENING HEARTS

Our WMU met on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The Lottie Moon offering was mailed to the Baptist State Convention. Thank you for supporting this mission.

If you have not contributed to Annie Armstrong, please prayerfully consider your gift.

We are supporting Baptist Children's Home Food Round Up. Do Not bring food items. We are collecting money which will be used to purchase gift cards for the cottages.

We delivered 5 fruit baskets to our shut-ins. They were so appreciative.

During the next few weeks, send someone a "Thinking of You" card. I bet it will put a smile on their face.

Next WMU meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Love to all,  
Sherry



Oakley Baptist Easter Egg Hunt  
April 4th, 2026

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Egg Hunt, Games and Refreshments  
Everyone welcome!

## MUSIC CORNER

### Worship Leader:

Flowers are blooming and snow is falling while I am writing this.

Our next 45+ Life Group will be April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. Please come, bring a friend, and join us for an exciting time in Daniel 2, prayer, wonderful food, fellowship, and always fun game time. It is such a special time with friends and our family in Christ Jesus.

**James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning".**

This is the life verse Larry, and I choose when we started dating last year. Now, it is April and we will be married on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Lihue, Kauai, HI on my birthday. God is so good, all the time and we are so thankful for each of you.

Love in Christ Jesus,  
Norma

## Grief Share®

A new Grief Share session has begun Tuesday's from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and will continue at the same time each Tuesday for 13 weeks. Make plans to join. Everyone is welcome.

Jo Ann Young and Sherry Dotson



