



Soldier Christian Church

Community Connection

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Scriptures for Easter

*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*

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Matthew 28:6*

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Romans 6:8-11*

HE IS RISEN!

3 words that changed life (and death) forever! He is RISEN!!! THIS was the purpose for the baby in the manger a few months ago that was "born unto us". It is WHY He came. To be a sacrifice for us because God loves us so much that He wants us to spend eternity with Him. We are ALL sinners, imperfect, not worthy. EVERYONE. Even the person you think is the most perfect. God required a sacrifice to pay for sin. Jesus became that sacrifice. Through a saving knowledge of this truth, we can ALL be in right relationship with God. What an awesome opportunity that is open to us each and every day. We can make the choice to follow Jesus and accept this gift of eternal life that He has provided. Life has many choices, eternity has two. You will either be saved with Him or you will not. What is your choice? Do you have questions? Does it all sound just too good to be true? Would you like to have more information? At Soldier Christian Church we try to live by our GEMS and one of those is to evangelize (or teach) the lost and bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ. We would love to help you with this or any other questions you may have. This is the week we celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead to bring us eternal life. Join us for services or contact us at soldierchristian.com to learn more.

G-Glorify God with our lives

E-Evangelize the lost and bring them to a saving Knowledge of Christ;

M-Mature the saints for the work of ministry, and

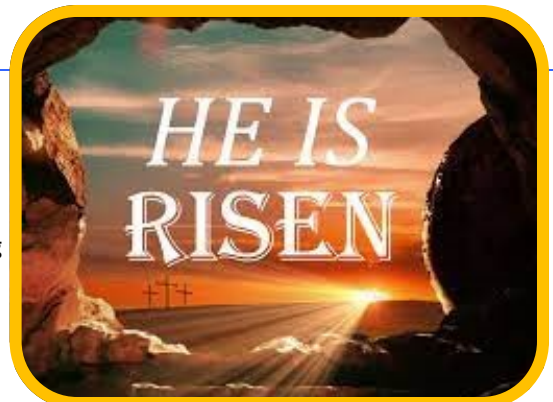
S-Serve one another in love

We hope this newsletter is a blessing in your life and that it helps you remain "connected" with those in our community. We love being able to share the hope we have in Jesus, and resources for you and your family. If you know of someone who would benefit from this publication, or is there something you would like to share? Contact Laura Holliday: lmichelle14@yahoo.com or Marty Williams: martywill54@gmail.com and we will get you on the mailing list.

Soldier Christian Church meets in person and online at 10:30 Sunday. Please feel free to join us even if you have never been before. We would love to have you. Come and be refreshed. We will keep our "social distance" and be safe. Hope to see you! 10:30 on Sunday morning. If you can't join us in person, please go to our website and learn how to join us online: soldierchristian.com

Some other sources of hope and guidance:

Grace to You, John MacArthur-GTY.org
Dr. David Jeremiah-davidjeremiah.org
Chip Ingram, Living on the Edge-livingontheedge.org
Back to the Bible, -backtothebible.org
Bott Radio Network-92.5 FM
88.1 and 90.3 FM for Christian Music Radio



The section below will be devoted each week to checking in on how the current situation is changing our lives. If you would be willing to write a short paragraph or 2 on how your family (or you) are adapting, please contact Laura Holliday at lmichelle14@yahoo.com

Checkin' in with Dennis & Laura Holliday

Hi Friends!

Well, I guess it is about time for us to give an update. Dennis and I been incredibly blessed over the past year. I consider myself a “glass half full” kind of gal so I like to focus on the joyous occasions the pandemic brought into our life. When things started to close down, most of our family returned home to the farm. Ben, Emily, and the boys had nowhere to go in Kansas City to get the boys out of the house and Ben’s schooling was all online. Hurray for us! That meant more Grandma and Grandpa time. Jess’ school was also online as was mine so he came home too. Instead of a crisis, we were enjoying some awesome family time. Dennis and Lane’s jobs were not too affected by the circumstances. Of course there were the struggles that everyone was having with so many places being closed but we made the best of it and have some great memories. We were so excited to welcome Hanna (Davault) into the Holliday family in June. Despite the church being closed, they had a wonderful ceremony in the country and the Holliday boys got to do their “shenanigans”! We missed attending church in person but I very much enjoyed meeting with the musicians and recording for online church. We are so very blessed with such a wide variety and amazingly talented musicians. Currently, our life is all about change. Lane and Maggie were married in October and are working on some land they purchased to begin building their forever “home place.” Lane is now on the road for PrairieLand working on sprayers (and whatever else needs it sometimes). Maggie works for J-6 in Seneca. Jess is exploring many options for his future and makes time to come home and visit with his trusty side kick a schnoodle named Bismark. Ben was placed for residency in Waco, Texas so they will be moving in the near future. That’s a long way for this grandma but knowing that after 3 years they will be back in the area makes it all worth it in the end. This school year has been a real challenge for me but God has continued to bless my time with students and the opportunity to share His love with others. We are finally back to playing as bands and not small ensembles and may even have a concert this spring! Band was pretty tough online but I have learned things I would have never made myself do otherwise. I would have never changed schools on my own but oh, what blessings God has given me through that event. We know that God is in control. ALWAYS. Even when it seems things are totally out of control. Look for the positive in the situations and you will see that He is working His will through all things. May God bless you and your family.

Dennis & Laura Holliday



The Greatest Event in History

Matthew 28:6-7

The greatest reality of history is the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When the two women called Mary came to the tomb on the morning after Christ rose, they were greeted by an angel of the Lord with these words: ***“He is not here; for He is risen as He said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead”***. In the above passage, we find four imperatives of the resurrection which still speak to us today:

“Come” — The resurrection offers us a great invitation (**Matthew 11:28**). The Lord does not force us to serve Him, but lovingly invites us to do so (**Revelation 3:20**). Initially, we come through obedience to the gospel of Christ in the act of baptism (**Romans 6:3-4; cf. Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:26-27**). We must be willing to do what **Colossians 3:1** tells us to do — ***“seek those things which are above.”***

“See” — The resurrection urges investigation and verification, weighing the overwhelming evidence. Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 15:1-8** that the resurrected Christ was physically seen by more than 514 eye-witnesses. The blood of martyrs speaks eloquently of the reality of the empty tomb — Christ has indeed risen! (**Matthew 28:6; 1 Corinthians 15:20**).

“Go” — The resurrected Christ places us under an obligation — to undertake a mission (**Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16**). The empty tomb still demands our mobility to take the saving gospel of Christ to a world of folks lost in sin. As faithful disciples of our Lord, we must be willing to “Go.” We are not to rest on our laurels, but are to go “everywhere preaching the word” (**Acts 8:4**) — to teach and preach Jesus in every house (**Acts 5:42**).

“Tell” — The resurrection demands proclamation! It is not a secret to be kept or knowledge to be hoarded. Rather, it is “good news” to be shared with the world (**Acts 13:32**). The “good news” that Jesus is risen! All people need a Savior — Jesus is that Savior (**John 4:42; 1 John 4:14**) — “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (**John 1:29**). Every day in word and deed, we must proclaim the living Savior to a dying world lost in sin (**Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 8:34-35; Acts 18:24-28**).

Jesus rose from the dead and the world has never been the same (**Acts 17:6**). The reality of the empty tomb can transform empty and fruitless lives (**Romans 12:1-2; Gal. 5:22-25; Colossians 3:1-10**). However, the resurrection of Jesus will not matter to us personally until we have been raised with Him (**Romans 6:1-6; Colossians 2:12; Gal. 3:26-27**).

We must become participants in the Resurrection through obedience to the gospel (**Romans 6:16-17; 1 Peter 1:18-23**). The question we must ask ourselves is, “Will we be obedient to the gospel call?” (**2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; cf. Romans 1:1-6; Romans 16:25-26; Ephesians 3:1-6**).

The angel of the Lord who appeared at the resurrection, still commands us today to:

“Come See Go Tell”

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD INFORMATION TO KNOW AT THIS TIME

Good Friday: April 2 Worship service at 6:00 at the main church

Resurrection Morning: Sunrise Service at 7:30-Soldier Cemetery

Easter Worship Service : 10:30 at the main church

April 11th: New Adult Sunday School Class starting on the Book of Revelation 9:30-10:15, West Room, teacher will be Pastor Ron. Everyone is Welcome!

April 18th: Annual Church Meeting & Picnic following Services. More details to come

Recipe of the Month

We are going to use this space to share recipes with each other from the community. If you have one to share or one you would like us to find, please contact Laura -lmmichelle14@yahoo.com or Marty-martywill54@gmail.com

Lemon Bars (Toots Glaze)



1 1/2 c. flour

2/3 c. powdered sugar

3/4 c. softened butter

1 1/2 c. sugar

3 T. flour

1/4 c. lemon juice

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Mix together flour, powdered sugar, and butter. Press into a 9 x 13 inch greased pan. Bake 20 minutes at 350°. For filling, beat eggs, sugar, flour and lemon juice. Pour over hot crust. Bake 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Dust with powdered sugar.

Make someone's day! Send them a card, text or call them to celebrate their special day!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

Birthdays

4th— Graham Boyett

6th— Laura Holliday, Alexandra Keehn

10th— Cassie Kenworthy, Annette Wheeler

11th— Ben Harstine

14th— Luke Schreiber

20th— Lane Holliday, Levi Schreiber

29th— Cody Holliday

Anniversaries

9th— Larry & Linda VanDonge

10th— Bill & Deb Brown



MAY

Birthdays

1st— Lilli Keehn

2nd— Cory Keehn

4th— Emily Harstine

7th— Larry Keehn, Cora Conley

8th— Phyllis Denny

9th— Larry VanDonge

11th— Cheyenne Holliday

12th— Sherry Durst

22nd— Brady Holliday

27th Jess Holliday

Anniversaries

22nd— Kyle & Glenda Coe

24th— Henry & Marty Williams

24th— Gary & Connie Baldrige



Youth Update-April

We're well on our way to staring down the last 6 or so weeks of Wednesday night meetings and working on what the summer will hold for students here at the church. Camp flyers and sign ups will start appearing and before we know it ball practice and more will be happening. While the year has brought plenty of changes it has been good to start some new routines, meet some new students and yet look forward to some great opportunities we have each year like serving the Soldier Alumni, doing camp and taking road trips. Be on the lookout for these opportunities and places you could be involved in any of them. There are things like packing camp snack bags, praying for students, offering to take a student out for ice cream, coming along to camp as a sponsor or even just asking who you could write to this summer as Wednesday nights slow down for some students.

One other thing we've been a bit invested in these recent weeks is an event we're calling Curating Hope. It's an event we've stepped out to do along with Circleville Christian in order to host a parent and community workshop, while also offering our area schools an assembly for students free of charge. So far Jackson Heights and Royal Valley have taken us up on our offer.

Our keynote speaker is a man from Florida who regularly speaks on the subject of connecting with Teenagers and especially in moments of despair or struggle. His name is Will Hutcherson and he'll be with us a couple days to make all this happen. We're excited about rolling out the carpet in a sense to all of Jackson County and beyond as we host him and his teammates. If you'd like to join us in this venture (helping make desserts, attending the workshop, praying for Will and Co.) we'd love to know and loop you in. If you have any questions please hollar at Luke or one of the Youth Team. You have some pretty special students, grandkids and neighbors who we hope to continue reminding that God loves and notices them. Because after all He is the God of the mountains AND the valleys. And if the sparrows AND the grass get the notice they do, oh believer what love is waiting for you as well!

Blessings! -Luke

EVER CONSIDER?

As a PARENT no one has more influence in your student's life than YOU.

Feelings of "DESPAIR" (a loss of hope, believing tomorrow won't be any better than today) are more common than depression in many teens today.

In our rural communities "mental health" is a phrase we sometimes dismiss. What if it just was another aspect of overall HEALTH and there were real tools ANYONE could pick up?



Parent & Community Workshop

APRIL 14TH, 2021
@ CIRCLEVILLE CHRISTIAN
MEAL 6:00 / KEYNOTE 6:45

An evening keynote to inspire and encourage caring adults to keep going. In the hope of empowering caring adults with tested, research backed, proven tools to help teens facing despair. Speaker, Will Hutch will share case studies of what often works and what sometimes doesn't, common mistakes we can avoid and practical tools available to our community.

Free Meal & Childcare for those interested. If possible RSVP here: bit.ly/curatinghope or ccc office 785.924.3831

This week's school assemblies and parent workshop are sponsored by Soldier and Circleville Christian Churches in hopes of further equipping Parents and Community in loving our students best we can. Will works with a nonprofit in Florida called Curate Hope - Curatehope.com



Something Punny!

- *Inspecting mirrors is a job I could really see myself doing
- *No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- *How do bees get to school? On a school buzz!
- *What would you call a fish with a missing eye? A fsh, probably.
- *What do you call a piece of toast at the zoo? Bread in captivity.
- *If a cow doesn't produce milk is it a milk dud or an udder failure?
- *My friend David had his ID stolen; now he is just Dav!
- *I call my horse Mayo.....sometimes Mayo neighs!

KIDS CORNER

Its HERE!!!! Welcome Spring! Here are some fun crafts for you and the kids! What a wonderful teaching opportunity God has given us with Easter AND the "re-birth" of so many growing things in the spring! Enjoy!



**FORK STAMPED
TULIPS CRAFT**

Punch painted or plain paper plates and string with yarn to create these cross crafts. Use the opportunity to share the meaning of the cross with your kids and grandkids.

Did you know that you can paint with FORKS! Look! They make the cutest flowers! Your kids will love this! Use washable

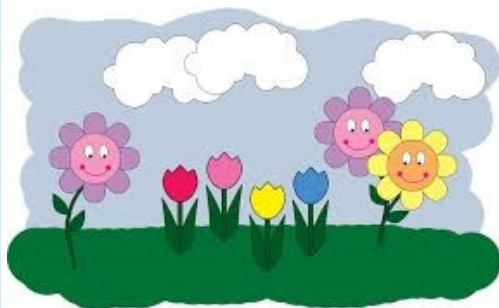
**PAPER PLATE AND YARN
CROSS CRAFT**



This is a fun garden! Using a paper egg carton, paint it green. Create flower shapes out of paper or craft foam and glue to popsicle sticks painted green. Insert sticks to the raised part of the carton and there you have a garden! You could also use small hands traced on to the paper or foam to



This is one of hundreds of ways to decorate craft stick crosses. Use large craft sticks glued together in the middle and glue or tie a string, yarn, jute hanger. Shells, foam pieces, sparkles, jewels, stickers....anything can be used or paint the crosses. Enjoy time with the kids and TEACH!



Upcoming Church Specials

April

4th-The Halbleibs
11th-Sherm & Brenda
18th- Bill & Deb
25th- Henry & Marty

May

2nd-Jeff & Yvonne
9th-Kyle & Glenda
16th-Matt & Jamie Grollmes
23-Ted & Melissa
30-The Conleys

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Luke J. Schreiber, Youth Minister 785-364-0779
Larry VanDonge, Elder 785-834-5475
Henry Williams, Elder 785-834-2500
Bill Brown, Elder 785-834-2552
Kyle Coe, Elder 785-834-5147



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*We at Soldier Christian Church exist to
Glorify god, Evangelize the Lost, Mature
the Saints and Serve one another*

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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Would you like text notifications? Information
and Prayer concerns? Please text the numbers
below and join in!

Send to:

81010

Text the message:

@sccinfo

Send to:

81010

Text the message:

@sccpray

We are here to HELP! What can we do for you?

Do you have a need? Medicine pick up? Grocery pick up? Help with chores? Child Care? Do you need a ride to an appointment? Yard mowed? Seriously, We have people who are willing to help with whatever your current needs are.

Please contact anyone from the list on the left and we will try to get your need met. That is **why** and **what** we are here for.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this newsletter, please let us know and we will add them to the mailing list!!!

If you have prayer requests, stories of encouragement or other items you would like to see in this newsletter, please contact Laura Holliday

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Below are the addresses of local nursing homes and assisted living centers. Below the address you will find the number of residents each facility currently houses. If you have time on your hands, please consider sending notes, pictures, letters, anything to brighten their days.

Medical Lodges
1121 w 7th
Holton, Ks 66436
34 Residents

Vintage Park
410 Juniper Drive
Holton, Ks 66436
40 Residents

The Pines
725 Iowa Ave.
Holton, Ks 66436
9 Residents

The Pines South
14005 214 th
Holton, Ks 66436
12 Residents

Red Bud Plaza
205 W. 9th
Onaga, Ks 66521
23 Residents

Eastridge
604 First St.
Centralia, Ks 66415
21 Residents

Prayer Requests

Carry each other's burdens...and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
Galatians 6:2

Personal Prayer Requests :

- * The Gary Swendson Family
- *The Tammy & Tony Vardys Family
- *Bill Billen (Rod's Friend)
- *Shirlene Wedd-fall recovery
- *Shirley can't have visitors again at Medicalodges.

Praises:

- *Clay Moyer Holliday arrived March 25th! Congratulations to Cody & Cheyenne!
- *Ben Harstine was placed in his first choice for residency. They will be moving to Waco in the near future.

By this shall all men know that
ye are my disciples, if ye have
love one to another.

John 13:35



Other Prayer Requests:

*Those affected by COVID

*Pray God would show us how to
heal our nation and the great division
that is in it.

*Pray for our leaders

*Pray for your neighbors and those
you work with

If you have any requests
To add, please contact
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