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Resurrection Sunday Services Enjoyed By All

At right: This was the scene at the Resurrection Sunday brunch—good food and good fellowship before the morning worship hour.

Services for Easter Sunday were modified this year again with brunch beginning at 9:30 in the fellowship. There was very good attendance with several visitors being in our midst.

The amount of food was more than sufficient as the offerings on the tables were greater than ever before. There were all kinds of regular breakfast foods including casseroles, biscuits, fruit, desserts, and soft drinks, tea, coffee, and juice.

As we did with the Christmas program, the Easter program contained different musical presentations by the Brown family (shown at right), the men's quartet, Karen and Melinda, and Gale and Hannah Patterson and Curtis.

At right: The Brown Family sang and played the harp.



Miss Winnie

This picture is so typical of Winnie Davey...always serving the Lord and others. This picture was taken last week as several members of the church and three Bryan students and staff worked at the church.

On Sunday, May 5 at the evening worship hour, the church will give a reception for Paul and Winnie as they prepare to begin their life together. We invite everyone to come to their reception. They will be putting two houses of furniture into one, so everyone is asked to give gift cards at Lowe's, Home Depot, or area restaurants as wedding gifts since both Paul and Winnie like to eat out and work around and fix up their homes. Good luck to Winnie and Paul.



Prayer Requests and News

Jim Dvorak's mother passed away during the week of Easter causing Jim and Shari to have to travel to Iowa for the funeral that week. We extend our condolences to Jim and his family in the loss of his mother and are thankful that God gave them traveling mercies on their trip to Iowa and back.

Louise Emmott has been able to return to church the last few Sundays, and she said that she was feeling much better now. We are glad to see Louise back in church.

Macie Weaver was in a bad automobile accident recently and walked away almost unscathed. Raymond said that he was very relieved to find out that she and Brandon had survived such a bad wreck with only a few minor injuries.

Winnie Davey's Uncle Marty passed away two weeks ago, and she and Paul went to his funeral. Winnie said that she was very grateful to have Paul to travel with her to the funeral. We extend our condolences to Winnie in the loss of her uncle.

In the last two months the church has received anonymous donations totaling \$19,500. God has been very gracious and generous to our church. Projected uses of the money will include a new air conditioning unit for the fellowship hall and ladies' classroom. Also, there is work to be done on the moisture problem in the basement.

Brian Evaul said that he had rented an apartment of his own now and will soon have his own place. He continues to work at Bath Fitters at Northgate Mall as he looks for more permanent employment.

Liz and Derek Reid will be in Dayton in May for Liz's graduation from Bryan College. Liz finished her student teaching this year while at Fort Bragg and will now be awarded her degree. Liz and Derek will be staying with Karin and Jack Traylor when they come; however, Liz's parents have not been able to find a hotel room. If anyone can help them with accommodations for a few days, please notify Karin or Jack.

Johnny Coulter has had a stroke and has been in the hospital. Please continue to pray for Johnny, Betty, and their family. Johnny was an elder for many years in our church.

Alice Coulter's sisters (Mary, Jan, Billie, Cindy, and Jean) visited on the weekend of April 5-7 for the wedding of sister Diane's daughter. They had a very nice visit and all attended church.

With April 15 IRS filing deadline gone, it is good to see Roger back in church regularly. He has had a grueling schedule.



Our Financially Supported Missionaries

Dave & Ninette Cox
Fred & Grace Ely
Bob & Carol Evaul
Alec & Tammy Harrison
Dick & Sara Hart
Hazel Neddo
Our Prayer Supported Missionaries
Bud & Lolly Fritz
Mark & Candy Garrett

April and May Anniversaries

April 9—Sam and Geraldine Starnes
May 29—Curtis and Alice Coulter
May 30—Alec and Tammy Harrison

May Nursery Schedule

May 5—Roger Coulter and Cathy Coulter
May 12—Mary Gray and Betty Ray
May 19—Jim Dvorak and Mark or Mo Davis
May 26—Karen Kirby and Charlotte Blake

The glass front cabinet in the nursery contains disinfecting agents. Please wipe small toys as children use them and spray the larger objects. Be sure the lid on the wipes get closed so they do not dry up.

April and May Birthdays

April 4—George Blake and Chris Coulter
April 10—Andrea Coulter and Dave Hart
April 18—Ethan Hubbard
April 28—Ben and Andy Coulter
May 1—Marlene Patterson
May 4—Jennifer Welch
May 11—Patti Iles
May 13—Alice Coulter
May 15—Andrew Harrison
May 18—Dick Hart and Hazel Neddo
May 19—Charlotte Blake
May 21—Isaiah Coulter & Geraldine Starnes

Resurrection Sunday



Raymond and Brandon enjoyed the brunch.



Karen and Melinda sang a duet.



All seven of the Brown siblings sang as part of the music program.

A Visit With Joni Eareckson Tada—by Phil Evaul



Myriam Herron and Joni Eareckson Tada

Recently Myriam and I went to see Joni Eareckson Tada at Bryan College. Louise and Karin were also there. Myriam worked for Joni back in the 90's, coordinating all her European appearances, so I really wanted the two of them to get to see each other again.

Area pastors and their wives were invited to a luncheon with Joni after her speech to the general public. Melinda couldn't go, so I asked Myriam to be my wife for the day (with Conrad's and Melinda's permission, of course).

In the auditorium Joni spoke about suffering. In the course of her speech she referenced Peter who said (1 Pet. 2:21), "To this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps." Later he adds, "Do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed" (4:12-13).

Joni pointed out that our suffering is a gift from God – we have been called to it; that suffering forces us into the arms of Jesus. Have you ever considered your suffering to be a present from the Lord who loves you? And since it is a gift, we should rejoice in the privilege of sharing with Christ who suffered joyfully for us!

Now, those truths are plain in the Scriptures. And we've heard these things before. If I told you to rejoice in your sufferings, receiving them as a gift, my words would carry little weight with you, because I myself have suffered very little. My life has been relatively easy

and pain-free.

But when Joni says these things, you sit up and take notice. She has been intimately acquainted with suffering for decades. And she bears it all joyfully and with great poise. Myriam tells me that her spirit is not a stage act. She is for real. She is just as joyful in private, outside of the limelight. What a remarkable character she is! My tears flowed freely as she spoke.

And then we laughed during lunch. There, she and Ken, her husband, both spoke. They told us about how they came to fall in love and marry, some 30 years ago. She was sitting in church one Sunday, listening to a boring sermon. Resisting the urge to doze off, she began to pray silently. She noticed the back of someone's head sitting two or three rows in front of her. So she spent the next several moments praying for that person. After the service

she was tempted to approach him and tell him she prayed for the back of his head, but then thought that would come across as weird, so she just let it go.

Several days later friends introduced her to Ken. Just to make sure he was that same man, she asked him to turn around so she could inspect the back of his head. He asked her out, catching her off guard. She had not dated in years. She informed him that taking her out would be a lot of hard work. He would have to lift her out of her chair and into his car, and then

lift her again out of the car back into the chair. He confidently replied that he was ready. He had been lifting weights for several weeks in anticipation.

Date night arrived, and they instantly hit it off. They went to a nice restaurant and enjoyed a leisurely dinner, during which she drank too much water. Now, as a paraplegic, this is a serious problem. She must wear a catheter attached to a bag attached to her calf. With great embarrassment she told him he'd have to help her empty her bag. "No problem," he said. But, she insisted, she would not go into the men's room with him. Just as adamantly he refused to go with her to the ladies room. So they found a tree out behind the restaurant and took care of the situation.

On top of all her problems, Joni has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. She was still feeling the effects of chemotherapy: weakness, shortness of breath, and coughing. But still she maintained her joy in Jesus.

I thank the Lord for what He has done through Joni, and I look forward to meeting her in glory in her new and whole body.

