

KNOWING THE POWER OF GOD

I think it's fair to say that we believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus. We believe that Jesus physically died on a cross. We believe that his body was buried and Jesus physically rose again on the third day. We believe that Jesus' tomb was found empty. Not only do we believe that Jesus was physically raised, but we also believe that Lazarus was physically raised. We believe that Lazarus' tomb was empty. Yet, when we begin to think and talk about our own resurrection we slip from the clear Biblical teaching on our bodies being raised from the grave.

The Christians in Corinth were struggling with the apostles' teaching on the resurrection. Before their conversion to Christ they held the Greek and Roman view of the afterlife. In this view a spirit leaves the body and migrates to the next world. This is a vague and abstract idea. In contrast, the New Testament clearly and repeatedly teaches the concrete idea that the body will be raised out of the grave and restored to newness.

In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul helps the Corinthians navigate away from their former pagan view of the afterlife. He does this as he shares with them two common questions that Gentile converts to Christ would have had about the resurrection. *But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"* (1 Corinthians 15:35 ESV)

Paul answers the first question, "how are the dead raised?" when he writes; ³⁶ *You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.* ³⁷ *And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.* ³⁸ *But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.* ³⁹ *For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.* 1 Corinthians 15:36—39

How are the dead raised? The dead are raised by the power of God. Paul's answer is drawn from Genesis one. It is firmly grounded on the creative power of God. The God who created you can re-create you. The same God who made the first man out of dirt can remake us. God has shown his creative artistry by creating flesh to exist in three different realms. Humans and animals live on the ground. Birds fly in the air. Fish live in the sea.

Our world is full of reminders of God's power to create and God's promise to resurrect. Every animal that walks on the ground, every bird that flies in the air, and every fish that swims in water is a demonstration of God's creative power. And each one is also a reminder of God's promise to raise us from the grave. Every bird, animal, and fish we see is a reminder that one day our graves will be empty.

He is Risen
We will be raised

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
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Family News & Notes

- **Joe Rodgers** is at HealthSouth Rehab.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Sonia Henry, Beverly Hutcheson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Tonya Smith, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

REHAB: Richard Fraley, Joe Rodgers

HOSPICE CARE: Katie Culley, Ann Estes

SHUT-INS: Ann Estes, Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Ann Woodson.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Bubba Davis, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Jane Mullins, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons, Mike Wolbright.

SHARE

SHARE will **NOT** meet today.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

If you plan to go to Sardis Lake Christian Camp this year, please sign up as quickly as possible. That helps us in planning for camp. The dates are **May 28 through June 3**. Scholarships are available. If you need one please see **Jared** or **Alan**. Go to www.sardislakechristiancamp.org to sign up.

WELL DONE BASIC TRAINING

Last Sunday evening our kids in our Basic Training program richly blessed the congregation at Crockett. We are so proud of our kids, **Well Done**. However, this great program is not only full of great kids, it is also fuel by active parent participation. There are so many parents involved in this program it would be impossible to say thank you to all of them, but we do appreciate your support of this great program. I do want to say thank you to a few who lead the program, Alan Underwood, Scotty Smith, Isaac Walker, Debbie Herring, Stephanie Rowe, Alan Davis, Steven Solomon, and Ryan

Derek

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY

Basic Training will worship next **Sunday, April 23, 6:00PM** at the Tunica Church of Christ. We welcome all of our **KFC** children and families to join us on those nights!

NURSERY WORKERS

April 16

10:00 (0-24 mos) Lisa Eddlemon,
Alice Denton, Laurie Hammer
(2 years) Nancy Cole, Ginger MacMillan
5:00PM: Debbie Dean, Vickie Eddlemon

April 23

10:00 (0-24 mos) Maranda Bunker,
Hollie Phillips
(2 years) Jean Kuykendall, Mason Branning
5:00PM: Pat Hasler, Debbie Herring

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

April 30 is a **5th Sunday**. We will have a fellowship meal after the morning worship. The menu is ham, corn, green beans, and rolls. We ask our members to bring **salads and desserts**.

As you know we also set aside the contribution from our 5th Sunday to meet needs that are not in our annual budget. Goodman Oaks is blessed to have our facility paid off. This allows us to use a large portion of our contribution to do works of mercy and missions around the world, and around the county.

We use our facility as a tool to accommodate worship that is centered on God and edifying to each other. We use our facility to host our wonderful education programs and to host programs from the *Encouragers*, to *WBS*, to *Thursday School*. And numerous other ministries that are simply too many to mention.

The proceeds of this 5th Sunday's collection will be used to begin the much needed process of remodeling some of the classrooms and recarpeting the classrooms and hallways. May the Lord continue to bless you for your spirit of service and support.



EL SALVADOR YARD SALE

The annual El Salvador yard sale will be **Saturday, May 6**. Donations may be dropped off in room 20 and labeled **ESYS**. Please contact **Nick Eddlemon** for pick-ups.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Looking for a way to get involved and help others? The funeral ministry is seeking help with providing food, decorating tables, serving, and clean up. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved. If you are willing to help in any way please contact **Marcia Fraley** or **Lou Thomas**.

YOUTH NEWS

GRAND ISLAND MISSION TRIP

If you would like to go to Grand Island this summer, please let Jared know as soon as possible. Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, May 7**. The dates for this year's trip will be **June 20-June 26**.

SENIOR SUNDAY

We will be honoring our graduating Seniors on **Sunday, May 21**. Mark your calendars now as we honor **Noah Hammett, Deja Henry, Atticus Nelson, and Kayley Underwood**.

