

# Emmanuel Baptist Church, April 8, 2007

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## *Christ the Lord is Risen Today ...*

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CALL TO WORSHIP (John 20:1-18)      INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE  
GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR  
ANNOUNCEMENTS      (Please record attendance)

\*\*TITHES AND OFFERINGS      (Prayer Requests)  
\*DOXOLOGY (Song of Thanks)      #39  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CHILDREN'S SERMON - 1st Service*  
*HYMN 2nd Service*

PRAYER TIME  
HYMN

**MESSAGE**      Pastor John  
**"HIDDEN COMMUNICATION"**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT      #119  
"Open My Eyes"

BENEDICTION  
BENEDICTION SONG      #234  
"He is Lord"

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*... Alleluia!!*

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\*Congregation, please stand.

\*\*Please turn in prayer requests to an usher as the offering is being taken.

*A nursery with attendants is located in the Christian Education Building. Mothers with infants may use the upstairs facility.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MINISTRY

- Church in the Valley at Butte. This is a small, family centered church without a pastor. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this congregation today.
- St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup. Pray for Father Tony Schuster as he ministers in the towns surrounding Roundup, including Winnett.

### HEALTH AND OTHER CONCERNS

- Pray God's blessings on those from our congregation who cannot be with us to worship on a regular basis: Jack Ellis, Ron and Sue Payton, Loretta Brain, Dorothy Hochmuth, Dot Youngblood, and Ginny Jones.
- Pray for healing for Ann Zupec following her recent hospitalization.
- We have been asked to pray that God will give peace to Wilma Cook regarding her niece, Torey, who she has had care of this year. Torey's parents are in need of prayer also as they deal with difficult family issues.
- Praise the Lord that Tim Soderbeck was unhurt following a car wreck last week. May the Lord give guidance regarding transportation and housing in the future, as Tim's job location is in Billings.
- Pray for health and recovery for Dorothy Miklich who is in the hospital in Great Falls.
- Janie Brown has asked that we pray for her as she battles a very bad cold.
- Praise the Lord for family re-connections at holiday times such as Easter. Pray for safe journeys as people return to their homes.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Boyles — April 8 — TODAY!  
David Brown — April 8 — TODAY!  
Haley Vest — April 8 — TODAY!  
Ron Moseman — April 12  
Madelyn Goffena — April 15 (next Sunday)

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Alfred and Doris Adolph — April 8 — TODAY!

# News!

TWO SERVICES THROUGH MAY 20th! There has been some very good feedback so far regarding having two services, and we hope to accommodate those whose schedules need to be more flexible as we look to the future. With that in mind, we will continue having two Worship services — the first at 9 am and the second at 10:45 am — with a great "Coffee Break" in-between (10:15-10:45 am).

REMINDER: COFFEE BREAK IS AT 10:15 am each Sunday at the Youth Center! We are in need of hosts/hostesses for the Coffee Break time. This is a time of LIGHT snacking (only one thing or so) and juice/coffee. Responsibilities of the host/hostess: bring one kind of snack item for sharing and provide juice each week. Coffee and serving trays will be provided. There will be a sign up sheet going around today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS AT 10:45 am! We want to encourage those of you who enjoy Sunday School yourselves or who have children that want to be in Sunday School to come to the first service for Worship at 9:00 am so that during the second Worship service starting at 10:45 am you can attend your Sunday School Class. If you are new to our church services, please be aware that Sunday School is a great opportunity to get to know others in church on a deeper level. There are two adult classes to choose from, both with exciting topics and great discussion!

SUNDAY SCHOOL/JUNIOR CHURCH TEACHERS — there is an important meeting for all of you this Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 pm at the Junior Worship Center.

THURSDAY IS PRAYER, CARE, & SHARE at the First Southern Baptist Church, 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

CORY LIND is inviting her friends and family to attend a "100 Pound" party this Saturday, April 14th — celebrating her loss of 100 pounds! People are asked to bring donations to the Billings Food Bank ... and Cory hopes to donate 100 lbs of food to the Food Bank in honor of her GREAT loss! Cory's address is 1533 Province Ln., Billings. The invitation is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

YOUTH WORKERS' TRAINING is being held in Billings on Sunday afternoon, April 22. If you would like to be better at working with youth — your own or others — you are welcome to attend this event. We will leave as a group following church services on the 22nd. Please let Jana or John know if you desire to attend.

**THIS WEEK:**

- Tuesday** 5:00 pm SHARP — Women's Prayer  
@ Iverson's 1516 3rd W  
6:20 pm — Community meal  
7:00 pm — SS and JR CHURCH  
teachers' meeting at the  
Junior Worship Center
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm — Youth Group @ Youth  
Center
- Thursday** 10:00 am — Nursing Home Chapel  
11:30 am — Prayer, Care & Share  
@ First Southern Baptist  
7:00 pm — Worship Team
- Friday** 9:00 am — Ministry Team  
7:00 pm — Youth Center open



*May God's richest blessings be yours  
this Easter Day!*

**HIDDEN COMMUNICATION**

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON IN A NUTSHELL: For Jesus on the cross, for His closest friends, for us today – God at times seems distant and unreachable. However, Jesus says He is always with us, and the cross opens the door and will open our eyes if we look with expectation.

INTRODUCTION:

1. "Prayer" = "Communication with God"
2. "Hidden Communication" – Can you hear me now?
3. I've lost the connection - - -
4. "Good Friday" – Jesus felt He had lost the connection  
Mark 15:33&34
5. Mary = Face to Face – but still didn't communicate

TEXT: Luke 24:13-35

I. WHY DIDN'T THEY RECOGNIZE JESUS?

- A. He was literally with them – right there beside them
- B. V. 16 NLT – Divine intervention – Possible ??
- C. V. 31 – "Eyes were opened"

II. WHAT KEPT THEM FROM SEEING?

- A. False expectations / World's values / Foolish
- B. Focused on disappointments – obsessed with my problem
- C. Looking in the wrong place
  - Looking for the living among the dead
- D. Walking in the wrong direction
  - Tendency to withdraw when we are in pain
  - Going away from strength, support, fellowship
  - Didn't believe the witness Jesus sent (Luke 24:10)

III. V. 31 – "THEIR EYES WERE OPENED" – HOW?

- A. Jesus lay the groundwork – God' written word
- B. Jesus set them up to "Make a choice"
- C. They invited Jesus to stay with them
- D. The signs of the cross opened the door

SUMMARY / PARALLELS

TO OUR "COMMUNICATION" WITH JESUS

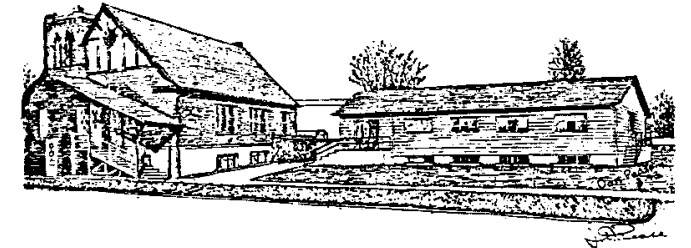
- At times – He seems hidden and the connection is lost
- Matthew 28:20 – He is there – all the time
- What keeps YOU from seeing Jesus?
  - Focus / Foundation / Fellowship
- Have you invite Jesus to stay the night at your house?

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Trusting in the Power of God  
To Make a Difference



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