

Thoughts From a Pastor

One time, when seasonal allergies kept my daughter awake at night with coughing and an ever-runny nose, she sputtered out, "There will be none of this in heaven!"

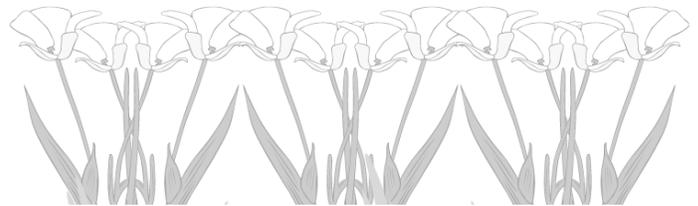
What a thought! That there could be a place with no more sickness, no more pain, no more anxiety, and no more death! Even more, in heaven there will be no more relational strain, no more break-ups, no divorce, and no family strife. If we belong to Jesus Christ, we are heirs with Christ and will receive the full treasures and joys of heaven! Best of all – God will be there! Revelation 21:3-4 declares the future vision of a new heaven and earth, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man...and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more..."

Are you excited for heaven? Are you excited that, "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God..."? (I Peter 3:18) Jesus suffered so that we could be with God. Jesus rose from the dead, so there would be no more death. And the Holy Spirit gives us this incredible gift for free! Heaven is better than anything on earth because we will enjoy unfettered and complete fellowship with God and without sin. God is the person, and heaven is the place we should yearn to be! Let's live zealously every day for Christ, and long for the time we can be with him forever! Are you excited?

~ Pastor LeTowt

We're Back!

After taking off a year due to COVID and health concerns, the monthly newsletter is back! The goal of the monthly church newsletter is to bring you encouragement, details of church and local activities, and introduce people to new books. We pray that this small newsletter will be helpful to you!



Easter

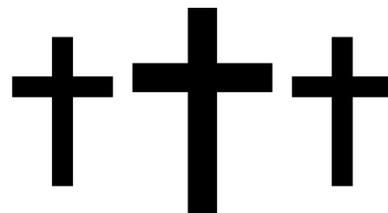
Take some time today to reflect on Christ's death and resurrection, the reason why today is a day of celebration and not a day of mourning!

Gospel Accounts:

- Matthew 28:1-20
- Mark 16:1-8
- Luke 24:1-53
- John 20:1-31

Other Texts:

- Acts 1:1-3
- I Corinthians 15:1-20
- I Peter 1:3-5
- Revelation 1:4-5, 12-18



Book Review

THE MISSING PIECE

by Lee Ezell

Though written decades ago, the message of this book is relevant today.

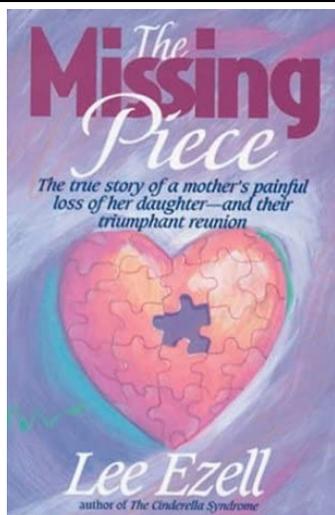
A young woman of eighteen comes to Christ. Not long after her decision to follow the Lord, she is raped by a co-worker and becomes pregnant. She is cast out of her family home and finds her way to a church where she meets a couple who brings her into their home, where she is loved and cared for and her faith is nurtured. She bears the child and gives her up for adoption.

Over the years she becomes a successful writer and TV host, but always wonders about the baby she gave up. What was she doing now? Had her child given her heart to the Lord?

One day, twenty-plus years after the birth, Lee receives a phone call.

Read this true story. Beautifully penned. It will encourage and warm your heart.

Bev. Myers



Events

April

10 Trinity BFC Men's Retreat

9-11 Sno Glo Youth Retreat

May

2 Victory Valley Spring Cleaning Work Day

15 Victory Valley Open House

22 Victory Valley Spring Cleaning Work Day

23 Rock of Grace Youth Group Graduation Luncheon (for families of graduates and Grace & La Roca Youth)

26 Final Day of school year Wednesday Night programs

Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child

April Needs: Stuffed Animals

(Talk to Beckie Merrick for more information.)

Hope Rescue Mission

Go to hopeforreading.org for a list of ways to volunteer.

Victory Valley

Go to victoryvalleycamp.org

Pinebrook Bible Conference

Go to pinebrook.org for a list of ways to volunteer.

Ways to Volunteer at Grace

We are so thankful for everyone who continues to be involved with the family at Grace as we continue to restart activities!

We ask you to prayerfully consider serving in one of the following ministries:

- Children's Sunday School
 - Nursery, 3s & 4s, K - 2nd grade and 3rd - 5th grade classes are all looking for teachers and helper!
- Sunday Morning check-ins could use more people to help check children in for Sunday School and Church Programs.
- Sunday Morning Security Team
- Wednesdays: Kids Club & Youth Group

Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday | 9:15 AM

Study of James

Nancy Grossman

Fellowship Hall

SOLO* Bible Study

Saturdays | 7:30PM

Fellowship Hall

*singles group

Ladies Bible Study

2&4 Tuesdays

6:15 PM | II Corinthians

Dottie Haines | Zoom