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## **PASTOR BRUCE'S COMMENTS**



### **Now What? Worship AFTER Resurrection Sunday...**

**When the great Resurrection (alias Resurrection) services are over, what do we do? How do we top that?**

I have found over the years that churches, pastors, worship leaders and music planners have a tendency to create such grandiose worship services for Resurrection Sunday, that the following week(s) are something of a let-down. **After the hours and hours of work and preparation, rehearsal, and the adrenaline rush of Resurrection morning, we get tired. And it shows.**

I don't write this in order to take away from the importance of great and celebrative worship. We certainly see examples of this in Scripture, when His people see God move they are often moved to celebration. I'm reminded of the festival-like procession and worship that Nehemiah led after completing the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Two choirs, all the officials in attendance, and an enormous feast!

In fact, our Christian year seems to "bounce" from one grand celebration to the next. From Christmas to Resurrection to other events that are liturgically based as well as cultural. **Yet, the intervening weeks sometimes exist as if in a mist.** The march of the Sunday to Sunday schedule is relentless, and even after the BIG EVENT the next week is just a few days away. So what do we do? **How do we keep up and keep fresh?**

Well, ideas may abound to work through these things. Some churches have the ability to draw on resources of multiple teams of people to plan and lead worship, which allows them to plan for and execute the next Sunday's needs with a fresh perspective and fresh people. Others

have leaders that apparently have abundant energy. No need for a break, they just keep going and going (like that pink bunny in the commercials). Yet, there are many churches and leaders that don't have such resources of people or energy. One suggestion I have is to **be purposeful about quietness and reflection.**

The members of the congregation may be experiencing some exhaustion from Resurrection activities as well, not to mention that some Spring Break activity goes on in the same time frame.

Here are some thoughts:

- Review the story of Christ's appearances following the Resurrection. Consider what it may have been like for those who saw Him. How might that idea work in a worship service?
- Spend time in the service reflecting on the coming summer months – what is God preparing for your congregation? How might we bring redemption into the lives of those God has put in our paths?
- Consider the grandeur of God and the ascension of Christ to His right hand? What might it be like in their presence?

These are only a few thoughts. **The flow of worship from week to week should follow the “warp and woof” of life.** Just like we celebrate in life, we must also get on with the daily life of work.

**WHY WE PRAY AND PRAYER REQUESTS**  
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This is an important part of Jesus' teaching about prayer. It actually speaks about 3 kinds of prayer that should be a part of our Christian walk.

*Matthew 7:7-12*

“**Ask**, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he who **seeks** finds, and to him who **knocks** it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! <sup>12</sup>Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

### **1. Ask**

Ask not and you get not: “God never denied that soul anything that went as far as heaven to ask for it.” (John Trapp)

A. The dictionary defines the verb as to make a request as a favor. Now, we can't ask from a stranger without doubting.

B. But we can certainly ask our earthly fathers with the assurance that we will receive what we ask for. Likewise the Bible says God is our heavenly father.

C. According to Matthew 21:22 however there are 2 conditions. You have to ask in faith and then act in faith.

Ask in faith: “Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.” (Thomas Aquinas)

A. Don't confuse faith with self-confidence. Faith is not an emotion or a feeling either.

B. It's not gambling, blind faith or leaving your life at the hands of uncertainty as some people would like to call it.

C. It's the conviction that the invisible God will provide us what we hope for, (Hebrews 11:1)

Act in faith: “Pray as if everything depends on God, then work as if everything depends on you.” (Martin Luther)

A. The Bible in James 2:26 says that faith not accompanied by actions is dead, (James 2:26)

B. Faith isn't just something you talk about. It's something you do. Faith is only activated when we act.

C. The Bible says in Mark 11:24 that one of the ways we act in faith is to believe we already received what we asked for.

## 2. Seek

Pray in accord with God's will: "In One day in the life of Ivan he is praying with his eyes closed when a fellow prisoner notices him and says with ridicule, "Prayers won't help you get out of here any faster." Opening his eyes, Ivan answers, "I do not pray to get out of prison but to do the will of God." (Our Daily Bread, December 29, 1993)

A. Means to pray within God's will. James 4:3 says we must prayerfully seek God's will because he doesn't answer prayers which contradict his word.

B. In Matthew 7:9-11 we learn God will not answer our prayers if what we pray for could harm us. He is our heavenly father and he cares for us.

C. In Philippians 4:19 God promised to provide all our needs only. Not all our wants.

How to discern God's will: "Discernment in Scripture is the skill that enables us to differentiate. It is the ability to see issues clearly." (J. Stowell)

A. By obeying what you already know to be God's Will. God is very clear about many, many aspects of His will. (John 15:7)

B. The Word of God is our main tool for testing his will. Although it was written 3,400 years ago it still has the answers we need, (Psalm 119:105)

C. Consulting our spiritual leaders is another reliable method we can use to discern God's will, (Proverbs 11:14)

## 3. Knock

Intercessory prayer: "There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as pray for him." (William Law)

A. Most of the time that Jesus spent in prayer was allocated to pray for others than he prayed for himself, (Luke 22:31)

B. The Bible says failure in intercede for our brethren is a sin in the eyes of the Lord, (1 Samuel 12:23)

C. The Bible also urge us to pray for our leaders so that God will give them the wisdom they need to lead, (1 Timothy 2:2)

The importance:

A. When we intercede we express our concern to God about the interests of others. Not just our own interests, (Philippians 2:4)

B. When we intercede we delay God's judgement and expedite his deliverance, (Genesis 18:23-33)

C. When we intercede we actually pray according to the desire of God's heart, (Genesis 18:32)

I want to urge you to spend time with God, talk to Him sincerely and honestly and cast your cares on Him. Then find out what He wants to do and follow His lead.

### Prayer Requests:

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- **Kay Hayes**, our neighbor, Rod Lewis, has entered palliative care after 16 years of cancer treatments. Originally, he was given two years to live. It's a miracle he is still here and both he and his wife, Peki Lewis, recognize the blessings that God has given them. However, now they need are prayers for comfort for Rob and peace for Peki.
- **Mary Ann Howard**, she is back in the ER as of today, April 10, she will be going back to Lincoln Center. More information to follow.
- **Robert Fisher**, Bonnie's husband has been transferred to Peregrine across from Target and the Emergency ER. He is doing well considering. He is able to walk, eat and drink liquids he truly is an answer to prayer.
- **Pat Meyers**, she is safely home from the rehab hospital. She is still having sleeping and eating issues. She has already had the first of her home PT sessions. Many thanks for all the prayers. she has a long way to go. Continued prayers are requested.
- **Tom Fabricius** fell and broke three ribs. He is home his brother passed away last week he is on his way to S. Dakota for the funeral. Continue to pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- **Paula Baer's**. Please pray for my sister Maxine in Louisiana. She has severe arthritis in her neck and it very painful to turn her head. Sometimes the pain is excruciating. Please pray that the pain will be lessened.
- **Ruth Waller**, please keep Ruth and Dean in your prayers for strength and comfort during this difficult time.
- **Jeannie Welsh**, her son in law's Mother, Carol is improving! She is in a immune drug sturdy at University and her tumors are shrinking! She is feeling so much better! Thank you for your prayers. Please pray for My Grandson, Turner who will have bilateral hip surgery April 14th. Prayers for his parents Jenni & Matt and for Grandma Jeanie! Thank you,

- **Elana Grindrod**, niece of **Debbie and Phil Grindrod**, not good news...Our niece, Elana Grindrod, seemed to be making progress and was able to go home. She started attending a day treatment program on a daily basis. Unfortunately, she could not be trusted to keep from doing herself harm. She is back in the Cambridge Center for Eating Disorders. She does not have the desire or will to live. Please pray for her and her family.
- **Carol Tracy's** sister in law, **Evelyn**, has been very ill and continues to need our prayers. She has developed more health issues and surgery. Please continue your prayers for her and her family.
- **Reba Holmes** Please continue to pray for comfort and strength now.
- **Terri Ficca**, please pray for my two great grandsons. They may have signs of Autism. They are beautiful children and have wonderful parents.
- **Pat Toelle's**, great nephew **Josh** is 13, and has cerebral palsy. Josh and his twin brother were born 3 months early. Michael, Josh's twin, was born with perfect health, and no long-term issues. Josh now has developed a serious kidney disease, called Nephrotic Syndrome. We will hear more from specialists soon.
- **Barb McKean's sister-in-law**, Coleen was just diagnosed with uterine cancer. Her treatment is to have chemo every week for the rest of her life. Pray that she will make the right decisions.

Please pray for your church leaders to guide them in making the right decisions for our church. Keep **Bruce and Betty** in your prayers as they continue to do the Lord's work in this amazing community of believers.

Thank you to our service men and women who have protected us and our freedoms for all these years. Military family and friends: **Kate and Travis Lewis**, daughter and son-in-law of Pat and Bill Meyers, **Thomas Kershul**, nephew of Kay and Ron Hayes.

Continued prayers for **Larry Boyd** (relative of Paula Baer), **Galen and Mary Lou Espinosa**, **Bonnie and Bob Fisher**, **Ron Hayes**, **Mary Ann Howard**, **Jan Rehnke** (friend of Lynn Heidman and sister of Roger). **Pat Toelle's** mom.

For the members and friends of **New Life in Christ Church** who are struggling with life's issues and how to serve our Lord. Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world and those yet to meet Jesus.

**NOTE: please let Betty Minor know any prayer requests and updates.** [bettyminor@eaglebendcc.org](mailto:bettyminor@eaglebendcc.org), [bettyminor@laser-resource.com](mailto:bettyminor@laser-resource.com), 303.757.1455, 303.504.3531 or Bruce Minor, 303.504.0000

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Our rehearsals are every Thursday in the Craft Room at 6:30 pm. We love to hear your voices. Please join this fun group of friends. Please join us for Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

**FACTOID – DURING THE YEAR 2016 MORE THAN 10,000 INDIVIDUALS  
 ACCESSED OUR WEBSITE AND LISTENED TO THE SERVICE/SERMON.  
 MORE PEOPLE LISTENED TO US ON LINE THAN ATTENDED CHURCH  
 ALMOST TWO TO ONE.**

## ALL CHURCH TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**GENE DANIELS**  
**edanO@msn.com**  
**303.548.2422**

Please mark your calendars. Bible study for everyone is scheduled for Tuesday April 4, and April 18 at Gene and Sue Daniels' home. They are located at 7848 S. Ukraine Ct. 303.770.7923. Dessert at 6:30 pm study begins at 7 pm – 8 pm. We are studying the book of Genesis. Call for directions.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Debbie Grindrod, Women's Fellowship Leader**  
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**720.323.6937**

We will meet Monday, April 10, and April 17 study presented by Debbie Grindrod. We will meet at The Minor's home, 22561 E. Long Drive, 303.757.1455. Coffee and conversation at 9:00 am study begins at 9:30 am.

## ALL LADIES CHURCH LUNCHEON

**BETTY MINOR**  
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We will meet Monday, April 24, the ladies of the church gather for fun, relaxation, and a great lunch. Rosetta Stocking will present her "Greatest Story Ever Told". Please join us to meet and hear Rosetta with other ladies in our community and church. I promise you will like it.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**BRUCE MINOR, PASTOR**  
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**Please note new time and place.** The men will meet Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 am at the Minor's home 22561 E. Long Drive, 303.757.1455 call for directions. Pastor Bruce will be telling his life story, PART 3.

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY



**Beverly Winkler**  
**quilter0534@gmail.com**  
**720.355.0534**

This ministry is expanding we meet on the first Monday of the month we are involved with several church and mission projects. We will be meeting this month Monday, May 1, at 10 am in the Windom Room. We encourage as many ladies in the church who like to cut up (cloth), sew, or like to just visit and have lunch this is the place for you.

**MISSION MINUTES**  
**Lois Ragland**  
**Lragland12@gmail.com**  
**303.690.4046**

Funds that will be earned through our garage sale and golf tournament will help keep many children off of the Colfax corridor and into a safe place for summer camp free of charge. We will be able to supply breakfast and lunch through these activities. Your support is so appreciated.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH FOOD COLLECTION FOR APRIL**  
**Lois and Tom Ragland**  
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**303.690.5049**

NLICC Food Pantry - The pantry is doing well, thanks to your weekly contributions. Their Wednesday program is growing and they are feeding around 40 people of all ages each week. The "bus stop" and afterschool program is also increasing, and the hot cocoa, juice and snacks are much appreciated.

As the weather gets colder, they are happy to provide warm hats, gloves and jackets to their families and homeless who seem to appear regularly.

Though we often think "missions" as being far away, HEB is doing a wonderful job of keeping a very special mission going, right in our own backyard.

Thank you all so much for your continued dedication to this program.

Tom and Lois



**Looking for a way to serve God? Want to brighten someone's day and your own? Your Helping Hands are needed!!**

Every week, after worship, the Altar Bouquet is delivered to members who are home-bound or in the hospital or going into the hospital. The bouquet is delivered with a smile, a copy of the bulletin, and sometimes a few moments to chat. The person who receives the flowers describes it as "wonderfully rewarding". Marge DeMarino coordinates this ministry, 720.870.2237 and would love for YOU to be a part of it. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding, joy-bringing group, please sign up on the back table. If you are away and wish to be a part of this ministry send a check of \$15 and we will get the flowers for you in your name.

Flowers enhance the altar at our worship service. They are placed there in honor of special occasions or people and in memory of loved ones. Each week, the bouquet of altar flowers is delivered to sick or shut-in members and those with special needs or concerns. If you would like to deliver the flowers to your special person, please feel free to do so.

We have a sign-up sheet in the back if you desire a particular Sunday, or if you would like to donate flowers for a special occasion please let Marge know so she may add you to the list.

**CARE MINISTRY**  
**SUE DANIELS**  
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This ministry is for those who are needing a meal, after surgery, a ride to the doctor's office or maybe to the grocery store or just a visit. Thanks for your help!

**ALTAR SCHEDULE FOR APRIL**  
**DEBBIE GRINDROD**  
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**APRIL SCHEDULE**

**2-Debbie Grindrod and Pat Toelle**  
**9-Vonnie Carmichael and Karen Krentz**  
**14-Karen Krentz, Carol Fields, Debbie Grindrod, Betty Minor**  
**16-Phyllis Miller, Kathy Bown, Debbie Grindrod, Betty Minor**  
**23-Kay Hayes and Vonnie Carmichael**  
**30-Beverly Winkler and Carol Fields**  
Thank you for helping to fill the April Altar Schedule!

**USHERS AND GREETERS FOR APRIL**  
**JOHN WRIGHT**  
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**303.766.3933**

If you are unable to serve on date indicated you are responsible to find a replacement and notify Bruce Minor, 303.504.0000 or John Wright, 303.766.3933. Please arrive at 9 am to help fold bulletins and stay after church to help put items away.

**APRIL SCHEDULE**

**USHERS**

**2, Jim Shook & Kay Hayes**  
**9, Paula and Jim Baer**  
**16, Tom & Lois Ragland**  
**23, Tom & Marge DeMarino**  
**30, John Wright & Kathy Bown**

**GREETERS**

**2, Jim & Bernadette Shook**  
**9, Carol Fields & Phyllis Miller**  
**16, Tom & Lois Ragland**  
**23, Dr. Don & Ardie Nuss**  
**30, Ellen Pesavento & Beverly Winkler**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Debbie Grindrod**  
**Norm Bayens**  
**Kathy Bown**  
**Gayle Gurksnis**  
**Mary Ann Howard**

**PRAYER**

**Ellen Pesavento**  
**Marilyn Bayens**  
**Bruce Heskett**  
**Pat Cox**  
**Carrol Howard**

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017

1. Good Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> Humboldt Room 7pm. Please plan to attend this most solemn of services.
2. Resurrection Sunday Service April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am Downstairs lobby. Bring your family and friends.
3. 10<sup>TH</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 pm Shot Gun Start, Dinner 6ish. Please join us for dinner if you are not able to make the golf and meet some of the counselors. Dinner \$20/person.
4. All Church Garage Sale May 13, 8-12 pm at Kathy Bown's home in Rocking Horse.
5. June 4<sup>th</sup>, former State Rep. Ken Summers , Long Road Home, Recovery From West Nile Disease will be our guest speaker.
6. Colorado Rockies Church Outing – Dates Pending
7. All Church picnic – Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, after church at Red Tail Hawk. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Chicken, soft drinks and water will be furnished. We will have a sign-up sheet for sides, dessert, hamburger and hot dog buns, pickles, onions, lettuce, salads, dessert and anything else you can think of that will make our picnic a success. (Chocolate)

### BIRTHDAYS

Carrol Howard-11  
Bruce Minor-20  
Josh Knight-25

### APRIL

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Fran Boman-22  
Mary Ann & Kurt Putz-25

**If you have an article you would like to add to this newsletter regarding your ministry, such as, where you see it going, what has been accomplished or anything you feel will be helpful to the reader please email to me for the May newsletter.**

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**Church Office Hours 8 am – 5 pm.**

**We are available 24-7**

**Sunday Service – Coffee and Conversation at 9:30 am Church begins 10 am**

**If you would like to stop by for a chat or a home visit, please contact:**

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