

Milford
Christian Church

The Milford Messenger

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April 2017

I Will Rise!



Come Worship and Celebrate with us at the Milford High school gym on Sunday, April 16th. Join us in an exciting worship service as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Start your Easter celebrations early- - come for breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30. Worship service at 10:00 am.

Christian Women's Concern

W.C. will meet on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:45 at the church. All ladies are encouraged to attend and get involved.

Prairie States Men's Meeting

Prairie States Men's Meeting will be held on Monday, April 24th starting at 7:00 pm at The Adventure Church in Bourbonnais. All men are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. This meeting is always a time of encouragement, inspiration and fun fellowship. The evening starts with a light meal followed by a time of Worship.

Easter Service Set-Up

Everyone loves the Easter Service at the High school. Everyone knows there is a lot involved in preparing for the service. If you would like to enjoy some great fellowship and perform a great ministry; *We have a deal for you!* Meet at the church on Saturday, April 15 at 8:00 am. We'll begin the project with prayer for the soul and food for the body. We will then haul all the necessary items to the gym. Come on out-it's a great time to really get to know the family. Also, for twenty minutes after the service, if you can help get the stuff back to the church and inside the building, it would be a great help!

Youth Fundraiser

The High school youth group will begin raising money for their CIY Move trip. The fundraising will begin with Cinnamon Roll Sunday on April 9th after 1st and 2nd services. The

youth will serve cinnamon rolls in the foyer for a free will donation. The youth will also be "Up For Hire" during the spring and early part of the summer. Have any odd jobs you need extra help with?? Hire the entire group or one/two students to help you. Contact Cassandra for more information at 765-414-3647. Thank you for your continued support of our Youth Programs!



Hop-A-Thon

On Sunday, April 2nd right after 2nd service we invite the congregation to stay for a few minutes to watch the youngest of our members serving others in the world by hopping as many times as they are able in a 5 minute time-frame.

The congregation and family and friends of the hoppers are encouraged to pledge money for IDES. You can pledge per hop or give a straight donation in any amount.

All money should be collected at the time of the Hop-A-Thon and checks can be made out to HOT. Please see Lindsey Boyden or Darla Carlson for more information.

Comedy Mystery Dinner Theatre

And So They Had None

By: Robert Alan Ward

Produced by special arrangement with Christian Publishers

Saturday, April 1st & Sunday, April 2nd

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm which includes lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, breadsticks and dessert. The play will begin at 7:00 pm. Cost for the dinner and play is \$12.00. Cost for attending just the play is \$5.00.

If planning to attend the dinner and play please RSVP to Teresa Hancock at 815-889-4956 (leave message) or email to tahancock82@gmail.com

Blood Pressure Checks

"Free" blood pressure checks will be available on Sunday, April 2 during the Sunday school hour in Brent's office. Please enter through the church office.

Save the Date

Harvest of Talents-2017 will be held on Saturday, September 23rd!!

King's Club Skating Party

King's Club will finish up the school year with a Skating party on Wednesday, April 26th. The bus will pick up students after school and take them to Skater's Paradise in Hoopeston.

Cost is \$3.00 to skate. Extra money for snacks is optional. Please remember a pair of socks. The bus will return to the church by 6:15 pm. If you have any questions, please see Cassandra.

The logo features the word "CHAMPION" in a blue, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the word "of" is written in a smaller, blue, cursive font, enclosed within a circular outline. To the right of "of" is the word "LOVE" in a large, blue, serif font. The background is a gradient from light blue at the top to yellow at the bottom.

Easter Cantata

April 9th

6:30

Please join us in the gym for a time of fellowship following the performance.

King's Club Showcase

The King's Club students will have a short Showcase on Wednesday, April 19th at 5:00 pm (following King's Club). Plan to join them and see what they have learned over this last semester. Cookies and juice will be served following the Showcase.

101/SHAPE

A 101 Class will be offered on Tuesdays through April. This will present "What The Bible Teaches about Salvation" as well as "How to discover and use your Spiritual Gifts".

The class time will be 7:30 pm and will meet in the U & I classroom next to the offices.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

In one of Gulliver's travels, he met a man who had invented a device for extracting sunshine from cucumbers. The inventor could store it away in bottles for brightening the house on dark days.

Dark days come to us all. Discouragement is an ever-present danger, and sorrow is the stalker of us all. Why not try Paul's prescription for those dark days? He gives us 3 words that bring encouragement.

Return – Paul reports that, "...the Lord himself will come down from heaven" -4:17. Jesus is going to return personally..

Resurrection – We can be encouraged "because we believe *"that Jesus died and rose again"* - 4:14 There is nothing that God cannot do, including raising our loved ones from death.

Reunion - "*We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever*" - 4:17. Do you enjoy family reunions? I do, but they always end in just a few very brief hours. This reunion will be forever.

Sunshine in bottles? We know that that is fantasy. But the Bible reveals a true story. Jesus is returning, He is alive, and He is bringing our loved ones with Him!



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						1. Mystery Dinner Theatre Dinner - 5:30 Play - 7:00
2. Hop-A-Thon 11:35 am Mystery Dinner Theatre Dinner - 5:30 Play - 7:00	3.	4.	5. King's Club 3:15 to 5:00 CWC Meeting 6:45 pm	6. Mission Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	7.	8.
9. Easter Cantata 6:30 pm	10.	11.	12. Board Meeting 7:00 pm	13.	14.	15. Easter Set-up 8:00 am
16. Easter Service Breakfast 8:30 Service 10:00 All at Milford High school	17.	18.	19. King's Club 3:15 to 5:00 King's Club Showcase 5:00 pm	20.	21.	22.
23./30.	24. Men's Meeting 7:00 pm Adventure Church Bourbonnais	25.	26. King's Club Skate Party HOT Meeting 6:30 pm	27.	28.	29.

WHERE YOU SERVE IN APRIL.

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Cindy Arseneau

WEE WORSHIP TEACHER: Danielle Henning

JUNIOR WORSHIP: Ed Highfill

SERVERS: 1st Service -- Dan Worthey, Garrett Beebe,
John Carlson, Warren Hancock

2nd Service -- Richard Hancock, Nick Henning,
Roger Francis, Terry Kennedy

BACK SERVERS: 1st Service -- Ron Baker, Matt Morgeson,
Wayne Fox, Clarence Hawthorne

2nd Service -- Lalo Martinez, John Rosenberger,
Steve Cross, Luke Hesterberg

SECTION GREETERS: 1st Service- Gary & Sharon Hoy
Harlan Ziebart

2nd Service-Jay & Darla Carlson
Clayton & Tammy Alexander

VISITOR TABLE GREETERS: 1st Service- Steve & Dana Kissack

2nd Service- Carol Highfill

April 2- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Carol Highfill

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Joan Sattler

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25- Harlan Ziebart

10:35 -- Michael Siemers

GREETERS: 8:25 -- Jon & Tracy Mowrey

10:35 -- Bob & Joan Sattler

NURSERY: 8:25- Tami Harwood

10:35 --Pam & Lily Habing

April 9- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Tom Beall

COMMUNION MEDITATION: David Fox

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25- Teresa Hancock

10:35 --Teresa Hancock

GREETERS: 8:25 -- Cindy Arseneau & Marie Burgett

10:35 -- John & Melodee Davenport

NURSERY: 8:25- Arlene Birch

10:35 --Sarah Rosenberger & Samantha Snyder

April 16- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Ed Copher

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Marvin Andris

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: Ryan & Kristel Sattler

GREETERS: Wayne & Sue Fox

Cindy Arseneau & Marie Burgett

NURSERY: Mattie Alexander

April 23- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Dan Worthey

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Cassandra Villegas

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25- Sue Fox

10:35 -- Larry Callahan

GREETERS: 8:25 -- Ava Johnson

10:35 -- Nick & Danielle Henning

NURSERY: 8:25- Sandy McCann

10:35 --Julie & Abby Fischer

April 30- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Marvin Andris

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Kyle Allen

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25- Jo Milton

10:35 --Roger Francis

GREETERS: 8:25 -- Ed & Myrtle Wattles

10:35 -- Sean & Becky McCalla

NURSERY: 8:25- Libby Hawthorne

10:35 --Jessica & Emma Mann

Please Pray

Margaret Clark, Ken Tatro, Howard Sheffield, Lisa Wood, Mary Simpson, Nicole Bennett, Don Claypool, Wes Crouch, Julie Burd, Betty Dawson, Jackie Morefield, Susan Rambo, Ronnda Allen, Rich Crawford, Kimberly & Rick Montgomery, Brian Coffey, Pauline Bury, Karen Kulp-Anderson, Opaline Rabe, Darlene Larimore, Bob Crawford, Chuck Mann, Charles & Donna Mann, Wyatt Clark, Brandon Herron, Naoma Ahlden, Pearl Stinebring, Jerrie Craighead, Jim Rogers, Buck Rogers, Ken Leonard, Brian Baker, Donald Burnside, Mike Riley, Ralph Carey, Steve Lee, Diane Hartman, Timothy Talley, Ashante Martinez, Melvin Alcorn, Robert Ponder, Laura Redburn, Terry Clark, Reece Ralph, Shirley Maro, Phyllis Garfield, Pat Shide, Olivia Goodman-Miller, David Spahn, Delores Bowen, Joey Ramos, Bianca Martinez, Cindy Lafond, Billy Morris, Janice Strawser, Terry Strawser, Chuck Torbet, Billy Wayne Huff, Robert Danner, Debbie Snyder, Deloris Newman, Donna Mibbs, Jenn Barrett, Jackie Shrimplin, Loretta Noe, Jim Kruse, Darrell Niswander, Ruthann Kusman, Nickie Carson, Cindy Arseneau, Elaine Longest, Tim Schaumburg, Donna Price, Dick Lesage, Colin Calhoun, Anita Holaday, Jean Price, Wendy Salm, Lavera Bowen, Maggie Griswold, Freddy Yorsch, Doug Boudreau, Jane Warren, Gina Worthey, James Roberts, Everett & Barbara Wood, Josh Killion, Paul Beall, Jeanie Johnson, Jessica Cline, Robert "Chuck" Barber, Christine McTaggart, Rick Highfill, Keisha, Isaiah, Shauna, Maliki, Wanetta Waltz, Anna McEwen, Mykale Coffman

Military Personnel

Logan Romine, Charles Mann Jr., Steven Peralta, LTC. Colonel Mike Bruens, Brian Brown, Caleb Skipper, Roy Espinoza Jr., Chris Bickers, Jordan Bishopp, Jacob Huckleby, Adam Frye, David Johnson, Josh Newman (Iraq), Heather Romine, Shane Carter(Bahrain), Sgt. Erik Sheppard, Alec (AC) McClellan U.S. Navy, Richard Kelenhofer, Shawn Bowden, Tyler Allison, Nicholas St.Peter, Christian Thomas, John Gretencord, Benjamin Little, Nash Arseneau, Rori Sorensen, Chelsie Davenport, Parry Jones, Jeff Ward, Caleb Mann, Anthony Kiefer, Matt Cole, Ryley Ward, William Ailey, Alec Stocking, Timothy Talley, Jacob Crouch, Anthony Stebbins, Sam Crouch, Ian Little, Molly Clatterbuck, Kyle Evans, Nick Grant and all military personnel.

Shut-ins

Lucy Green, Jeannie Johnson and Lavera Bowen

Nursing Home

Patricia Balanoff, Betty Longest, Wilma Cooley, Everett Wood, Harold Smock

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of:

*Leona Bowen, Rhonda Wittenborn, Gary Gillins
and Allison Seegebruch*