

# The Spire Lite

April 2021



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

## Main Street Elementary School Encouragement Bags

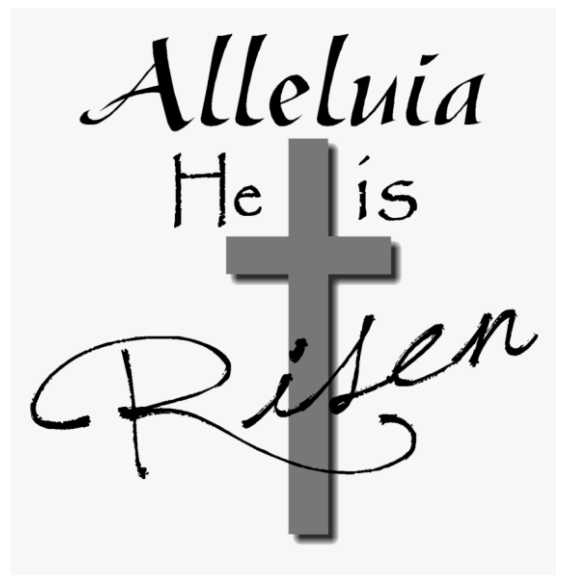


Using your Lenten offerings, we were able to deliver 60 encouragement bags to Main Street to let every employee know we are grateful for their work during this challenging school year. Main Street Elementary School is doing hybrid learning and it was wonderful to be able to encourage the teachers and staff as they work.



Up from the  
Grave He Arose

Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign  
He arose! (He arose)  
He arose! (He arose)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!



## Thanks!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to help clean the cemetery before the Easter holidays. We are so grateful for the large turn out from community organizations. Everyone from the church and community worked together to make the work go smoothly.



## Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

Psalm 95:6-7

We continue to join together for worship whether in person or virtually. It has been a gift to be able to worship as a community of faith. In person worship will continue to be socially distant with masks. And when you worship virtually, we encourage you to text Pastor Brenda.

This is a great time to invite someone to worship. Share [www.uplandbaptist.org](http://www.uplandbaptist.org) and the live broadcast tab.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for April and May

### April Birthdays

9 Sam DeVecchis  
12 Mary Keflas  
13 Dan Miller  
15 Kimberlee Kalichak  
21 Darlene Strunk  
24 Dave Pysher  
Denise Sweeney  
27 John Shaw  
30 Anna Geveke

### April Anniversaries

None

### May Birthdays

1 Matthew Shaw  
4 Noah Geveke  
5 David Geveke  
Darlene Pysher  
7 Peggy Albany  
15 Akky Geveke  
17 Thomas Geveke  
22 Sandy Kushner  
26 Jackie Wright  
27 Hans Geveke  
28 Stephen Kalichak, Jr.  
29 John Gallagher

### May Anniversaries

4 Brian and Courtney Klimek  
10 Joan and Dennis Decker



## Watch this space...

Our Outreach Team is working to deliver meals to the Upland Police Department and Upland Fire Company during the month of April. These meals are provided through your generous Christmas Card donations. Check back next month for the full report.



April 21<sup>st</sup> is Administrative Professionals' Day. We are grateful for our church secretary, Lori, who has worked diligently to keep things running smoothly in the office.

## To Ponder...

*I believe that you can do nothing greater nor less than this: to work (along with God) to sow the seeds of kindness in a world garden whose weeds of violence, hate and indifference threaten to choke out all new growth and all hope of something better.*

Rev. Dr. Clifford C. Cain, July 30, 2000  
First Baptist Church, Franklin, Indiana,  
on the occasion of Rev.  
Brenda Shaw's ordination

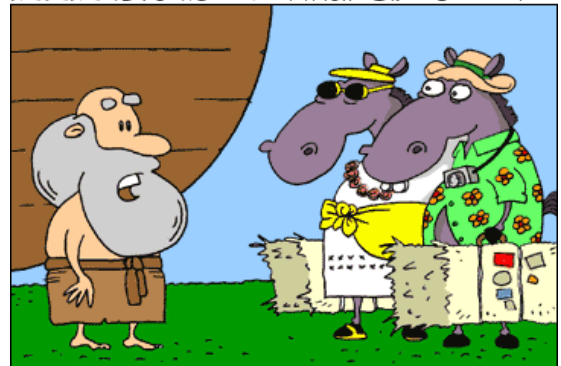
## Lent Follow Up

Pastor Brenda would love to hear how you found the Lenten devotionals this year. Did you read the Gospels? Did you pray for people over the 40 days? We also used Illustrated Ministry for the weekly devotion for the first time. Please let her know if you missed having the booklet to read each day and what you felt about the choices this year.

Priscilla Mills shared how the coloring page encouraged her to thank friends in her life. She was able to be in touch with many people through sharing this thank you picture with them.



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I THINK YOU GUYS HAVE THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT THE ARK

## Devotional Thought...

*The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Psalm 118:24*

Growing up, I always enjoyed the spring season the most. The world around us is waking up! Every day, everywhere is new, fresh and alive.

The real joys in life are the simple things...taking a walk with a friend or family member in the woods, watching a sunset, staring up at the stars on a clear night. You don't have to have a lot of money to enjoy the simple things in life.

Prayer: Father, thank you for providing all the beautiful things in the world around us. Help us find the joy of your creations and life's simple things. AMEN

Frank Kulp



**A funeral service** is being held in a church for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying the casket out. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!"

**The secret of a good sermon** is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. -- *George Burns*

**An inexperienced preacher** was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

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