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# Newsletter—April 2021

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## Pastor's Pen:

### A Walk



I like the word “walk.” A walk is not only a way to get to a destination, but also a way to feel more alive and in touch with your surroundings. A walk slows down life and gives time to think. I like to walk; I like to walk with someone. I wish I walked more. A walk is a great word picture of the Christian life. Paul used the word when he made the goal for his readers’ lives clear, “so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you” (1 Thessalonians 2:12, *NASB*; see also Eph. 4:1; Philip. 1:27; Col. 1:10).

What’s a worthy walk? Isn’t all our worthiness in Christ? As I thought about this, I realized that a worthy walk is showing the Lord that He didn’t waste His effort in rescuing me! He is getting glory out of how my life is being changed by Him and for Him. It’s how I can emphasize the worthiness of the Lord more than my own worthiness.

I find it interesting, if not instructive, that the apostle who so strongly put forth salvation by grace through faith alone (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3: 20-24) could urge those he worked with to do, and not do, certain things without being legalistic. Helping people see the high road of living in God’s grace without descending into either legalism (trying to make oneself righteous by following certain rules) or license (disregard for having any rules) can be difficult. How did Paul urge people to live uprightly without becoming legalistic and reverting to rules and law-keeping? Surely, he called sin, sin. How did he deal with worldliness, and uncommitted lukewarm believers who had put their faith in the gospel of Christ but lived in license?

Perhaps that’s why these verses caught my attention, “just as you know how we *were* exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father *would* his own children,<sup>12</sup> so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.” (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12). Notice that he says he was exhorting, and encouraging, and imploring each one. I thought of these words in these terms - exhorting as instructing, encouraging as motivating and building up, and imploring as urging. Isn’t this what he often did?

Paul often ***instructed*** others with “***you are***” statements. For example, 1 Thessalonians 1:4, “knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you” (there are 3 “you are” statements in this verse alone!). He often ***encouraged*** others with “***you have***” statements that highlighted examples of fruitfulness he had seen in their lives. For example, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, “constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.” How encouraging, and there’s many more statements like this in this letter! Paul also often ***urged*** people with “***you should***” statements. For example, 1 Thessalonians 4:1, “Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more.” Notice the “you have” statement also in this verse!

How many “you are” truths about who a believer is in Christ can you think of? How often do you see “you have” things a fellow believer does that are evidences of God’s work in them? After pointing out these things, it’s much easier and more effective to urge others to “excel still more” in Christian conduct. Let’s be good disciplers by using more “you are,” “you have,” and “you should,” statements in our interactions with fellow believers. It’s a worthy walk.

Because you are Beloved,

*Pastor Dan*





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## April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	2 Good Friday Service—6:30 pm, S  Good Friday	3 NC/K in use, 8 am - 4 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Open AA Mtg, 6-7 pm, & Vigilant Soul 7:30 pm, 18 & 8th
4  <i>He is Risen!</i> Easter Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am	5 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Pathways Training—6:30-8 pm, LL #106	6	7 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	8 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Missions Ministry Mtg.—6:15 pm, LL #106	9 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	10 Men's Study—9am, NC Iglesia Women's Study—4-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
11 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite & Fusion combined: 5-7 pm, NC, dinner & speaker	12 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg.—6:30 pm, LL #106	13	14 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	15 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	16 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	17 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
18 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.1), 9 am, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm, NC Fusion: 6-8 pm, NC	19 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	20 Board of Deacons Mtg—6:00 pm, LL #106	21 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: last night of club Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	22 Blood Drive—12:30- 6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101	23 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	24 Iglesia Biblica Celebration—2 pm, all church
25 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.2), 9 am, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Celebration 2 pm, NC Ignite: TBA Fusion: TBA	26 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Pathways Training—6:30-8 pm, LL #106	27	28 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana Closing Ceremony—6:15 pm	29 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	30 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	

**MBC Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8:00 AM—4:00 PM  
 Fridays, 8:00 AM—Noon



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1 Kayla Bruehlman  
April Kuenzi  
2 Crystal Hartwig  
4 Karen Brunner  
5 Micah Brunner  
6 Carson Eddy  
Pat Miller  
7 Anika Figi  
Raelynn Hartwig  
Jesse Petersen  
8 Walter Botteron  
9 Brian Baer  
11 Tanner Ils

11 Tonya Reed  
12 Ed Demianiuk  
Tessa Hurlbert  
13 Violet Ohlrich  
14 Marlys Isely  
15 Aaron Roidt  
Ilene Schneider  
16 JoAnne Kegebein  
Neva Schultz  
18 Luke Morris  
19 Oliver Hardacre  
Sharon Kubly  
Olivia Witt

21 Zayden Beernink  
Preston Krauss  
Matthew Setterstrom  
Ray Wyss  
22 Christian Ohlrich  
24 Simon Rische  
26 Lillianna Hayden  
28 Libby Swenson  
29 Caleb Figi  
Ewan Miller  
30 Joan Howe  
Jane Thoman



Happy  
Anniversary

13 Victor & Julie Paske  
14 John & Dawn Jordan  
19 Kevin & Angie Geiwitz

## Attention Graduates!



Is your son or daughter graduating from High School or College this spring? If so, please email the church office a jpeg photo of your graduate, along with their date/place of graduation, any party information you'd like to include, and what their future plans are. Please submit these to the church office **by April 30th**.

### Save the Date:

*Church Campout Yellowstone Park, Argyle WI  
Friday, July 9th—Sunday, July 11th.  
Mark Your Calendars!*



*Contact the church office to  
make sure your birthday &  
anniversary dates are included  
in the monthly calendars!*



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*We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Aleksandar & Viola Petroski. Viola's sister, Paula Klontz, passed away on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. May God comfort you and bless you with His peace.*

## NEXT STEPS

### Step 2 "Our Mission & Vision"

Find out what our core beliefs are and discuss Bible doctrine  
 (2 sessions)

Sunday, April 18th & 25th  
 9:00 AM, LL #102

Sign up on our church website or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center!

### New Pipeline Study: Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

We all struggle to apply biblical instructions to forgive, love, and reach our enemies for Christ. Let the story of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand inspire you and the church as we study & discuss how God helps His followers faithfully serve in the face of extreme difficulty and opposition. We will hear true stories of God's love overcoming unimaginable cruelty and learn how to walk with the Lord and see His power overcome opposition to the gospel in your neighborhood, workplace, school, or home.



From Introduction: "Richard and Sabina Wurmbrandt's story is a truly inspiring account of lives lived faithfully for Christ under the real & ever-present threat of frightening and dangerous circumstances. Theirs is a story of amazing courage, heart-wrenching suffering, and mind-boggling love. It is a story of Christian faith lived out in bold action."

This video led study from Voice of the Martyrs uses video vignettes recorded on location in the cells and courtyard in Romania where Richard Wurmbrandt was incarcerated for years because of his faith. The video vignettes are from the movie shown nationwide in theatres, *Tortured for Christ*.

Plan to join us in the Nehemiah Center on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am for a 6-week discussion that will be sure to stretch each of us, challenge our timidity, and give courage to engage in God's ongoing plan to reach nations with the gospel.

See you there!

Troy Watson, Pastor of Family Ministries



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# Prayer Ministry

Psalm 46:10 says "Be still and know that I am God". Do we set a time aside each day to listen to God through His Word and prayer?

Colossians 4:2 tells us "Continue in prayer". Do we continue to pray until we receive an answer from God? This verse also talks about thanksgiving. We should be thankful for what God is doing in our life and for His answers to prayer.

Andrew Murray said "Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian".

James Stewart had a great view of prayer. "If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference. He is praying for me. Bless His name".

Are you concerned about the direction America is heading? Many of our leaders have said there is no need of God in our government or our country. I would encourage and challenge you to pray for our leaders in the Federal, State, County, and City areas of government. Pray specifically for their salvation. Pray that they would make decisions in line with Biblical values and our U.S. Constitution. Let them know that you are praying for them. Ask them for prayer requests. Pray continually. Prayer is a privilege. God does answer prayer.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

### Open AA Meetings – The Speak Easy Meeting

Saturday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm at 18 & 8<sup>th</sup> (1802 8th Street, Monroe).

A sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous will tell their story.

This is an OPEN meeting, so all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Open AA meetings will be on the first Saturday of each month.

This is an opportunity to learn about the struggles of addiction and give support to people within our community who may be struggling.

6-7 pm — Open AA meeting

7:30-8:45 pm — Vigilant Soul concert

If you have any questions, feel free to call Carolyn at 608-345-1730 or Dale at 608-921-9360.

Be sure to check out the website at [www.greencountyaa.org](http://www.greencountyaa.org)





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## Society for Europe's Evangelism

We will be blessed this month to host Dr. Steve Fowler for services on April 11th. Steve worked closely with our missionary Art Sommerville in France. He will share with us Art's church and ministry work in Paris as well as the plans to help it continue on. Steve will meet with the youth Sunday evening, encouraging them to consider if they may be called into short-term mission work. Dr. Fowler plans to bring books written by Dr. Sommerville and a French cookbook for those interested in learning more about French culture and the ministry of S.E.E. Don't miss this exciting Sunday opportunity to meet Steve, hear his message, and browse his materials!

## OneMeal Food Packing

Once again we will join *Kids Around the World* in providing 20,000 meals and the Gospel through a meal packing event on Saturday morning, May 15th. The assembly line packing will be done this year at 18 & 8th with masks added to the usual food safety precautions always taken. Please visit the display table by the Welcome Center to sign up as a volunteer and to donate toward the \$5,400 cost. Make checks payable to Kids Around the World (OneMeal in the memo line). Consider Matthew 25: 37,40 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?...' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' Here is our opportunity to feed the least of our brothers in Jesus' name.

## Fresh Roasted Coffee!

Do you appreciate a good cup of coffee? We have an exciting opportunity to enjoy fresh roasted Central American coffee for a suggested cash donation of \$10 with 100% of the donation going towards the Pastoral Training and Retreat Center project of Oscar Chiquito in Guatemala. We are able to do this because of the very generous donation of the coffee by a coffee roaster in Marshfield, WI. Their church supports the Chiquito's ministry as we do and feel God has called them to raise the funds needed to build the Center. They have offered this opportunity to us so MBC can join with them in this endeavor. Your coffee bag will have a drawing of the proposed building and a specific prayer request on the back. If you buy coffee anyway, why not pick some up here at church knowing your donation is helping further the Gospel in Guatemala?

## Guatemala Update

Oscar Chiquito recently sent an update concerning our mission trip and the COVID status in Guatemala. Most churches have been open since October and they have started to receive vaccines. People arriving in Guatemala must present a negative test issued no more than 72 hours before arrival with no quarantine required. There is the same requirement to return to the U.S. with a clinic in Sumpango where testing can be done for our return. The testing adds about \$100/person to the cost of the trip. Please be in prayer that we are sensitive to the Lord's leading and are making wise decisions based on His Will, not our fears or desires. Also pray that God provides us with ways to raise the funds needed for this mission trip if we are to go. Thank you for praying and for supporting the team.



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## National Day of Prayer

*Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty*

*2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

### Changes coming for this year's event on May 6<sup>th</sup>

Our MBC National Day of Prayer event planning team has been meeting to consider possible options to join in prayer. Last year's prayer breakfast had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so we instead reached out to our honored community guests with an online video broadcast time of prayer.



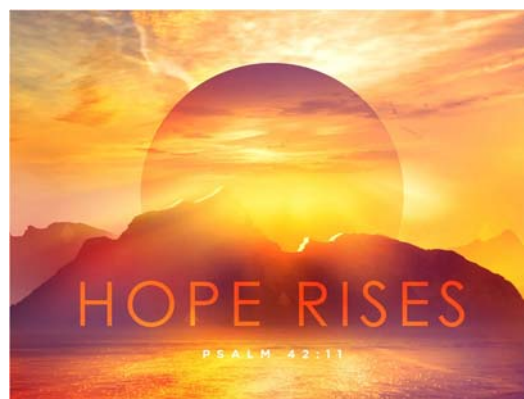
Due to continuing COVID-19 related health concerns, the planning team has decided to again cancel the Prayer Breakfast for this year.

In place of the National Day of Prayer Breakfast we will be holding a concert of prayer at MBC that evening, Thursday, May 6th, at 6:30pm. You will be guided through each of the 7 areas given by the National Day of Prayer Committee, with projected prayer suggestions, as we move through the hour. You can silently pray by yourself, or quietly pray with family or a friend. Please come and join us! We will also livestream the event so you can participate with us from your home.

**Good Friday Service**  
**Monroe Bible Church**  
**6:30 pm**



**Easter Services**  
**Monroe Bible Church**  
**9 & 10:30 am**



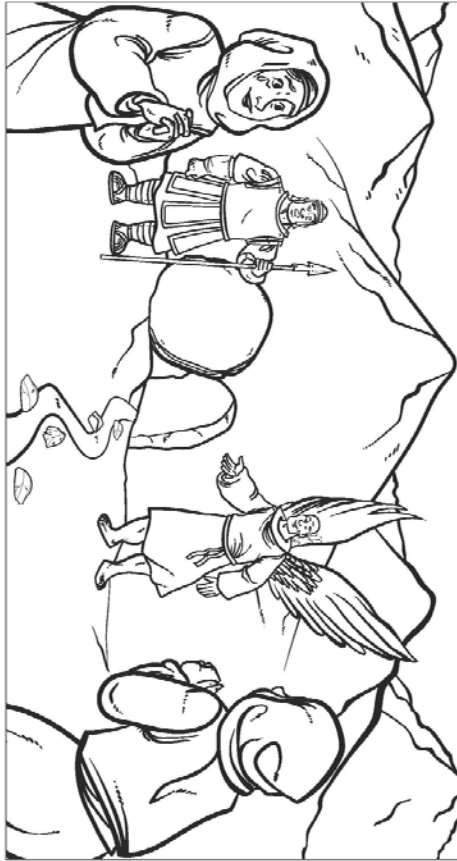
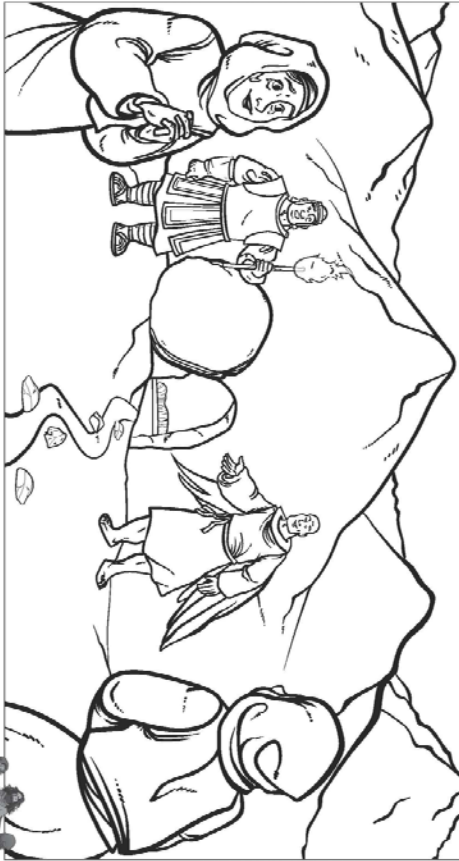


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# Kid's Page

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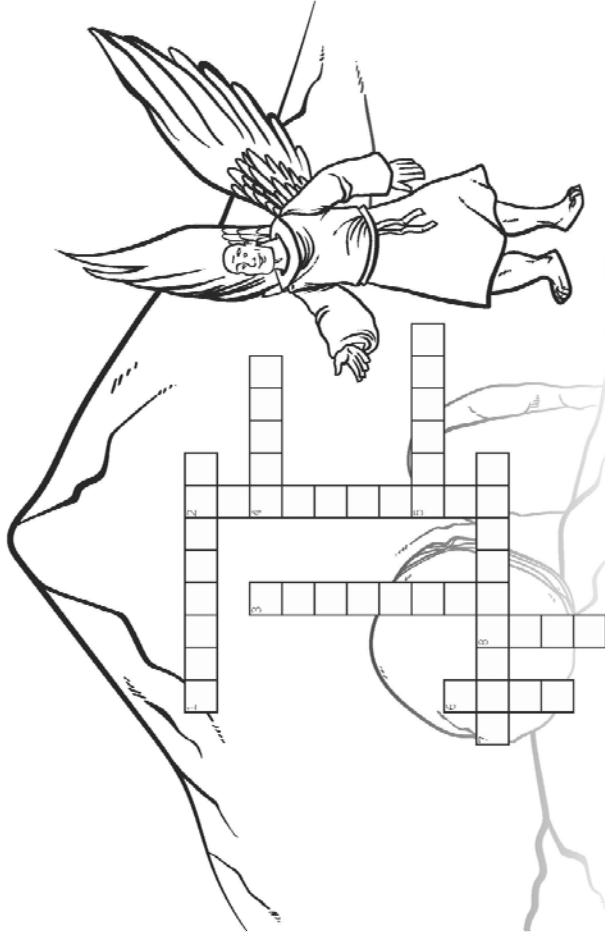


Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

## HE IS RISEN

## HE IS RISEN

Matthew 27:22-56; 28:1-6



### Across

1. On the cross, Jesus asked, "My God, my God, why have you \_\_\_\_\_ me?"
2. After Jesus died, an \_\_\_\_\_ shook the ground.
3. Jesus carried His own cross up a hill called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The angel at the tomb announced the good news about Jesus, saying, "He has \_\_\_\_\_." I am \_\_\_\_\_ with you \_\_\_\_\_, even to the end of the age."
5. Jesus comforted His disciples, saying, "Behold, I am \_\_\_\_\_ with you \_\_\_\_\_, even to the end of the age."
7. Jesus said, "Go make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I \_\_\_\_\_ you."

### Down

1. Forsaken
2. Earthquake
3. Golgotha
4. Risen
5. Always
6. To
7. Commanded
8. The two women who were first to find an empty grave were both named \_\_\_\_\_.

### Across:

- 1 Forsaken
- 4 Risen
- 5 Always
- 7 Commanded

### Down:

- 2 Earthquake
- 3 Golgotha
- 6 To
- 8 Mary



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