

**Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain
who build it...** Psalm 127:1a

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening
Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening
St. John's Parish House
75 East Main St. South Pottstown 7:00 pm

Announcements:

Thank you for your prayers while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. We are hosting the shelter in the Parish House this month and **still looking for volunteers** for this ministry. This collaborative is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street**. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

A local mother of 4 children needs our help. Her husband has been sent to Afghanistan, and will hopefully return in September. Their children are ages 8, 3, 18 months, and 4 months. Our friend Becky Sikora invites us to her mission of making life a little easier for her while her husband is away. She is collecting things to help including: for WalMart & Weis Gift Cards. Please contact the church office for more information.

Prayer Requests:

Kurt Miller of GBIM's new job is to help folks from more than 120 Grace Brethren churches in eastern North America, to mobilize in trying to bring the love of Jesus to people from other cultural backgrounds; to the nations in your neighborhood or somewhere else in the world.

- ✓ Pray for the new Hispanic worship service starting at Fountain of Life Bible Church in Johnson City, Tennessee.
- ✓ Pray for Kurt's personal financial support. In order to accomplish the new ministry God has entrusted to him, as with all GBIM field staff, he's been challenged to develop a personal financial-support team.

Prayers Collections from the Worship Table

- ✓ Lord, help us in our weakness to continue your work in our community. ~SW
- ✓ There is a couple who are looking for help renovating their home into rooms for rent to help those in need. Pray as to how you might help their home.
- ✓ Mother Edythe as she cares for Zenona Harris who is struggling with relationship difficulties. Please keep them both in your prayers.
- ✓ Please faithfully pray for Bob & Marcy Draper's brother-in-law, Keith, and his family. Keith is recovering at home from colon surgery to remove a cancerous tumor (along with cancerous lymph nodes they took from the same area). He will start chemo-therapy in about six weeks and will also be doing more testing to make sure the cancer has not spread. Please pray as the Lord restores Keith's faith, and moves among their entire family.

Your Prayer Reminders:

Next week... April 8, 2007: Easter Sunday (Year C)

psalm 118 .1-2, 14-24, acts 10 .34-43, john 20 .1-18, & 1 corinthians 15 .19-26

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**"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23**

**"Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the
gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it."
(psalm 118 .19--20)**

He is not here. He Is Risen!
*the message he sent to the people of
Israel, preaching peace by Jesus
Christ--he is Lord of all*

The Week of April 8th, 2007 Worship
easter week

psalm 118 .1-2, 14-24

acts 10 .34-43

john 20 .1-18

1 corinthians 15 .19-26

Our Mission:

To pursue God's heart and mission of building **Benediction**
a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good
works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe,
and worshipping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

[Worship]

psalm 118 .1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! 2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; 16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. 18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. 20

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Meditation:

“ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ. ”

(1 Cor. 15 .21–23).

[The Scripture]

1 corinthians 15 .19-26



19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death

came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

[Think & Pray...]

Reflection: *Easter is a scandal, not a comfort. It answers death - by blowing our whole world away! It is unintelligible, impossible. And the gospels do nothing to soften the shock.*

If the disciples are skeptical on Easter morning, what about us? Was it just an event for our own personal security?

Like his birth, Jesus' resurrection is an event that is ultimately beyond the confines of our ability to understand or reason. As mystery, the only way we can hope to understand the resurrection (at whatever mental level), is to *live* it. The empty tomb is thus not an ending, but a beginning, an invitation to each of us to birth and rebirth the divine in the confines of our own lives.