

## For Our Information

Betty Ragsdale came home from the hospital Saturday. Doctors will conference Monday to determine the best course of action for her heart problems.

Vickie McNeas is still dealing with sinus issues and coughing.

John LaValla is doing a little better and trying to regain strength.

The Simpson family is in Star City this weekend.

Remember one another in your prayer to the Father.

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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# Seeking His Righteousness

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## The Greatest Story Ever Told

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The early morning hours are a time of calm and peace. In the preceding hours sleep was not easy and the anxious hearts of the women did not allow for rest. Prohibited by the Law of Moses to complete their task (as it had been the day of Sabbath), they waited for the morning to dawn to return to the tomb. The body of their Lord had been taken from the cross by Nicodemus and Joseph and put in Joseph's tomb. **(Matthew 27:57-61)**

As the day began to dawn, they

*Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.*

**Acts 2:36**

## The Greatest Man in History

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

I feel honored to serve such a Leader who loves us!

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## Meet With Us

**Worship Services**

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

**Bible Classes**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM



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made their way to the tomb. The peaceful morning had been shaken by an earthquake as an angel of the Lord came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb. **(Matthew 27:1-2)** Approaching the tomb, the women saw an angel with the countenance like lightening and clothing as white as snow. Then the angel spoke and said, *"Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you."* **(Matthew 28:5-7)**

The angel told the women the greatest story that had ever been told. Since the beginning of time and the separation of man from God in the Garden, there was no more fear. Salvation could now be sought in the crucified Lord. A hope that had never been felt was now realized in the risen Savior. Faith was fortified by the evidence of an empty tomb. Joy unmeasured could be shared with the world in the telling of the story. Blessed assurance was given by the presence of Jesus in the lives of all men who seek Him.

The story of the risen Christ takes away fear. Paul wrote in **1Corinthians** *"O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* **(1Corinthians 15:55-57)** There is no fear in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has overcome death and given victory to all who will follow him. The

## Store In My Heart

### Job 2:10

But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The time of Job is not given, but the story is a powerful testimony of trust in God, no matter when it happened.

Though sorely tested by Satan and those around him, and even bemoaning his own existence and situation, Job kept his trust that God knows what is best and would care for those who served Him faithfully. He knew not why he must suffer, but he never blamed God for his troubles. Job teaches us the importance of patient endurance in our service to God. Would I do as well?

saints of God can live with the hope of everlasting life because Jesus rose from the dead.

When men seek the risen Christ, hope is given. No man has risen from the dead as Jesus. Mohammed, Joseph Smith, the Pope, Buddha, neither you nor I will have that claim. Only the Son of God can show His power by the resurrection from the dead. Seeking Jesus is seeking the one who has all authority and power on earth. Salvation can only be offered by seeking the crucified Lord who is raised. What hope can be given by men who cannot offer the praise of the resurrection? Only Jesus can give the hope that as He was raised, we too will find the resurrection in the last day. **(1Thessalonians 4:13-18)**

The greatest story ever told is one of faith in the empty tomb. The angel told the women to behold the tomb vacated by the Lord. Faith is the evidence of our hope that Jesus died, was buried in a sealed tomb guarded by the Roman Empire but taken forth by the power of God. *"What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us?"* **(Romans 8:31)** Would you not want to believe in a God such as this? Our faith is found in trusting in Him.

The only hope men have is in the risen Christ. Our obedience is realized through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **(Romans 6)** The glory of Jesus Christ is found in the early morning hours upon the first day of the week when He came forth from the grave. The angels sang as the Father showed to all men His love - an empty tomb, a risen Savior and seeking men. Would you seek the risen Lord? Come find the risen Lord.