

After the Dream Comes Mourning

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted” (Matthew 5:4).

What do you do with a broken dream? How do you deal with a broken heart? All of us have felt the pain as we walked along the street of broken dreams which was strewn with broken hearts. Joy, hope, and expectation are often followed by discouragement, then despair.

After the dream comes *mourning*. We mourn our disappointments. We mourn our failures. We mourn our guilt. We had hoped the marriage would work out. We had hoped we would finish school. We had hoped the x-rays and biopsy would be negative. We had hoped that he would stop drinking. We had hoped that job would be available. We had hoped that she would turn her life around. We had hoped that we could find love and acceptance in the church. We had hoped that the newly elected government would find solutions to our economic and social problems. What do you do with a broken dream?

Often, we keep asking and the answer does not come. We are left wallowing in disappointment, self-pity and despair. We need to understand that for God’s people it does not end there—the promise of comfort is sure. It would be hard to imagine a more broken-hearted people than the disciples when Jesus was killed on the cross. This did not match their dreams and expectations. They had visions of some kind of massive miracle which would rid their homeland of the Roman oppressors and restore David’s throne. The dream was crushed by the blows of the hammer against the spikes driven into His flesh. It was destroyed by the “thud” of the cross as it dropped into the hole with the weight of His mangled body.

Disappointment! Devastation! Discouragement! Broken dreams! Broken hearts! We now realize that it was in their broken dreams that God was preparing them for the greatest experience of their lives—the *resurrection*! Their *mourning* experience made them ready for the *comforting* experience. Why death? Why pain and suffering? Why unfulfilled physical need? Why disappointment? Why broken dreams? “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

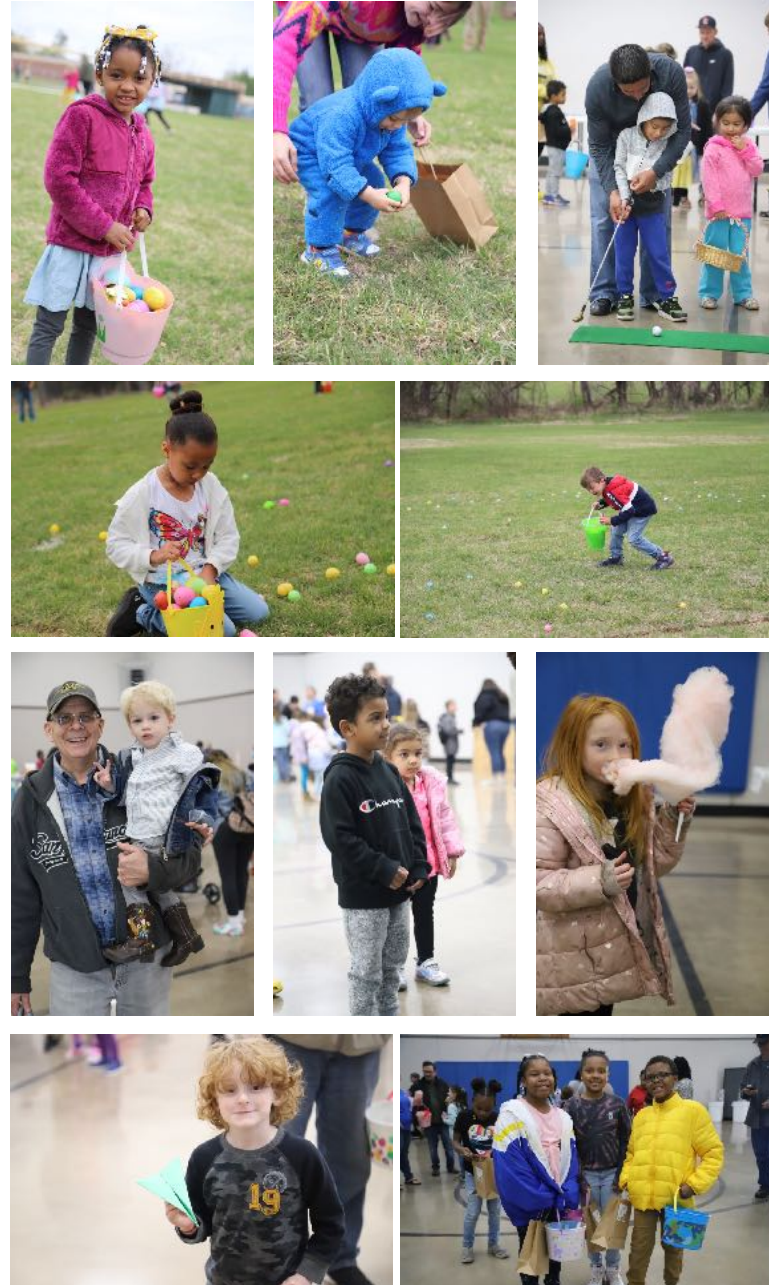
Our God, the sustainer of all life, is always working to transform defeat into victory, death into life, and mourning into comfort for His people. This is true on every level of our lives—our relationships, our hopes, and expectations and our confrontation with suffering and death. All of it is being worked together for our good (Romans 8:28).

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is the most powerful, life-transforming word God has ever spoken to us. Because He rose again, we need never doubt that **after the dream comes the mourning—then comfort.**

—Jerry Gardner, Thomasville, GA

Easter in the Park 2022

Approximately 250 people (115 children) attended our Easter in the Park yesterday. Our church volunteers hid 2,500 eggs, supervised games and activities and cooked and served lots of food. Thank you to everyone who made it a great outreach for our community families!



Sermon Notes

The Servant’s Self-Emptying Mind

Philippians 2:1-8

Easter is not about bunnies, egg hunts, candy and pretty dresses. Easter should be about the Son of God who became the suffering servant Who emptied Himself to not only serve others during His earthly life, but continues to serve and show us how to be servants through His death, burial and resurrection. Notice three selfless qualities.

- I. He S_____ a great S_____ (2:6-7a).
 - A. Through Jesus, God became the lowest form of a S_____ with no S_____.
 - B. O_____ is the key to understanding the selfless mind of Christ.
 - C. “Be H_____, thinking of others as B_____ than yourselves” (2:3).
- II. He S_____ a great S_____ (2:7-8a).
 - A. Jesus didn’t play the role of a S_____; He became a S_____.
 - B. Jesus B_____ like the N_____ people He was helping.
 - C. We must put our T_____ into A_____!
- III. He S_____ a great S_____ (2:8).
 - A. Jesus R_____ Himself to obey God and He died like a C_____.
 - B. What have you R_____ S_____ for Him?

The self-emptying mind comes with an A_____ R_____ (2:9-11).

Announcements

- ➔ Calling all Class of 2022 high school graduates - let Sam Day know if you plan to participate in Senior Sunday on May 15th!
- ➔ Hughes Baby Girl Shower on April 23rd in FLC - they are registered at Target and Amazon

Thank You

Dear Church Family:
Tom and I are so glad to be back to worship with all of you. Your support with your prayers, cards, calls and visits have been what has kept us going on this journey. Tom's cancer has reoccurred and he has started treatment again. I am in remission and our daughter Jennifer will be having surgery Monday (4/11/2022). God has been holding us this whole time and we have faith in His plan. Thank you for being such a blessing to us and please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

Love - Tom & Mary Haslam

Happy Birthday This Week

Mary Haslam - April 18
David Hixson - April 18
Holly Forbes - April 18
Jean Manns - April 18
Bruce Crittenden - April 20
Chad Barney - April 22
Cherlynn Deatherage - April 23
Jack Cooper - April 23

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 23 Hughes Baby Girl Shower in the FLC, 1 PM
- April 28 Kelly Sheet's Memorial Service, 10 AM
- May 3 Whiz Kids End of Year Party, 5:45 PM
- May 15 Senior Sunday | Promotion Sunday
- May 22 OBI Blood Drive, FLC, 8 AM - 12 Noon
- June 5-10 Camp Rock Creek
- June 19-24 Camp Zenith @ Oklahoma Christian University
- June 25 Car Show at DCCOC
- July 6-9 Vacation Bible School
- July 18-21 Day Camp
- July 29-30 DCYG Float Trip
- Aug. 11-13 National Hispanic Preacher's Conference
- Sept. 24-25 DCCOC 70th Anniversary Celebration

Condolences

- Condolences to Tandyla Hill and family on the loss of her father, Tandy Barr. His services were held at our building last week.
- Kelly Sheets passed away on April 14th. Please be in prayer for his wife, Deborah, and their family. His memorial service will be on April 28th here at the building at 10 AM.
- Please be in prayer for Sam and Cara Day and their family on the recent loss of Cara's grandfather, Lendon Shotts. He was a long-time member of Edmond Church of Christ.

April Wishlist for:

Community Cupboard

Laundry Detergent Pods, Dryer Sheets, Bleach, Dish Soap, Dishwasher Pods, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Multi-Purpose Household Cleaner, and Disinfecting Wipes

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

4/10 Worship Attendance.....	178
4/10 Bible Class Attendance	N/C
4/10 Contribution	\$19,109.34
YTD Regular Contribution	\$215,930.87
Weekly Average	\$14,395.39
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58

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Welcome To Our
Sunday Morning
Family Worship
April 17, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our guests; white for members.

Order of Worship

Song #238, *You Are the Song That I Sing*.....Ivan Gonzalez
WelcomeIvan Gonzalez
Song, Lord I Lift Your Name On HighTim Holt
Song #96, *I Stand In Awe*Tim Holt
Song #276, *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*.....Tim Holt
PrayerKenneth Jackson
Song #344, *Low in the Grave He Lay*Tim Holt
Communion.....Sam Day
Song #221, *Jesus Name Above All Names*Ivan Gonzalez
OfferingSam Day
Scripture Reading, Philippians 2:1-11Nathan Dillinger
Song, *How Great Is Our God*.....Tim Holt
Message, *The Servant's Self-Emptying Mind*.....Jeff Gardner
Song #453, *Love Lifted Me*Ivan Gonzalez
Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
Prayer.....Mark Carr
Song #346, *He Lives*Ivan Gonzalez

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Singing Class	6:30 PM
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM
Youth Group	7:00 PM

An Attended Nursery for birth to 2-years-old is available on Sunday mornings. For transportation to worship or other assemblies, please call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.