

HE'S NOT HERE: BUT HE IS HERE

Dear Friends:

On that first Easter morning all those who loved Jesus, all those who followed him were filled with profound grief and sadness. All they had lived for, all they had hoped for was gone (or so they thought). The disciples were huddled in the upper room, in fear that they may be the next ones on the cross. Jesus' mother, Mary Magdalen, and other women who followed Jesus had also lost hope. According to Matthew 28, Mary and Mary went to look at the tomb. When they arrived an Angel of the Lord met them and said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. His is not here; he has risen just as he said." Neither you nor I can completely understand the emotions they felt. One thing is for sure: their sorrow turned to joy. He was not there at the tomb but was as the garden area near the tomb and when he would return to heaven 43 days later, he left the Holy Spirit for all those who followed Him.

This is our promise. He was not in the tomb (he was not there) but he is with us now, he "was not be there", but he is with us now.

Happy Easter,

Pastor Mike

Prayer Requests: Clarabell Harlan (weak heart/hospice), Dave Maynard (foot operation), Celine Fisher (cancer/hospice)

Events:

- Easter Celebration: Sunday, April 17th at 10:15AM
- Women's Ministry: Thursday, April 21st at 11AM and 6PM