

CLINTON TORCH

Share God's Love

APRIL 2010

Through Service

It's Sunday, but "Jesus is Coming"

One of the greatest sermons was by Tony Compolo called It's Friday but Sunday's Coming. Jesus has been unjustly charged and condemned to die...It's Friday but Sunday's Coming...The religious and political tyrants have stopped his rebellious message...It's Friday but Sunday's Coming...He has been brutally beaten, stripped, and nailed to a cross. It's Friday but Sunday's Coming...Christ is sealed in a tomb, his dead body guarded by Roman soldiers. It's Friday but Sunday's Coming.

The message builds to a powerful conclusion when Mr. Compolo shouts "IT'S FRIDAY" and the congregation responds **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING**.

Easter Sunday is coming again. 4,000 unborn children will be aborted tomorrow. One out of 4 children will be sexually or physically abused. 5000 teens will attempt suicide-thirteen will succeed. Sixteen young adults will be murdered. Over 2000 unmarried teens will get pregnant. It's Easter But Jesus is Coming.

5000 parents will tell their children that they are divorcing. One out of every 20 will not have a job tomorrow. 17,000 will die of some kind of Cancer. It's Easter but Jesus is coming.

According to Revelation 21:1-4 Jesus is preparing a place where there are no tears, nor crying, nor pain. One day the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords will return. It's Easter but Jesus is coming.

He promises to wipe every tear from the eye. 2 billion people throughout the world will go to bed hungry. Millions throughout the world are suffering abuse and illness...but Jesus is coming.

It's Easter. Unfortunately it is more than cantatas and buying new clothes and preparing Easter dinner. Jesus is Coming.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying "now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them." They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. It's Easter but Jesus is coming.

This doesn't mean we shut our eyes to the suffering around us. God commands us to do everything in our human power to relieve suffering and to work for justice for all. But the good news of Easter goes beyond saying "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming. It's Sunday but Jesus is coming!"

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Thursday night, April 1st: **7:00p.m. Maundy Thursday service**. "A Service of Shadows". It was just a year ago that we were concluding our study from the Gospels. We came to the term "Maundy". Do you remember what it means? It is the night that Jesus was betrayed and he took bread and gave it to his disciples and said "this is my body given for you". Then he took the cup and said "this is my blood of the new covenant".

But then he said "A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another", this is a mandate for all Christians for all time. Some folks even have a foot washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday as part of their mandate. We are going to have a mandate too. Besides receiving the Lord's Supper, a small choir will be singing "A Service of Shadows". A choral Tenebrae meditation on the Passion of Christ. For us the word Tenebrae may seem foreign. The ancient Tenebrae service, from which this service is derived, dates back to the early years of the church. Tenebrae means "Shadows". Tenebrae depicts through darkening of candles and lighting the flight of the disciples and the approaching crucifixion.

We hope that you will come and share this beautiful time together as we remember the events that led up to His crucifixion and what He was going through in His own life.

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Traditional service hour begins on Sunday, April 11th at 8:15 a.m.

Sermons for April 2010:

**4th 'The Everlasting Gospel'
Revelation 14:6-7**

**11th 'The Intermission'
Revelation 14:6-13**

**18th 'Harvest Time'
Revelation 14:14-20**

**25th 'The Beginning of the End'
Revelation 15**

CCC Book Club

The CCC Book Club's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22nd at the home of Bill and Loetta Holton. The group meets once a month on a Thursday in someone's home. Everyone is free to choose for themselves what they want to read and most of the men have shown a preference for historical novels. So please join in if you like to read and discuss your book.

Creative Memories Scrapbooking

The next crop class will be on Friday, April 9th starting at 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you like to scrapbook, please join in. Carmen Johnson and Kathy Rehr are hosting this.

Rock River Christian Camp

2010 Spring Work Days

April 10th and May 15th, Saturdays, each workday begins with breakfast at 8:00 a.m., they break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 4:00 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board. If you would like to go over to camp to help out, let Ken know, they would like us to RSVP the Wednesday before so they can plan for enough food and projects. They appreciate all the help they can get.

S. A. W.s (Servants at Work)

Do you need help with your camp tuition, you can work at camp for a week or a week-end to help pay for your camp stay. See flyer on bulletin board about this. Fill out an application and have Ken sign it so we can return it to the camp by May 1st.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 – Kathy Flippo
- 2 – John Merritt
- 2 – Eric Beauchamp
- 3 – Henry Pelham
- 4 – LaRonna Heppner
- 6 – Sarah Behrens
- 9 – Melissa Hansen
- 10 – Loren Simpson
- 13 – Harold Gardner
- 13 – Wade Doty
- 14 – Ya Zhen Zhu
- 22 – Catherine Snodgrass
- 22 – Andrew Richards
- 23 – Harold Nelson
- 27 – Ken Merritt
- 28 – Rebekah Baker
- 30 – Debbie Calderon

Happy Birthday Everyone!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- 13 – Philip & Mary Holt

Congratulations !

Thanks to all who prayed, visited at the hospital and sent cards. Also thanks to Ken for his help. What a wonderful thing to have a church family.

Bob and Alice Fulton

100 Cans of Pie Filling

Rock River Christian Camp is asking our help for 100 cans of pie filling for this camping season, they will be making crisps with the pie filling for the campers. There is a table in fellowship hall area for your cans, deadline date is May 16th. The fellows will take the cans over to camp when they go on one of their work days.

APRIL KITCHEN COMMITTEE:

LaRonna Heppner
Kerry Heppner
Shirley Oestreich
Irene Reid
Lisa Suessmith

GREETERS FOR APRIL:

- 4 - Bill & Loetta Holton & Billy Holton
- 11 – Rita & Jim Reggelsen, Lisa & Mike
Suessmith
- 18 – Ed & Jenny Green, Eldo & Peggy Krebs
- 25 – LaRonna & Doug Heppner, Kerry &
Doug Heppner

NOTICE NOTICE

Women's Fellowship.

Women's Fellowship will be on Thursday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. LaRonna Heppner, Shirley Oestreich and Anita Smith are hosting.

Missions Meeting

Missions committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 8th at 5:15 p.m. before the Women's Fellowship meet.

Wycliffe Bible Translation Dinner Banquet

One of our missions is Wycliffe and they are having a dinner banquet in Bettendorf at the Holiday Inn on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. We will probably leave the church parking lot at 5:15. We will be taking the church van and other vehicles if needed. If you would like to go, please let Peggy or Joy know so we can call the reservations in. We have complimentary tickets for you for the meal. Come and hear Dan Moore share his experiences since he became a volunteer 18 months ago in Africa.

IN HIS SERVICE – April 2010

8:15 a.m. service:

Devotions April 11th – Bill Holton
 April 18th – Eldo Krebs
 April 25th -

10:30 a.m. service:

Devotions	April 4 th – Mike Wolf	Shut-in communion:	Todd Burkhart
	April 11 th - Ken Merritt		Mike Wolf
	April 18 th – Todd Burkhart		Ken Merritt
	April 25 th - Matt Johnson		Dale Teachout

Ken Greeley does communion to hospitals and nursing homes.
If you cannot serve anytime, please find someone to take your place.

Communion & Offering Servers:

Apr. 4– P. Kibler, T. Manning, D. Heppner, E. Green, M. Oestreich, M. Johnson, D. Teachout, A.Green
Apr 11 –Bill Holton, G. Tubbs, Rex Brandt, S. Burmeister, J. Faulkner, D.Teachout, M. Wolf, E. Krebs
Apr. 18– E.Green, D. Heppner, M. Johnson, K. Merritt, P. Kibler, M. Wolf, M. Oestreich, T. Manning
Apr. 25 - M. Wolf, G. Tubbs, Bill Holton, E. Krebs, J. Faulkner, S.Burmeister, E. Green, Rex Brandt
Servers meet in the fellowship hall before worship time begins.

Elders: Paul Reed, Todd Burkhart, Mike Wolf, Bill Holton
Deacons: Matt Johnson, Ken Merritt, Dale Teachout, Eldo Krebs, Gary Tubbs, S. Burmeister.

Achievement in Figures: Budget is \$2461.14weekly (new weekly amount-new year-new budget)

	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Design.</u>	<u>Attend</u>
Feb. 28	\$1939.51	\$15.00	151
Mar 7	\$2280.45	\$68.00	142
Mar 14	\$2787.77	\$173.20	110
Mar 21	\$2359.18	\$50.00	160
Mar 28	\$1398.56	\$119.00	149

Leadership meeting will be on April 11th at 1:00 p.m.
Elders will meet on Saturday April 10th. Paul will call with the time.

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee met on Thursday, March 18th four ladies were present, they discussed the 'Baby Bottle Boomerang' collection. Joy is asking the congregation to turn in their bottles if they have not done so yet, so the Pregnancy Center can come and collect them. The first collection of bottles gave a total of \$552.04, as of this writing we have only two more bottles turned in. Our next mission project is the Wycliffe Associates Bible Translation Dinner Banquet in Bettendorf, IA on April 9th, if you would like to attend this banquet, please see Joy or Peggy for complimentary tickets. We will probably take the church van or other vehicles that evening. Come and hear of the experiences of guest speaker, Dan Moore. Dan recently returned from an 18 month assignment in Africa. Our next Missions meeting will be April 8th at 5:15 p.m.

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Monthly Planner

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