

## April 2019

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### Do Life Together!

Our vision is, ***Glorify God by making disciples who join Christ to build families that transform communities.*** This ministry year we focused first on, "Love Him more than anyone, listen to Him more than anyone, and leave more for Him than for anything." It was to help us focus on the "Joining Christ" part of our vision. Everything in our vision hangs on each of us having a growing vibrant relationship with Christ and being joined to Him in what He is doing. The focus theme for the next several weeks is, "Do Life Together." Joining Christ is not a mere solo venture, it's also living in community with others who are also pursuing a walk with Him. We must grasp what it means, in our everyday experiences, to join Christ personally and with others, before we will be effective in building families, or in transforming communities.



"Doing Life Together" is actually a very Biblical concept. I read that there are over 40 "one another" commands in the New Testament, and also that there are over 20 different "one another" commands. Some examples include: bear with one another, be devoted to one another, build up one another, forgive one another, love one another, serve one another, submit to one another, encourage one another, stimulate one another to love and good deeds, comfort one another, and of course greet one another with a holy kiss!

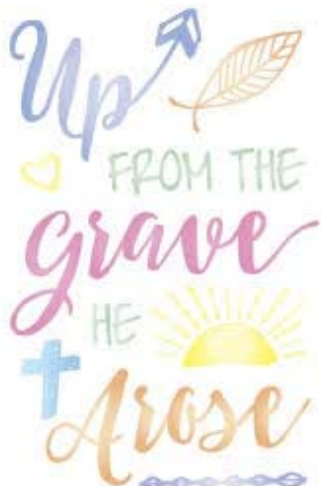
The point is, we cannot fulfill these God-given duties to each other with a "hi" in the hall on Sunday morning. It requires spending some time with each other. Our adversary, the "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4), has facilitated the development of a culture that is pretty effective at keeping us apart. It seems that so many of us are so busy running to this and that, that we have little time with each other. We see the importance of being together that the believers had when the church first began, "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42, NASB, underline added).

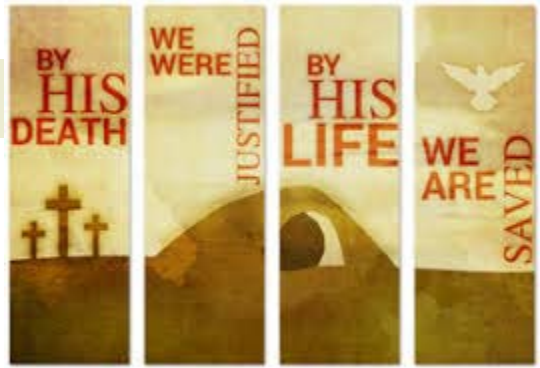
We need to be careful to recognize that while the people of the early church made spending time together a priority, they weren't isolating themselves from outsiders – the church was exploding with new believers! They were coming together for worship and instruction and encouragement to live out their faith in life outside their meetings together. I'm not for God's people spending so much time at church that that they have no time for neighbors and coworkers. We have to have time to spend with those outside the church to build relationships so that we can tell them Who is the most important person in our lives and why!

I know, it sounds like I'm saying two different things – spend more time with your brothers and sisters in Christ, and spend more time with outsiders. Some of us may be out of balance and need to adjust our lives better in one of these ways. The point I want to stress by "Do Life Together" is more than time, though it does take some time. The point is this: we need to be intentional in our thinking and conversation about discipleship. Our joys and failures, the things we are learning, the challenges we're facing – all of it becomes something God uses in the lives of others as we talk about it! And when we involve someone else with us in putting God's Word into practice, we both grow!



Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me." <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5). So, we need to live lives yielded to Christ first, and that is to result in fruit as Christ overflows out of us. The overflow is for building His body, the church. I need to be more intentional about sharing what God is doing in me. How about you? Can I make a suggestion for starters? Spend a little time talking with someone about what "Doing Life Together" means, and have your Bible in hand.

Together in the Body,  
*Pastor Dan*





# April '19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Visit the Library – Each Sunday after Services!</b></p> 	<p>1 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>2 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon &amp; 1-3 pm Primitimers Fellowship &amp; Lunch ~ 10 am—1 pm, N/KC Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 - 9 pm,</p>	<p>3 Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm Awana ~ 6:15 pm</p>	<p>4 Women's study "Spiritual Warfare" ~ 9:30 am, NC NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Men's Breakfast ~ 8 am, NC No Men's Study Stop the Bleed Class ~ 9:30 am, NC</p>
<p>7 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am &amp; Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline "Technology &amp; Entertainment" ~ 9 am/NC AND 10:30 am/LL #016 Next Steps—Step 2, 6:30 pm, LL #102 Ignite ~ 4—6 pm, LL #106 Fusion ~ 6—8 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>8 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>9 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon &amp; 1-3 pm Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 - 9 pm, Monroe</p>	<p>10 NC in use 1 pm—3 pm Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm Awana ~ 6:15 pm</p>	<p>11 Women's study "Spiritual Warfare" ~ 9:30 am, NC 6:30 pm—8 pm, NC Financial Peace Class NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Next Steps—Step 1 ~ 8 am, LL #102 Men's Study ~ 9 am, LL, #106 Awana "Grand Prix" ~ 10:30 am, NC</p>
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<p>21 <b>Easter Worship Services</b> <b>Monroe High School</b> <b>PAC Auditorium</b> <b>9:30 am</b>  <b>He Arose!!!</b>  No Sunday School, Pipeline, Ignite or Fusion</p>	<p>22 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>23 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon &amp; 1-3 pm Board of Deacons Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106 Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 - 9 pm, Monroe</p>	<p>24 NC in use 1 pm—3 pm Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm Awana ~ 6:15 pm</p>	<p>25 Women's study "Spiritual Warfare" ~ 9:30 am, NC Blood Drive ~ 12:30 pm—6 pm, NC 6:30 pm—8 pm, NC Financial Peace Class</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Men's Study ~ 9 am, NC OneMeal Event - Monroe Middle School Gym ~ 10 am</p>
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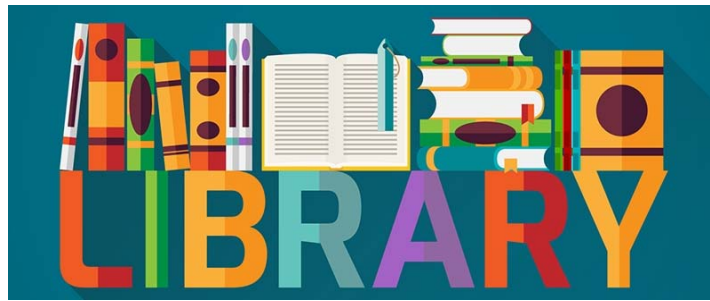
## APRIL Birthdays!

- 1 Kayla Bruehlman
- April Kuenzi
- Janet Willman
- 2 Crystal Hartwig
- 4 Karen Brunner
- 5 Micah Brunner
- Benjamin Figi
- 6 Carson Eddy
- Pat Miller
- 7 Anika Figi
- Raelynn Hartwig
- Jesse Petersen
- 8 Walter Botteron
- 9 Brian Baer
- 11 Matt Jensen
- 12 Ed Demianiuk
- Tessa Hurlbert
- 13 Violet Ohlrich

- 14 Marlys Isely
- 15 Aaron Roidt
- Ilene Schneider
- 16 JoAnne Kegebein
- Neva Schultz
- Trevor Signer
- 18 Luke Morris
- 19 Sharon Kubly
- 21 Zayden Beernink
- Matthew Setterstrom
- Ray Wyss
- 22 Christian Ohlrich
- 26 Lillianna Hayden
- 29 Caleb Figi
- Ewan Miller
- 30 Joan Howe
- Jane Thoman



- 13 Vic & Julie Paske
- 14 John & Dawn Jordan
- 19 Kevin & Angie Geiwitz



The Lenten and Easter season is upon us! With that in mind the Library is showcasing related books, some for personal growth and some for families, along with some apologetic short books as well. These could also be good little booklets to share with people you know who are questioning the reason that we celebrate Easter season.

During Passion Week, the week before Easter Sunday, April 14th-20th, the library will be hosting/encouraging a study of the last week of Jesus's life before His resurrection. This study will conclude with a full fast on Saturday, and then we would gather that Saturday in a time of prayer. If you are interested in participating, please contact the library; there will be a notice and reminder in an April bulletin as well.

Along with an Easter focus, the library is also focusing on community—the community within the body of Christ. We will be showcasing some great books related to this topic and hope that you will come and pick one up!

Lastly, the library will be having a SUMMER READING OUTREACH! After school is over, we will be inviting kids from the church and the community to come in and enjoy having a book read to them, enjoy a snack, and some other short activities. There are two opportunities for YOU to get involved in this project. The first is we will need readers (any age, as long as you can read well and loud); you will either pick or be given a book to read, and then will come in during our reading hour (don't worry, you won't be reading for an hour) and read the story to the group of children. My hope is to have two different books read each time. This can be by two different readers: one focused on younger kids, and the other would be a chapter-style book focused on slightly older kids, this book would take a couple of weeks to complete. The second way is for you to help with flyer distribution, and maybe door knocking, when the time comes. If you are interested in helping in one of these two areas, or if you have additional ideas on books or activities, please come and see Amanda Ohlrich. This may be a summer project, but despite what the weather says, summer will be here before we know it!



We'll meet on **Tuesday, April 2nd** beginning at 10 am in the Nehemiah Center. Please join us for fellowship and a light lunch (tuna or egg salad sandwiches with a vegetable tray). You may bring your favorite game to play with your friends. We'll end about 1 pm. There will be a free-will offering, donate as you wish. Hope to see you there!



Pizza Hut Lunch is on **Good Friday, April 19th** at 11:15 am. Feel free in joining us for a time of fellowship and to hopefully look at green grass outside!

### *With Sympathy*

*We would like to offer our sympathy to the family of Tyson Foster. Tyson's father, Timothy Foster, passed away on February 18th, 2019.*



*May God bless you at this difficult time with His comfort and peace.*



The Pipeline 7-week marriage study of the book by Francis and Lisa Chan, *You and Me Forever; Marriage in Light of Eternity* concluded on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

During our time together, many Scriptures were reviewed and good group discussions occurred about how our marriages could be more Christ-centered and eternity-minded. During session 4, which is titled, “Don’t Waste Your Marriage; Marriage in Light of our Mission”, everyone was challenged to take a closer look at our marriages to avoid “just holding hands and skipping happily through life”!

In session 5, “Is There Hope For Us; Marriage in Light of God’s Promises”, everyone was challenged to stare at the unseen, the eternal rewards and promises of God. Don’t be blinded and distracted by the transient.

In session 6, “What is Really Best For The Kids; Parenting to The Glory of God” we talked about the challenge of loving our kids too much! Our children are a heritage from the Lord, like arrows in the hand of a warrior! We are challenged to find the right balance, to not serve our children too much so we can help them become sharpened like arrows in the quiver and not just sticks that we carry around.

*You and Me Forever* makes a great read for couples, and supplemental videos can be viewed for free on RightNowMedia.com. Another excellent book for better understanding and living a Christ-centered marriage is *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas.

**NEXT STEPS**

**Next Steps—Step 2: “Our Core Beliefs”**  
Sunday, April 7 (s. 1) ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102  
Sunday, April 14 (s. 2) ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

**Next Steps—Step 1: “Our Mission & Vision”**  
Saturday, April 13 ~ 8 am, NC

*Sign up at the Welcome Center!*


**Men’s Breakfast:**  
8 am  
Saturday,  
April 6th, NC



**Men’s Study:**  
9 am every Saturday  
Nehemiah Center (with the exception of the  
Men’s Breakfast Saturday’s)

**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019**

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★  
**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER

The 2019 **National Day of Prayer** theme is “Love One Another,” based upon the words of Jesus in John 13:34, which says, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you.”

“Love can change America,” said Dr. Ronnie Floyd, president of the Nat. Day of Prayer.

Year after year we have seen God work through the relationships we build with community leaders who attend this event. Our outreach through prayer is making a difference, in the lives of those we pray for and in the lives of the youth who take a stand and pray. Please join us sharing the love of Christ at this special event!

Volunteers are needed for prayer (ages 10-20), Table Hosts, Ushers, Greeters, Breakfast Casserole Servers, Registration Table, set-up and clean-up. **Please sign-up at the Welcome Center, before April 21<sup>st</sup>.**

# PIPELINE

## PIPELINE CLASSES

April/May 2019

We have learned a lot in our recent Marriage Pipeline Class about what our thought process should be towards our spouse and marriage and how that affects our family, our community, and our church.

Looking ahead to April and May, we will close the Spring PIPELINE class with 2 weeks of Discussion on Technology and Internet use, specifically SOCIAL MEDIA AND GAMING ONLINE. If you don't really understand these terms, ask anyone under the age of 30 to explain it to you! This special 2-week class will run the weeks of Sunday, March 31 and April 7. There will be two times offered each week: 9 am in the Nehemiah Center, and 10:30 am in the Lower Level room #106. Plan on a little instruction/information as well as some round table discussion with others. Whether your children are elementary age or grown and out of the house we hope you will participate in this class.

Starting on Sunday, April 14 we will begin a 6-week video-driven class called "Effective Parenting in A Defective World" by Chip Ingram. Have you ever asked yourself, "How do I raise kids that will stand out from the crowd?" We will learn some simple truths that can help the next generation stand true to their faith and beliefs...

Teach them to work "unto the Lord"  
Teach them to manage their wealth wisely  
Teach them to make wise decisions  
Teach them to suffer well  
Teach them to live Grace-filled lives

We hope you will join us for the last couple of months of months of our Family Equipping PIPELINE Classes. Contact me with any questions.

Pastor Troy Watson

## Please begin saving your gently-used items !

### Playground\* Benefit Garage Sale - June 2019

Please bring only gently used items.

Please test all electrical appliances; we aren't able to take old TVs.

Volunteers welcome & needed for set-up, sorting/pricing, sale, and take-down!

\* Garage Sale to raise funds for a KATW (Kids Around the World) Playground in Guatemala

Dates and details to follow. Questions? please contact Deb Hurlbert, 325-3430.



1-hour training by Monroe Clinic  
Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am, Nehemiah Center

Stop the Bleed is a national, no-cost training that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in an emergency before professional help arrives. A 1-hour training by Monroe Clinic is coming to MBC on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We will learn how to act when faced with an emergency, distinguish between life-threatening and non-life-threatening injury, how to apply pressure in a bleed, and perform CPR techniques both by hand and with the defibrillator.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up at the Welcome Center today for this valuable training!



## OneMeal Event

Monroe Bible Church will be holding our 4th annual **OneMeal Event** at the Monroe Middle School new gym on **Saturday, April 27 at 10 am.**

We need to raise \$5,400 to hold the event. These funds purchase ingredients through *Kids Around the World* for 20,000 meals and provides for shipment of the food. Tax deductible checks are to be made PAYABLE to KIDS AROUND THE WORLD, and placed in the OneMeal donation box at the back of the church. The last day to donate is Sunday, April 21.



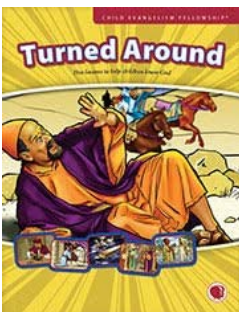
The ingredients are packaged in a family friendly, assembly-line style. The food we package will be sent to hungry children in a 3rd world country (yet to be determined), who will also receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a great family-friendly event where you can invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers to help pack. All ages are welcome! We will provide water and snacks, and the first 20 packing-people to show up can receive a Thrivent T-shirt. Please sign up at the OneMeal table if you can help pack.

## Guatemala Playground update

**Thank you** to all who volunteered and participated in the Culver's Night fundraiser February 4 in which \$366 was raised and donated to the Guatemala Playground Fund. To date we have raised \$13,656 of the \$15-20,000 goal. Monroe Bible Church is working in cooperation with *Kids around the World* which is a Christian organization based out of Rockford, Illinois. They "harvest" unwanted commercial grade playgrounds in the US, refurbish, and ship them to 3rd world countries. It's a wonderful way to bring play into children's lives, show them God's love, and provide churches with ministering opportunities.

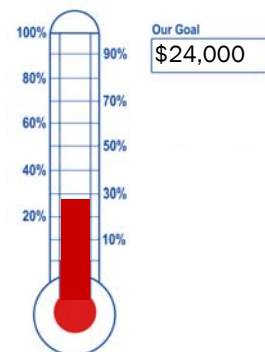


## 2019 Guatemala Mission Trip



The Guatemala Mission Team will be in Guatemala July 6-13 where they will be working on the Missions Training/Retreat Center in the mornings and holding a Vacation Bible School in the afternoon. The theme of the VBS is called *Turned Around*. Children will be taught about God's love, their need for a Savior, the person and work of Jesus, and His invitation to become a child of God. The Craft and Games teams will be coming up with new and fun ideas for this year. We don't know the details of what the team will be doing at the worksite, but it sounds like construction on the building will be starting.

The cost for each team member is \$1,500. This covers the team's food, housing, transportation, Vacation Bible School supplies, translators, and the training center work project. So far \$6,360 has been raised. The 2019 Team includes: Bailey Gruber, Gabi IIs, Wendy Westcomb, Andrea Wilson, Jesse Petersen, Ruth Tuttle, Helen Tuttle, Kim Foesch, Ariel Foesch, Kim Markham, Adam Brunner, Jim Hurlbert, Chuck Chladil, Mike Westcomb, Rick Haworth, and Dan Krahenbuhl.





Please join us at 7 pm on Friday, April 19th at the United Methodist Church in Monroe for a combined Good Friday Service.

The church is located at 2227 4th Street.



**Our Easter Service at the Monroe High School Performing Arts Center allows the entire congregation to worship together and provides a welcoming environment for unbelievers/un-churched in our families and our community. Let's start thinking who we can invite!**

***Please prayerfully consider helping with these needs:***

**Saturday, April 20**

8:15 am—Set Up Tables & Chairs at High School PAC—4 slots available

9 am—Gather kitchen items at MBC & Transfer to PAC—2 slots available  
Gather food, beverage jugs, and kitchen supplies from MBC & transfer to PAC.  
Place non-perishable food items on the tables.

**Sunday, April 21st**

Prior to Service—Put up Easter Signs at the PAC—1 slot available  
Place 2 vinyl signs at the PAC parking lot entrances

9 am—Nursery Workers (Must be Child Protection Certified—Current)  
2 Adults/2 helper slots available

Food Table after Service - 3 slots available  
Prepare during last song. Refill donuts & fruit as needed.  
Beverage Table after Service - 2 slots available  
Pour cups of juice, milk, water

**Tear Down Coordinator**

Coordinate and direct tear down volunteers. Make sure facility is cleaned up and secure before leaving and all items are returned to MBC.

Tear Down—4 slots available  
Tear down M-Room & return to it's original condition

Pack Food/Kitchen items & Return to MBC  
Return kitchen items to MBC & Put away—2 slots available

Sign-Up at the Welcome Center or on the  
Monroe Bible Church Facebook page



*It's a Boy!*



*Congratulations to  
Jacob & Brittney  
Whyte on the birth  
of their son,  
William Allen  
Whyte on  
Saturday,  
March 16th.  
William weighed  
9 lbs, 2 oz. and  
was 21 3/4" long.*

**Financial Peace Class to Begin Soon!**

**Starts Thursday, April 11th (9 weeks)**  
**6:30 pm – 8 pm, Nehemiah Center**  
**Cost is \$49 per person/couple**

**Questions?**

**Contact: Kim Markham ~ 608-558-0936**  
**or**  
**Bernie Roidt ~ 608-558-3293**



The MBC Blood Drive will be Thursday, April 25th from 12:30 pm–6 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are able to help with the Blood Drive in any way. If you would like to donate blood, you can save up to 15 minutes when you donate by using RapidPass ahead of time! Visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

**Grand Prix – 10:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 13, NC**

T & T Clubbers –  
3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade



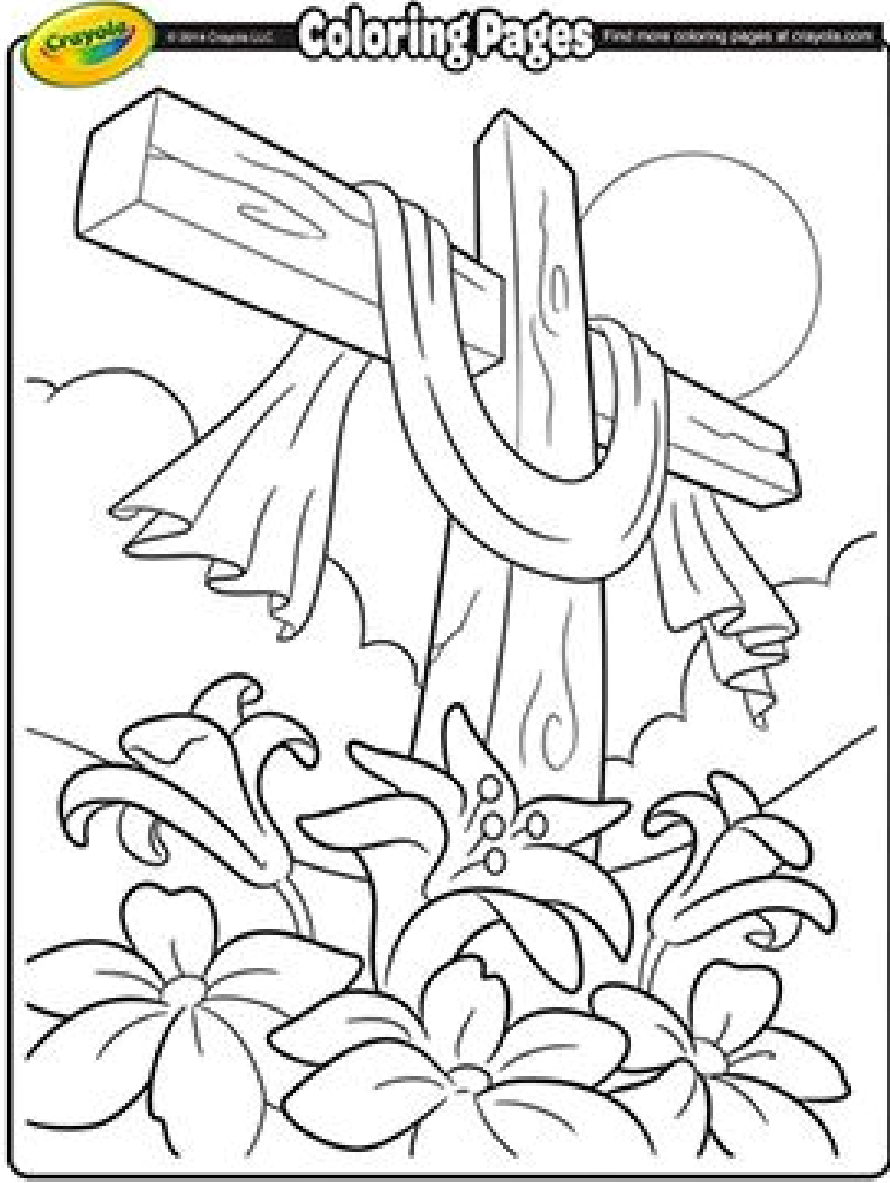
The Grand Prix is a race involving a \$5.00 wooden block car kit that T & T clubbers carve, customize, paint, and decorate. It is a fun social event that allows us to enjoy science principles and learn a little doing it. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest cars, but also for attractive designs.

Join us Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 am in the Nehemiah Center for an enjoyable event.

See your Awana Commander, Jim Hurlbert, with questions.

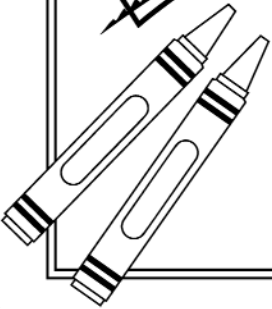


# Kid's Page



# He is Risen!

## PUZZLE



### Jesus gives us life

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

**Directions:** Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)	
Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)	
Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)	
This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)	
Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)	
Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)	
Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)	
While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)	
This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)	
These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)	
These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)	
Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)	

Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linen, silver coins