



April, 2014

## *The Crestway Challenger*

Crestway Baptist Church  
Birmingham, Alabama



# *“He Is Risen, Indeed”*

## Easter Musical to be presented Sunday, April 20, 10:30 AM



**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

9:00 – 10:15 AM - Doughnut and Family Picture Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM - Morning Worship with Easter Music by Adult Choir, followed by a message by Bro. Jimmy

Receive the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.  
No Evening SPOTS group meetings.

## *Heart to Heart* ♥

I don't know about you but, I was really moved and blessed in our first Praise Celebration Service. The freedom and simplicity of praising God in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, as we expressed the joy of the Lord with one another, was really spiritually refreshing. Sharing the Lord's Supper together as a corporate expression of praise was a perfect conclusion to such a time of worship. I can hardly wait for the next one on August 31st. This time we will have a church-wide covered dish lunch immediately following the service. Thank you to all who led us in musical praise. God used you to bless the rest of us and I know you were blessed as you ministered to us.

Easter is almost here and it is time for our Easter Musical Presentation, "He Is Risen Indeed", presented by our music ministry. We will also have the annual Easter doughnut fellowship and family picture taking (9:00 to 10:15 AM) followed by Easter Worship Service (with musical) at 10:30 AM. Please be praying for God's blessing on this special day and be inviting your unchurched or out-of-church friends and neighbors to come with you Easter Sunday. God can and will use the activities of this special day to touch and reach the unchurched and unsaved if we will believe God enough to work and pray to reach outside our church family to the people we are around in the course of our daily lives. That, my brothers and sisters, is a big **IF**, that rests on us. We are never to just sit around waiting for God to do something for us. We are to be busy and engaged in reaching out to those in our community while we trust Him to do His work through us.

Paul says that it is mocking God to think we will not reap what we sow. That also means that we mock God when we think we will reap anything without sowing anything. Actually it is the same thing. We reap nothing when we plant nothing. That **IS** reaping exactly what we have planted. So, let's sow the seeds of prayer and of reaching out to the unsaved and the unchurched with all that is in us, and we will reap in due season if we keep sowing and faint (quit) not.

I have one last word to say in this article. If you haven't picked up your copy of The Story yet, please do so. It is God's story in His own words (the Bible). The Story is not designed to replace your Bible or become your Bible but, to enhance your study and reading of your Bible as you see God's redemptive plan from the creation to the New Heaven and New Earth. I just finished Chapter 22, "The Birth of the King". The story of Jesus begins before creation (John 1:1-14) then moves to the announcement to Mary (Matthew) and through the events of His birth up to Jesus debating the scholars in the temple at age twelve. The Story simply stacks the scriptures in the order in which the events took place in the words of the Bible. The book, chapter and verse references have been removed so it reads like a novel. The plot is the story of God's work in creation, the fall, redemption, the second coming and the New Heaven and Earth in chronological order. Not only will it enhance your understanding of the Bible but, it will be a great outreach tool to the lost and unchurched. Many are deeply interested in the Bible but are convinced that it is too complicated for them to understand. When offered a simple way to understand and grasp the Bible's message, many jump at the chance to do so. So, we can deepen our knowledge of God's Word and reach out to the lost at the same time. I can't wait!

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*."  
John 1:1, 14, 18 (NKJV)

Love, Brother Jimmy

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6 AND APRIL 13**

(Weather permitting)

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Children in Action** Team will be out in the Crestwood Neighborhood inviting people to our church Easter Services. Come join us as we spread Easter Cheer!!

Questions, please see Barbara Lanum

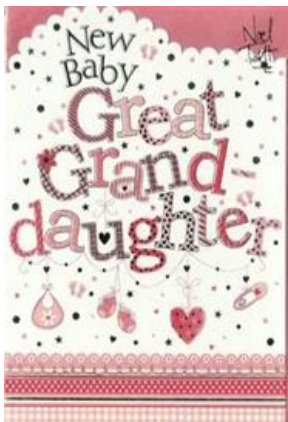
We encourage you to bring your children to the Crestwood community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 19, 10:00 AM.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 14 – 18  
6:00 TILL 9:00 PM  
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!!**



*We extend Christian love and sympathy to Cohen and Amie Ezelle in the death of her grandfather, Pat Patterson.*



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs. Inez Posey on the birth of a great granddaughter, Cynthia Ann Rubin, born February 25. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces. Her parents are Rachel and Eric Rubin and her grandparents are Dale and Susan Spry.



**WELCOME COMMITTEE - APRIL**

- Elevator Entrance.....Mary Hightower
- Tower Entrance.....Angela Knox
- Foyer Entrance.....Dot Harper
- Morning Worship .....Peggie Johnson



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you for blessing children through Operation Christmas Child. Crestway's shoeboxes were delivered to children in Botswana. Remember to pray for the child that received your child.



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Florence Keith    | 22 Chris Howard        |
| 3 Sarah Murphree    | 22 Allene Vorster      |
| 3 Evelyn Noblitt    | 23 Alberto Coutoumanos |
| 11 Mildred Davis    | 27 Ella Loudon         |
| 15 Shirley Burchell | 28 Christopher Warner  |
| 16 Rena Kinkead     | 29 Bobbie Chapman      |
| 17 Sarah Flickinger | 30 Norman McBride      |
| 18 Margie Ladner    | 30 Bobbie Zimmerman    |
| 20 Samuel Ezelle    |                        |



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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & MINISTRY**

**Sunday Services**

**Sunday School/Bible Study – 9:30 AM**  
**Morning Worship – 10:45 AM**  
**Evening - SPOTS – Time - TBA**

**Wednesday Services**

**12 Noon Prayer Meeting**  
**Student Worship Celebration – 6:30 PM**  
**Children's Activities – 6:30 PM**  
**Adult Prayer Meeting – 6:30 PM**  
**Adult Choir Practice – 7:20 PM**

**DEACON'S MEETING,**  
**THURSDAY, April 17, 6:30 PM**