



**LOVE**  
Took His Breath Away

**EASTER CONCERT**  
*presented by*  
**VOICES OF THE KINGDOM  
CHOIR & ORCHESTRA**

**MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**

*All are welcome. Invite a friend.*



# CONNECTION

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

The Easter season is such an exciting and important time in the life of the church. For many of us, the various services and celebrations have been a part of our Christian experience from childhood. For others, however, some of these services and celebrations are brand new and unfamiliar. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, here's a very brief "primer" on the services and celebration of Holy Week.

**Why "Holy Week?":** Holy Week is a time in the life of the church that we set aside to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the central and foundational hope that we have as Christians—the literal, physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Paul tells us in I Corinthians 15: **And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead...**

**Palm Sunday:** Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of week that would end in His death and resurrection. The name "Palm Sunday" comes from the account in the Gospels where people laid palm branches on the ground for Jesus to ride over as a sign of honor and victory. The people expected Jesus to enter Jerusalem and reign as a political king on an earthly throne. Jesus, however, had another mission to fulfill, to be an even greater King and Messiah.

**Maundy Thursday:** Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with His disciples and His subsequent betrayal and arrest. The word "maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which is translated roughly "a new command" which echoes the words of Jesus when He took the Last Supper with His disciples and told them in John 13:34: **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

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**Glenn Cohrs, Pastor of Family Ministries / Administration**



Okay, I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to Spring! Winter is really getting old now. I want to take a moment and thank all the guys on our snow shoveling team who have done an awesome job keeping our church walkways clear. A big "Thank You" goes out to Josh Deming, Matt & Jon Cohrs, Jon & Jonathan Schiedlo, Peter Pallis, Jan Schneider and Erik Carlson and his boys.

I also want to thank everyone who pitched in and helped so many of our church families through these last two Nor'easters: From hooking up generators, opening your houses to others, cooking meals, clearing snow and helping staff the church building so we could keep the showers open to those in the community who were without water and electric and so much more. You truly were the hands and feet of Christ.

We are also excited to let you know that we are moving forward with the elevator project. We just met with Mobility, the company who will be installing it, and we are in the process of applying for the permits with the state and township.

March and April will be the last two months for our Wednesday Night Programs until we take some time off over the summer months. Maybe you have been thinking about trying one of the children's programs out, well now is a great time to come on out and give it a try. You will get a chance to meet the other kids and leaders, as well as a chance to enjoy the end of the school year events. Maybe you've been thinking about serving as leader in one of the programs. This is a great opportunity for you to see exactly what the programs are about. I guarantee once you try it, you'll be back next school year.

Hey guys, have you been looking for a chance to have some good fellowship with some other men? Well come on out on Good Friday morning (March 30th) at 7am for the Annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast. The food is great and the fellowship even better.

In Christ Service,

Pastor Glenn

Mark 16:15:

*"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."*

*Night of Refreshment*  
**CONNECTING FAMILIES LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**  
 Friday, April 13th at 7PM  
*Live Music, Tasty Treats, Inspiring Speaker*  
 Pre-registration is required.  
 Care & Activities provided for children/adults with disabilities as well as for

**"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead..."**

**Brian Ingraham, Pastor of Kingdom Expansion**

**A Bird's-Eye View of LFC's Mission Outreach:**

Our church supports 30 missionary families (serving with 22 different agencies) and 8 retired families.

**Who are they?**

Twelve of our "global partners" serve under 4 agencies: Global Serve, Camino Global, Equip and Cru. Eighteen of our missionaries serve with other agencies. Of the 54 individuals we support 18 are over 65 with 12 over 70! (What are you doing with your retirement?) Six are single women



**Where do our missionaries serve?**

Eighteen serve outside the United States: Three are in Slovenia 2 each in Spain, Mexico, and Kenya. Others are in Chad, Nigeria, Japan, Germany, Iraq, Bolivia, South Korea and India. Twelve are based here in the states, 4 of them (Allen's, Alonso's, Buerer's and Lindsey's) make frequent trips to various countries for ministry. Besides individual missionaries, our budget includes two ministries: Today's Choice and InterSenegal.



**What do they do?**

Thirteen of our missionaries' primary work is ministry support. This includes training nationals, development, administration, etc. Ten of our missionaries are in direct evangelism. Three in church planting work. Two in medical work. Two in education.



**What's new?**

Have you seen our new display of prayer cards for all our missionaries? To the right of the Welcome Desk there are individual information/prayer cards for each of our 30 missionaries. We encourage you to select one or 2 (or more!) people who are taking God's Good News around the world and get to know them AND pray for them. The card is small enough to fit in your Bible. The cards will remind you to pray for our "global partners." You can receive their regular newsletter by contacting them by-mail...their address is on their cards.

**Of special note:**

Phil and Arleen Blycker are completing 50 years of ministry this year, having served in several Latin American countries as music educators. Also, Beth Hanna is "retiring" after over 35 years, but will stay in Mexico as a volunteer with her agency. Serina Klotz is moving from Colombia to Bolivia in January (2018) and Justin and Lluvia Hoste are leaving Argentina for Mexico in January.



**How can you get involved?**

God calls all His children to work to "expand His kingdom." What you can do:

1. "Adopt" one of our global partners. Pray for him/her. Send an encouraging note, or birthday card. Receive their regular newsletter. Let them know you pray for them.
2. Go on one of LFC's mission trips. (Information will be available soon.)
3. Become informed of what's happening in countries where Christians experience persecution. Then pray!

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# March 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<b>SPECIAL EVENTS:</b> <b>March 24th: Easter Concert @ 7 PM</b> <b>March 25th: Easter Concert @ 7 PM</b> <b>March 29th: Maundy Thursday: Seder</b> <b>March 30th: Good Friday:</b> <b>Men's Breakfast @ 7AM</b> <b>Tenebrae Service @ 7:30 PM</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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## Gregg Gaffney, Pastor of Worship & Music

As I was listening to music while planning the Easter Cantata this year, an unusual title caught my eye; "Love Took His Breath Away". What a concept. God's love for us had Him put the plan of redemption in play right from the beginning in the garden. God's love for us had Jesus empty Himself and come to earth as a man. God's love for us is what drove our Lord to the cross. God's love for us is what compelled Him to willingly lay down His life there. God's love for US! All of us, mired in our sin and so unworthy of that love.

That is a message that transforms lives. We matter to God, and He has done what was needed to restore the fellowship that was broken by sin. It is not what we have done, but what He has done.

We live in an interesting world today. We are told that we, just by being who we are, have great worth. That we deserve anything and everything we desire. Of course, when those desires and wants conflict with someone else's desires and wants, we have a problem! The truth is that we do have great worth, but not because of who we are, but to borrow an accurate idiom, Whose we are.

My friend, Dr. Karl Enters, says it this way. "Despite the world telling you how great you are, you still feel like you're nothing but dirt. Well, get over it because that is what you are. From dust you came and from dust you shall return.

But don't forget, dirt yielded to the hands of the Master will be crafted into a vessel fit for service to the King!" The message is apt. Apart from Christ we are nothing. Yet even when we were apart from Him, He loved us so much that He was willing to lay down His life to redeem us. In Christ, we are heirs to the King because He has paid the penalty for our sin.

This is the message our world needs today! We will be sharing it in our Cantata Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Invite someone who needs to hear this truth. Come with those who need to be reminded of how much our God loves us. But even if you can't come, share this truth every opportunity you can and live in its power. Our God loves us!

**Love in all its glory,  
Love in all the pain,  
Love was crucified and crushed  
Beneath what our sins weigh.  
As blood flowed down  
And stained the ground,  
He felt Himself give way.  
It wasn't the nails or cross, you see;  
Love took His breath away!**

In Christ,

Pastor Greg Gaffney

## Holy Week Schedule of Events

March 24th:	Easter Concert: "LOVE Took His Breath Away" @ 7PM
March 25th:	PALM SUNDAY: Worship Services @ 8:15 & 11:00 AM Easter Concert: "LOVE Took His Breath Away" @ 7 PM
March 29th:	MAUNDY THURSDAY "Messiah in the Passover" @ 6:30 PM
March 30th:	GOOD FRIDAY Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 7 AM Tenebrae Service @7:30 PM
April 1st:	EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service @ 6:30 AM Easter Breakfast @ 7:00 AM Triumphant Resurrection Service @ 8:15 & 11:00 AM Sunday School @ 9:45 AM

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## Ryan Drew, Pastor of Students

The last few months have been busy for our Jr. and Sr. High students, and God has done great things in them through both of our winter retreats! Just to refresh your memory, our Jr. High students were able to go up to Camp Orchard Hill back in January, and the Sr. High students went to Camp Spofford in February. While the two trips were very different in some of the details, God used both to impact our students in powerful ways.

The Jr. High trip was focused on our role as believers in being "living proof" of the resurrection and the change that Jesus brings, taking us out of death and into life. What a great reminder to our students (and leaders for that matter) that God is truly at work in us through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit!

The Sr. High trip was themed around Psalm 34 and specifically the idea that we are to make Him known, to magnify Jesus in the world that we live. What was interesting was studying the "behind the scenes" elements of what was happening in David's life as he wrote this Psalm- things weren't very easy for him at the time!

No matter what we face in life, we still have the chance to collectively share and even sing the praises of God who hears us, is interested in our struggles, and wants to use us to bring the Gospel to others. We're grateful for how God used these two weekends to impact our kids!

Looking ahead, we're excited about upcoming events, specifically our missions trips this summer. We are planning a local missions outreach June 25-29 (no more snow days please!) and a return trip to Haiti August 6-13. We've been announcing these trips in youth group and more details will be coming soon, but we can't wait to put our kids in the position to bring the Gospel to people who need to hear it, both here (literally!) and abroad.

Christ is Risen!

Ryan

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

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[www.preceptaustin.org](http://www.preceptaustin.org). This website is a treasure house of biblical study helps. You can search by topics, scripture passages, books of the Bible and find some of the greatest study resources from all corners of the internet as well as throughout Christian history. This website pulls together commentaries, devotionals, word studies, sermons, bible studies, Bible dictionaries and more in a really effective search engine. This would be a great resource for both teachers and students alike.

"Revive" magazine-This is the publication of Life Action Ministries, a ministry committed to "igniting movements of authentic Christianity." I have recommended this publication before, but it continues to be such a challenge and blessing to me, I want to mention it again. This quarterly journal is free, though you have an opportunity to support the ministry. Along with the publication, I would suggest their website [lifeaction.org](http://lifeaction.org), as well. The site offers some powerful teaching, studies, and other resources all focused around awakening revival in our hearts, churches and culture.

I hope a few of these resources are a help to you in your daily walk. Let's make 2018 a year that we are more committed than ever to delight in God's Word, reading it more, studying it more, and, most importantly, obeying more.

In Christ,

Aaron Robb