



FBC RAMSEY

TO KNOW CHRIST &
MAKE HIM KNOWN



he is risen

• CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION •

He is risen indeed!

Come Celebrate and Worship

Our Risen Savior!

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9th @ 7am

Breakfast after Sunrise Service

Sunday School 9am

Worship Service 10am

No Evening Service

FROM PASTOR JEFF

"For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints, and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." - Hebrews 4:12

The Word of God is the foundation of our faith. It is the source of truth and wisdom that we need to navigate the complexities of life. In Hebrews 4:12, we are reminded that the Word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. This powerful statement speaks to the significance of the living Word of God and its impact on our lives.

As Christians, we believe that the Bible is much more than just a collection of ancient stories and teachings. It is the very Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by human authors. And because the Word of God is alive and active, it has the power to transform our lives in ways that we cannot even imagine.

When we read the Bible, we are encountering the very words of God. The Bible has the power to speak to us in a way that nothing else can. It is not just a book of stories or teachings, but a living message that has relevance for us today. The struggles and challenges that people faced in biblical times are not so different from the struggles and challenges we face today. The Bible has the power to speak to our hearts and minds, to give us wisdom and guidance in all areas of life.

The living Word of God is also powerful. It is sharper than any double-edged sword, able to penetrate even to the deepest parts of our being. The Bible has the power to convict us of sin, to challenge us to live more godly lives, and to encourage us in times of trouble. It has the power to transform our thoughts and actions, to help us become more like Christ in everything that we do.

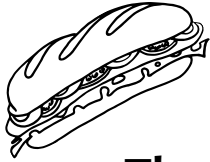
But the impact of the living Word of God goes beyond just our personal lives. It has the power to transform our communities and our world. The Bible teaches us about justice, mercy, and compassion, and it calls us to live out these values in our interactions with others. It provides us with a framework for understanding the world and our place in it, and it gives us the tools we need to work towards a better future.

So let us approach the living Word of God with reverence and humility, knowing that we are encountering the very words of God. Let us allow it to transform us, to convict us, and to guide us in all that we do. May the living Word of God be a source of strength, comfort, and inspiration for us all, and may it transform our world for the better.

It is also a good reminder that God uses living people to accomplish His living words. All the previous paragraphs were written by an AI (*Artificial Intelligence*) program. So, while all the words are good and can even touch someone's life, there is something crucial missing. For me to "write" this article cost me nothing. As a result, although His Word is still able to reach you, even through AI, I learned nothing, did not grow, and cheated myself out of a blessing. That is what happens when you do not spend time with the living Word of God and allow it to change you. So, don't cheat yourself out of what God has for you and spend time with Him and His living Word.

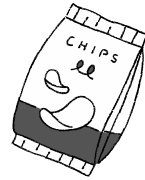
Following Him,

Jeff



SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

April 2nd @ 6pm



The church will provide the drinks. Please bring sandwiches, finger foods, or desserts. Come and enjoy visiting with our church family.



SWEET MONDAY

April 17th at 6pm

at the church.

Devotion and refreshments.

All ladies are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5-9

Mark your calendars!

Be praying about where God wants you to serve.

More details later!!



Youth Dinner & Dessert Auction

Sunday, April 23rd right after the morning service.

Dinner will be chicken and noodles and sides. We need volunteers to make desserts for the auction. If you make a dessert, please put your name on it. The money raised helps fund the youth mission trip this summer. Enjoy dinner, fellowship and support the youth!! It's always a fun time!



FROM PASTOR MATT

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

As we enter a season of celebrating where our salvation comes from, Jesus, may we be reminded of the action God displayed by extending His mercy and grace through sacrificing His Son. By this, we then, no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. We are living to know Christ more and to make Him known.

In March the Youth group investigated facts about the Bible followed by examining how God's Word is profitable and useful as God directs our lives. We had an enjoyable time working together trying to solve puzzles to escape a room followed by a time of fellowship and conversation while eating ice cream. Lighthouse went well with students eating, fellowshiping, participating in games, and hearing from God's word.

Mission Kids like wise had an enjoyable time in God's word studying about prayer. It has been enjoyable to see our students come excited and eager to see each other, play games, eat a snack, and learn more about God. I appreciate all our Mission Kids' workers for their dedication to our students.

April begins the fourth quarter and the last stretch of school. The calendar is full of events and extracurricular activities. The Youth group and Mission Kids will continue to meet every Wednesday night at 6:00pm. Mission Kids will find a way to serve in our community in the month of April. The last Lighthouse of the school year is Friday April 14th from 6:30-9:00pm. The Youth Group are invited to a cookout at the FUNeral home on Sunday April 16th starting at 5:00pm.

The Youth Group will also be hosting our annual Youth Lunch and Dessert Auction on Sunday April 23. Right after the morning worship, everyone is invited to a lunch served by our students and to bid on dessert made by our congregation. All proceeds go to the Youth Group mission trip fund. We appreciate all that this luncheon provides for us to do and the fellowship that takes place during our afternoon together.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support of our Mission Kids and Youth group programs. The students and their leaders are grateful!

Pastor Matt

Pictures from Escape Room



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are collecting specific items each month of the year as we work towards completing boxes in October. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

April Items:

Small coloring/activity books

Combs/Brushes

Small stuffed animals

We had a great time on Ladies Day out!
Lunch, Ax Throwing, Devotion



APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Kimberly Casey | 13 Jim Lay |
| 4 Jennifer Koski | 13 Larry Morefield |
| 6 Vicki Tate | 15 Reece Warnhoff |
| 8 April Lockart | 16 Debbie Carruthers |
| 8 Kendell Adermann | 17 Kelli Cook |
| 9 Jackie Smith | 22 Kaden Cook |
| 10 Cade Schackmann | 22 Karen Willis |
| 10 Mike & Tammy McDonald | 22 Lillie Eddy |
| 11 Charlie Harris | 23 Olivia Philbrick |
| 12 Laurna Casey | 26 Alina Braning |
| 13 Emily Finley | 26 Andrew & Jessica
Runge |
| 13 Hadley Seaton | 27 Mike Casey |
| 13 Hazel Davis | |

APRIL FOOD PANTRY

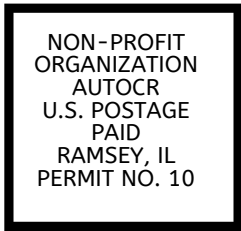
Pancake Mix
Canned Soup
Syrup
Applesauce
Dry Cereal
Gravy, Biscuit &
Muffin Mixes

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APRIL 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Community Sale
2 Deacons Mtg 5pm SNF 6pm Potluck	3 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Mondays)	4 FCA 7:30am	5 All Activities 6pm	6	7 Good Friday Office Closed	8
9 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7am Breakfast SS 9 Worship 10 No PM Service	10	11	12 MK/Youth 6pm Business Mtg 7pm	13	14 Lighthouse 6:30-9pm	15
16 Youth Cookout 5pm Bible Study 6pm	17 Sweet Monday 6pm	18 FCA 7:30am	19 All Activities 6pm	20	21 PreK Screenings 8:30-2:30	22
23 Youth Dinner/ Dessert Auction after worship	24	25	26 All Activities 6pm	27	28	29
30 Bible Study 6pm Church Council 7pm						