



## First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids  
That Rock for Jesus

### Surprise!

*“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered they did not find the body of Jesus” (Luke 24:1-3).*

High boys and girls. Have you ever played with a Jack-in-the-Box? When I was a child, it was one of my favorite toys. I can remember sitting and turning the handle, waiting for the moment when the lid would open and Jack would pop out. Even though I knew what was going to happen, I was always surprised, and perhaps even a little frightened, when Jack popped out of the box.

The Jack-in-the-Box reminds me of a story in the Bible—a story about a very special surprise. Early in the morning, on the Sunday after Jesus was crucified, two women went to the grave where Jesus had been buried. When they arrived, they found that the stone covering the opening to the grave had been rolled away from the entrance. They were surprised to find an empty grave and wondered what had happened to the body of Jesus.

While they were wondering about this, suddenly, two men in dazzling bright clothes appeared to the two women. Now they were not only surprised -- they were also afraid. The men spoke to the women and said, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, He has risen just as He told you He would."

When the women heard these words, they remembered that Jesus had told them that He would be crucified, but that He would rise again on the third day. Now they were no longer surprised at finding an empty grave. Instead, they were filled with joy. They rushed back to tell his disciples, and everyone else, what they had seen.

Life is filled with surprises. Some surprises, like playing with a Jack-in-the-Box, make us happy. However, the reason we have to be happy today is that the grave where Jesus was buried is empty. He is alive and He loves us very much! And one day He is going to bring us to heaven so we can live with Him forever. That is what we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Have a wonderful Easter.

Pastor Larry

***“I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of  
God that brings salvation to everyone that believes.”  
Romans 1:16***

## **A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:**

**Happy Easter! He has Risen!** In our children's Church lessons for the month of March, we have been leading up to this day all month. We have seen how Jesus taught His Disciples, how Jesus struggled in the garden in prayer, and His entrance on Palm Sunday. If you look in Isaiah 53, you will meet a prophet named Isaiah. His words often sounded like riddles to the children of Israel. Yet all of those "riddles" held clues as to who Jesus was, what He would do, and how He would do it. If you look in the New Testament in Luke 24:2-3 you will see how the empty tomb means life eternal.

Early in the morning, before the sun was up, the women carried their supplies to the tomb. They wanted to wrap Jesus in cloths and preservatives, as was the custom of the time- not a very pleasant chore, especially since Jesus was to have been the king of the Jews and was to have rescued them from Roman rule. He was only thirty-three years old and he was very special. The women came anyway. They wanted Jesus' body to be treated with respect. They had admired him while he lived.

But wait! When the women got there, the tomb was empty. They didn't need their supplies because Jesus had risen-he was gone. They were very frightened, thinking that someone had stolen the body. But then the angel told them that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead, just as he said he would, and that they should go and tell this good news to the others.

He came alive because He was God. Jesus also said that anyone who believes in Him would never die-they will come alive too. That is the real meaning of Easter.

The women were only just beginning to understand and so their joy was tempered with fear. We do understand and so our joy is enriched with thanks, praise, and gratitude.

**Thank you to those children that donated items to help the WMU ladies with their Harmony Home project for February.**

### **April Sunday School Schedule:**

- 4/4: Jesus Crucifixion and Resurrection
- 4/11: Peter Escaped from Prison
- 4/18: Paul's First Journey
- 4/25: The Church Divided

### **Children's Church Schedule:**

- April 4: "Breaking News: Jesus Has Risen!"
- April 11: "The Night Visitor"
- April 18: My Father's House
- April 25: Jesus Raises Lazarus From Death



## RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There are great bible studies for adults too!



### GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

For the month of April, we will be meeting Heidi and William Haun. They are missionaries serving the Lord in Ghana. Take a minute and see if you can find Ghana on a world map. Look at how far away it is from Virginia. They are associated with the Baptist Medical Centre in Nalerigu, Ghana, which provides outstanding care as doctors and volunteers prescribe faith in Jesus to each patient. Dr. Heidi is a surgeon at the hospital, and her husband, William supports missions in northern Ghana as a media specialist. We will learn how the Hauns serve the Mamprusi people physically and spiritually.

Use your GA books to follow along with our study for April.

In Week 1, we will investigate the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection, learn the definition of faith, and discover how Heidi Haun's faith in God strengthens her service in Ghana. (Pages 19-22)

In Week 2, you will be introduced to the Mamprusi people and culture. (Pages 18, 23)

In Week 3, you will learn how to make a Ghanaian beverage. You will hear about challenges the Haun family encounters while serving their Ghanaian community. (Pages 24-29)

Week 4, you will learn how to pray for Health Care Workers (page 30)

Our scripture verse for April will be John 20:18. "Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news. She said, 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her"

Watch the FBCC Facebook page for postings on Wednesday nights for GA's. Work along in your GA World book each week as we share. Make sure you look at the MK kids that are having birthdays for the month. Say a prayer for them and their families.



**Ages 2 years—8th Grade**

**Sundays 4:00-5:00**

*We will meet outside in the Picnic Shelter or Breezeway when possible.*

*Masks are not required outside.*

### Mission Friends:

**Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)**

Missionaries: William and Heidi Haun

Mission Area: Ghana

Concept Area: World