

April Activities

(See online calendar for complete list.)

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April 11th – Tech Savvy Seniors. Hands on help and teaching technology skills to members. Open to all. Contact Dea. Eddie Johnson.

April 11th & 25th -- Wellness & Fitness @ 8:00am. Contact Sis. Marlene Carter.

April 12th -- *2nd **SUNDAY SPECIAL Communion** & New Member Welcome @ 5pm

April 14th – Y/E & 1Q **First Family Meeting** @ 7:00pm. Zoom and in-person. Link available at www.fbcopv.org.

April 18th – Clothes & More giveaway of clothing, food, and other items. Location is park next to 8616 Progress Blvd. Contact Sis. Betty Dixon.

April 19th – Mosaic Company Information Reception for church and community. Residents invited and all are encouraged to attend immediately following Worship service in the dining room.

April 21st – Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Contact Min. David Hill or Dea. Ed Leonard.

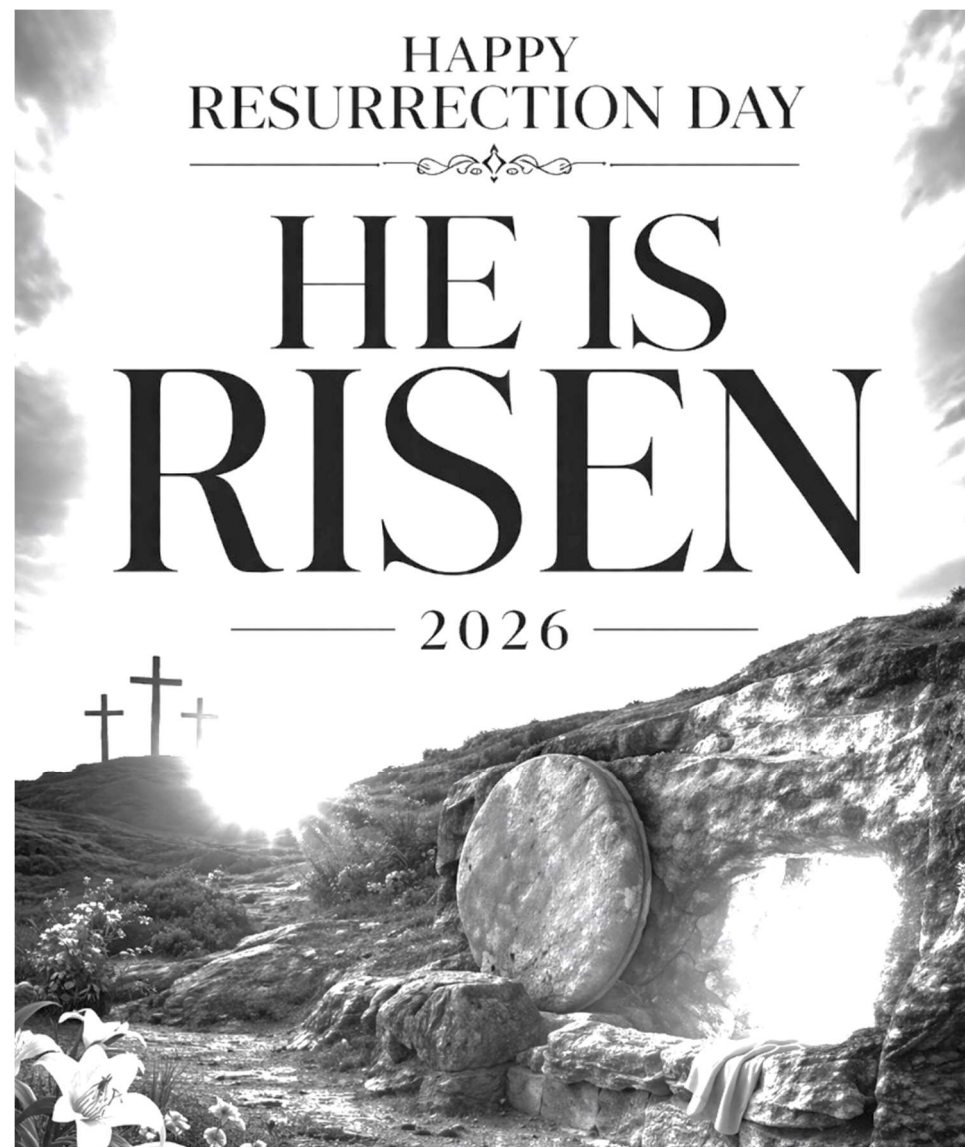
April 25th – Women of Wisdom Spring Tea. Spaces are filled. Contact Sis. Dedra Keith.

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First Baptist Church of Progress Village
"Rolling Stones of Life Away"

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

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April 5, 2026

Mark 16:1-4 (NASB) *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him.*

2 *Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.*

3 *They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"*

4 *Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.*

I. God grants us _____ from our heavy stones.

Mark 16:2-3 (NASB) *Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"*

- A. Don't be **persuaded** by problems too big to handle on your own.

Luke 18:27 (NASB) *But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God."*

- B. Our big problems are God's great opportunities of _____.

Mark 16:4 (NASB) *Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.*

- C. _____ God to do the **heavy** lifting I cannot do.

John 14:27 (KJV) *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

God's peace will always be bigger than my problems

II. God gives us _____ through our heavy stones.

Mark 16:5 (NASB) *Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed.*

- A. God will **always** do what he promised and will **never** fail.

Mark 16:6 (NASB) *And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.*

- B. God has _____ done the heavy lifting.

Ephesians 1:11 (KJV) *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

III. God gives us _____ beyond our heavy stones.

Mark 16:7 (NASB) *"But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"*

- A. My purpose is found in my _____ to the finished work of Jesus.

Mark 16:7 (NASB) *"But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"*

- B. My purpose is not _____ because of my personal problems.

Mark 16:7 (NASB) *"But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"*

Mark 16:8 (NASB) *They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

- C. My devotion to God outweighs the discouragement of my _____.