

# April 2011



**Springtime is Coming! Springtime is Coming!**

It is fitting that Spring is the season of year that we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, since the signs of new life are all around us. God seems to have built the theme of death and resurrection into the very fabric of nature. And it is repeated every year, at least for those of us who are brave enough to live in parts of the world which experience all four seasons. After another Ohio winter where death seemed to reign, Spring brings the promise of life in the blooming of a million flowers. The trees that were once dry sticks in the ground are now starting to come alive with green leaves and multi-colored blossoms. Dark, gloomy skies are starting to be replaced by a few deep blue, majestic sunny skies. As we think about the resurrection of Christ at the beginning of Spring it is fitting for us to pause and consider just why the resurrection matters. There are at least three reasons why the resurrection of Christ is so important.

*First, the resurrection of Jesus states a historical fact.* When we talk about the resurrection of Christ we are talking about something that actually happened in time, space and history. The gospel is what God has done for us in human history by Christ's sinless life, substitutionary death and resurrection from the grave.

*Second, the resurrection of Jesus expresses a theological truth.* The theological truth that is expressed by the resurrection of Christ is that Christ as the second Adam came to undo the effects of the sin of the first Adam. This is why Christ had to come as a man. It was man who had rebelled against his holy Creator. God the Father in His mercy and love sent His only begotten Son into this world to become a man and to obey where Adam disobeyed and to die the death that we all deserve for Adam's sin. His resurrection restored what Adam lost as a man.

*Third, the resurrection of Christ produces an eschatological certainty.* Eschatology is the "study of last things or the end times." Therefore, what I'm saying is that Christ's resurrection provides us with certainty about the future. About what in our future has the resurrection produced certainty? First, Satan and his demonic forces will be defeated. Second, death itself will be defeated. Third, the Kingdom will be delivered over to the Father. What a day that will be! So does the resurrection matter? You better believe it.

Now would be an excellent time to begin to prayerfully consider who God may want you to invite to our Easter celebration service on April 24, 2011. There are so many around us who still need to hear the amazing and life changing story of Jesus. Make plans to start inviting others to what will be a powerful service of fellowship, music, and inspiration.

Oh and by the way thank you StoneBridge Church family for helping us reach our "Blessed to be a Blessing campaign" phase one goal of \$35,000. We did it together!

Yours truly,  
Pastor Randy and Charlina Reed



## Women's ministry

HOPE CIRCLE-Christian Women Connection will meet Thurs., April 7 at noon with lunch. Our program theme will be "Dangerous Hospitality". We will be putting together 25 school kits to send to Ghana. The supply list is on the 'Women's Ministry bulletin board. For more information contact Beckie Harp at 419.424.5622.

LADIES NIGHT OUT-Mon. April 18 at 6:30 pm. Meet at Cedar Valley. Bring a friend. Contact Marcene Wallace at marcy4355@aol.com or 419.422.8269.

ALL DAUGHTER'S BANQUET will be Sat., April 30 at 5 pm. The Speaker will be Connie Lyon, Findlay High School Women's Basketball Varsity Coach. Topic is Winning Strategies. Middle school and younger are encouraged to wear school, sports, or cheerleading uniforms if they wish. They will have the opportunity to learn a cheer and perform it. Tickets will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 8 to 3. Kids 2 years and under free. Tickets will go on sale Sun., April 10. This is an occasion for ALL ladies. All of us are daughters. Bring a friend, a sister, a neighbor. Make up a table of church ladies whose families are far away. Menu is an "Italian Spaghetti feast."



## BRIDGEKIDS ministry

### BRIDGEKIDS' EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:

Families are invited to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter EGGstravaganza on Sat., April 23 from 11 am-1 pm. Families with children ages 12 months through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to come and enjoy a celebration of the cross through an egg hunt, carnival games, prizes and lunch will be served! Help us celebrate salvation! Don't forget your baskets!

BRIDGEKIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need your help to make our Easter EGGstravaganza great! We are collecting plastic Easter eggs, Easter egg candy, hot dogs, buns, mini bags of chips, condiments, baked goods for cake walk, and donations. We need help with setup, tear down, carnival game workers, cooks, people to hide eggs and MUCH, MUCH MORE!!! Please see Elizabeth Hultz, Children's Director for more information.

Do you love the sound of a child's laughter? Do you love to be silly at times? Do you love kids? Then BridgeKids Ministry needs you! BridgeKids Ministry has the following positions available: Aides for 2's and 3's room, Aides for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Camp BridgeKids, Nursery workers for 9:30 am and 10:45 am hours. Requirements for working in the BridgeKids Ministry include a heart for Jesus Christ, a love for children, attendance at StoneBridge Church for six months or longer, and a criminal background check. We will equip you with everything you need to know! Please contact Elizabeth Hultz by email at ehultz@stonebridgechurch.org or 419.422.6862 .x207.

**BRIDGEKIDS IS IN NEED OF USED DRYER SHEETS!** Please drop them off each Sunday in the Camp BridgeKids room 301.

BridgeKids Ministry would like to thank Judi Herrin and Sue Thomas for all their hard work painting Camp BridgeKids. However, they could always use some help. Please see Elizabeth Hultz if you are interested in helping.

CLUB 54 is a new ministry for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We want to help these preteens as they transition into Pulse Jr. High Student Ministry. Club 54 will be located room 206 in the BridgeKids hallway. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this ministry. They are a great group of kids! Please see Elizabeth Hultz for more information on this exciting new ministry!

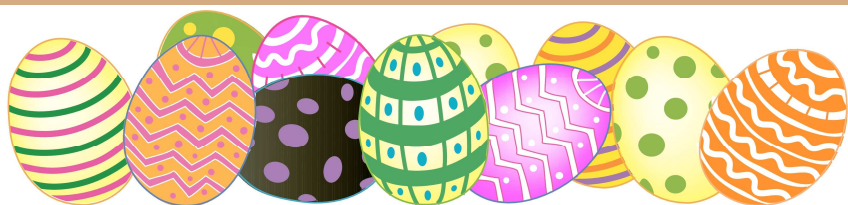
BRIDGEKIDS NURSERY ministry is currently in need of many items. Please see Liz Dindal, Nursery Supervisor or Elizabeth Hultz for more information.

CAMP BRIDGEKIDS students 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade have been issued a challenge by Miss Elizabeth to have all of the New Testament books memorized in order! Children who complete this challenge will be invited to join Miss Elizabeth for a Happy Meal! Please encourage your children to dig into God's Word!

- † April 21 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm at StoneBridge
- † April 22 StoneBridge Worship Band 7 pm at Sand Sculpture @ Fair Grounds
- † April 23 Children's/Family event here at church (See BridgeKids Above)
- † April 24
  - †Community Sunrise Service 6:30 am at Sand Sculpture @ Fair Grounds
  - †Resurrection Service 8:30 am at StoneBridge
  - †Sunday School 9:30 am
  - †Celebration Service 10:45 am at StoneBridge

**Senior ministry** Actioneers will meet Thurs., April 21 at noon and celebrate birthdays. Meat will be furnished. Please bring a dish of food to share. Anyone 50 or older is welcome. Contact Marie Jernigan if you are interested at djernigan@woh.rr.com or 419.422.7102.

**SENIOR CENTER APPRECIATION DINNER:** Mon., April 11 at 6 pm, we still need help in the kitchen, decorating tables, clean up and LOTS of pies! For more information contact: Sue Mompher at 419.422.4500.



## Student ministry

### JR. HIGH PULSE (Wednesday nights)

#### WHAT REALLY MATTERS

April 6 Do I Have To be A Jesus Freak? *Revelation 3:4-35*

April 13 Do I Have To Like Everyone? *Acts 7:51-60*

April 20 Is It Ever OK To Lie? *Joshua 2:1-24*

April 27 What's The Point? *Luke 10:38-42*



### SMALL GROUPS

April 3-Girls 6:30-8 pm (Sunday night @ Gerken's house)

April 17-Guys 4-6:30 pm (Sunday night @ the church)

### SR. HIGH IMPACT (Sunday nights)

#### THE NEW COVENANT

April 3 The Betrayal and Arrest

April 10 The Death (small group)

April 17 The New Covenant

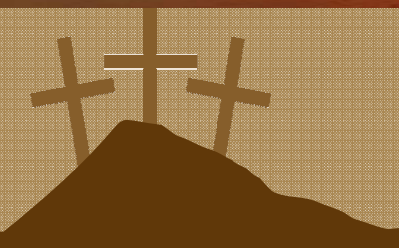


### 30-Hour Famine

May 20-21

### YOUNG ADULTS (18-24)

We meet every Wednesday night at a Restaurant (8:30-10 pm) and we are going to be diving into the book "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. See Pastor Nate for details.



The Church of God in Japan is responding to the needs in the area affected by the earthquake and tsunami. Anyone wishing to contribute to the relief fund may send checks to Church of God Ministries, PO box 2420, Anderson, IN 46018 and note on the check project #45.04508. All monies will go directly for the needs in that area of Japan.

**HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE** is a Wednesday night offering beginning at 6:30 pm in room 305 where we take a portion of Pastor Randy's sermon and show how we can take the keys and principle he shares and make them our own. We use study tools that enable us to be workman of his Word. If the Bible seems to be a monumental book to read and understand then this study is right for you. Questions or comments are welcome by addressing Hugh McClintock Pastor of Care and Formation at 419.422.6862 x205 or hmclintock@stonebridgechurch.org.