

# The Silver Star

The Church of Christ - shining like a star in Silver City

April 12, 2009

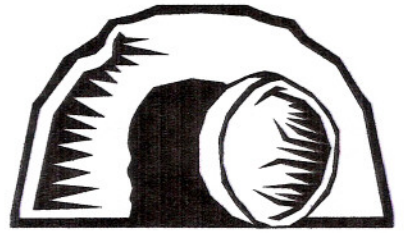
## Our Mission:

"To glorify God by being a Christ-centered, Spirit-led church where every 'one' matters."

## Rumor Regarding the Resurrection

- A. Happy Easter
- B. The resurrection of Jesus is the single most important event in human history.
- C. The Rumor
- D. Jesus' Prediction of His Resurrection was Common Knowledge
- E. If the disciples did not steal the body, how was the tomb emptied?
- F. Conclusion

## Evidence for the Resurrection



Even in Jesus' time, some of those who faced the "Lord, Liar, or Lunatic" question decided that Jesus was either a liar or a lunatic. So staggering were Jesus' claims about his role in God's salvific plan that they were sometimes hard to accept even for those that knew him and witnessed his ministry. This is ultimately why he was put to death. How, then, are we to decide who Jesus really was?

The Christian position is that this question was settled at the Resurrection. Whatever we might have thought about Jesus before he was raised from the dead, when God raised Jesus from the dead he put an end to all speculation. The Resurrection was God's endorsement of Jesus' teachings, a vindication of Jesus' claims that got him crucified, a declaration that he was and is Lord. Whatever evidence there is for Jesus' resurrection, then, is evidence for the truth of the claims that he made about himself.

The basic sequence of events surrounding Jesus' death at the birth of the church, Christian apologists remind us, is uncontroversial. Theologians and historians are generally agreed on the kinds of claims that Jesus' made, and that it was because of these claims that he was crucified. It is also generally accepted, the apologists continue, that following his crucifixion Jesus' followers, who now included some who had not followed him previously, claimed to have seen him, risen from the dead. These followers preferred to die rather than to retract this claim, and it is on this testimony that the church was founded. This much is taken to be uncontroversial: the crucifixion, the claims to have seen the risen Jesus, and the willingness to face persecution for making this claim. The question is what we make of it.

## Join us...

**Next Sunday morning, April 19,**

Brother CK Holt will bring us a presentation on the New Mexico Children's Home in Portales during our Bible Class hour. Come & find out about this work!

**April's Pot Luck - Next Sunday!**

April 19th due to Easter  
Congregational meeting after our meal.

**Sunday Evenings 5:00 PM**

Join us for a series on Marriage.



**Wednesday Night for the Master -**

Singing this week

**Game Night**

Friday, April 24 - More info next week

**Red River Family Encampment**

June 27 - July 1, 2009

If you have not made reservations for rooms or camping slots, you should do so soon!

**Happy Birthday to**

Linda Barentine & Riley Vermillion (15th),  
Curtis Barentine (17th),  
& Tenisha Fell (18th)



*Events especially for ladies....*

*Bilingual-Ladies Spring Tea*

*"A Journey Together"*

*Saturday, April 18, 2009*

*The Church of Christ in Eastwood*

*Guest speaker-Carla Lowe  
from North Richland Hills Texas*

*Pine Springs Ladies' Retreat -*

*September 11-12*

*Glorieta Retreat 2009 - September 25-26*

*"It's All About Him - The Joy of Worship"*

*Sponsored by the Grants ladies*

*New Location - Manzano Mountain  
Retreat*

*Speakers: Emily Lemley & Sarah Jackson*

*Early registration is recommended -*

*\$55 per person.*

*Registration will begin in July.*

**teenspace/youthspace**

**\*\*\*LTC 2009 - "Life, Light, Word"**

**April 10 - 12**

Pray for our teens who are  
traveling home today from Phoenix.

Actual results of their events will be posted  
soon, but we hear the choir & Bible Bowl  
teams were pleased with their showing.

## *In need of your prayers...*

Aaron Rogers, Richard & Thelma's son, had his appendix removed last Wednesday night

Kim Scullion's blood clot cleared again & she is home from the hospital - still looking for long-term solutions

Jeanne Young's problems seem to be due to a vertebrae - she'll be seeing a specialist in Las Cruces

### Cancer Patients:

Gatlin Clark, Earl Anderson, Cheryl Baxter (Pat Rogers' neighbor), Arthur Clark, Jackie Clark (wife of Deb Laws' cousin), Ed DeLaTorre (friend of Pete Palomarez - colon cancer), TJ Gimple (Tenisha's boss), Brent Hall's mom, Everet Hardesty (Linda Reeder's dad - bladder cancer), CK Holt (leukemia that will not need to be treated at this time), George Malone (from Las Vegas), Betty Marcum, Amy Martin (Catherine's niece - colonoscopy coming up in April), Karl Moore, Joey Mora (friend of Harry's - aggressive cancer in his bladder), Jean Olander, Dave Ruth (Bill's brother), Richard Snyder (difficulties with treatments), Holly Tow (radiation), Sam Turner (Burkitt's Leukemia - has finished treatments)

Cyrus Long, friend of the Sandersons, passed away in March due to inoperable brain tumors

### Last Week's Contributions

Contribution	\$ 3228.00
Kids' Kash	\$ 97.31
Building Fund	\$ 250.00
Van Fund	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3655.31</b>
Budget	\$ 3000.00

### **VAN FUND**

Beginning balance \$ 13695.27

Balance today \$ 6270.00

Mark you donation "van fund"

& give during our regular collection.

### **Service & Sharing...**

#### PANTRY

Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad, needs groceries for their elderly residents. They need cold cereal (Cheerios, Cornflakes, Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies) or any large canned food.



Please bring your donations by  
Sunday, April 26.

#### SIGN UP!!!

Communion Preparation  
& Wednesday Night Meals need  
sign-ups ASAP.

See the back table for the sheets.