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# the torch



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## Musings Surprised by Our Savior

Do you like surprises? Not everyone does.

It might surprise some folks that author, inventor and politician Benjamin Franklin wrote his own epitaph. Ben never publicly claimed to be a Christian, but he must have been influenced by what the Bible said about the resurrection of the body because he wrote: *“The body of B. Franklin, printer, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, lies here food for worms. But the work shall not be wholly lost, for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more perfect edition, corrected and amended by the Author.”*

Old Ben had it right — because the resurrection is for real! Jesus promised that He would be raised back to life on the third day, and unlike this broken unbelieving world, Jesus always keeps His promises to us.

But all the same, it was quite surprising.

The women who on that first Easter morning carried spices to the tomb to anoint and preserve the body were surprised.

Mary Magdalene was surprised when the one she thought was a gardener turned out to be our risen Savior.

The two disciples who walked with Jesus to the town of Emmaus were so surprised at meeting a risen Jesus that they ran to the apostles to tell them about it.

Probably one of the most surprised people in the entire world was St. Paul when he was thrown to the ground by a resurrected Jesus, saying, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?”

And just maybe God had all of these people experience and record these surprising encounters with a risen Jesus so that by reading their witness in God’s Word, we will be comforted and assured that, through faith in the resurrected Jesus as our Lord and Savior, our sins are forgiven and our futures secured.

That’s a surprise anyone would welcome!

*Pastor Mike*

**Deadline to submit items for the next issue of The Torch: Wednesday — April 27, 2016**

## EVENTS Mark Your Calendars

April looks so quiet after the bustle of Lent and Easter, doesn't it?

We will continue with Wednesday Community Dinners at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

(If you would be willing to help cook, please see Pastor Mike or check the sign-up sheet. We can also use people to clean up dining room and wash dishes.)

*NOTE: For a full calendar of events, please see Sunday announcements, the online calendar... or contact the church office.*

## Serving at FLC — April 2016

### Readers

8:30 am

Apr 3 Karin Vannett  
Apr 10 Diane Grindstaff  
Apr 17 Rose Wood  
Apr 24 Barbara Swift

10:30 am

Apr 3 Tim Dorcy  
Apr 10 Gail Clutter  
Apr 17 Diane Jaeger  
Apr 24 Barbara Franckowiak

### Communion Preparation

Linda Barnhart

### A/V Techs

8:30 am—OPEN

10:51 am—Shellody Efimoff

## Look Who's Celebrating in April!

### Birthdays

2 Jerry Jaeger; Ed Kennedy  
4 Jeni Marshall  
9 Delaney Coupe  
10 Walter Hartstra  
11 Diane Grindstaff  
13 Bill Worth  
16 Michael Matthies; Pat Narvais  
17 Patricia Jones  
18 Diana Barry  
24 Sharon Beebee  
25 Emma Nelson  
27 Matt Hamilton  
28 Brad Foss  
29 Parker Jones

### Anniversary

14 Riff and Virginia Washburn

## Did You Know...

We have a free community dinner on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. Eighty to 140 meals are served every week. All of the food is prepared by volunteers, who also set up the tables and clean the Fellowship Hall following the meal.

We give food away on Saturday mornings — always bread, and often produce as well. It's called Food-Share and we see 100-200 people every week. Again, this program is staffed by volunteers.

Food for these programs is purchased at the County Food Bank. We are essentially a go-between because the Food Bank doesn't supply food directly to

the public.

Although the food is available at greatly discounted prices, it still "costs something." We are grateful that we have been able to fully fund the Wednesday meal and Saturday food distribution through grants, in particular those from LWML and Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento (LDSS).

The Clothes Closet, once again run by volunteers, is open to coincide with our food programs. We rely on donations to keep the shelves stocked.

God has really blessed these ministries, and we thank Him that with His help we are able to serve our neighbors.



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### *Our Mission Statement*

**Bringing the Word of God and Christ's gift of salvation into every life as the hands and feet of Jesus, meeting physical and spiritual needs.**

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