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PASTOR'S CORNER

[Jesus our Lord] was handed over to death for our Trespasses and was raised for justification. -Romans 4:25

Now we come to the resurrection of Christ, to the day of Easter. After a person has contemplated the passion and cross of Christ and has thus become aware of his sin and is terrified in his heart, he must watch that sin does not remain in his conscience, for this would lead to sheer despair.

You cast your sins from yourself and onto Christ when you firmly believe that his wounds and sufferings are your sins, to be borne and paid for by him, as we read in Isaiah 53:6, "The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." St. Peter says, "in his body has he borne our sins on the wood of the cross" (1 Pet. 2:24). You must stake everything on these similar verses. But if you behold your sin resting on Christ and see it overcome by his resurrection, and then boldly believe this, even it is dead and nullified. Sin cannot remain on Christ, since it is swallowed up in his resurrection.

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HOW DOES GOD
"BRING HIS
CHILDREN HOME?"
THROUGH YOU!
WHEN YOU INVITE
THEM TO HEAR
THE WORD OF GOD
WITH YOU!

INVITE
A FAMILY MEMBER,
NEIGHBOR,
CO-WORKER,
FELLOW
STUDENT, OR
FRIEND
TO JOIN YOU ON
SUNDAY
IN ATTENDING.

SUNDAYS 9:00 AM

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Now you see no wounds, no pain in him, and no sign of sin. Thus St. Paul declares that “Christ died for our sin and rose for our justification.” That is to say, in his suffering Christ makes our sin known and thus destroys it, but through his resurrection he justifies us and delivers us from all sin. If we believe this.

“A Meditation on Christ’s Passion” (1519) By Martin Luther
LW 42, 12



THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH WILL BE
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

Join us for our Sunday Fellowship Brunch and Visitor Welcome! (After Sunday service).

We hold these on the last Sunday of the month. We want to encourage fellowship for our whole congregation, as well as encouraging you to bring a guest with you that week! Bring them to our 9:00 am service and stay later for Brunch! The church will supply some of the brunch food, but we ask each family to bring a brunch item to share (muffins, egg casseroles, quiche, etc.), so we will have enough for our guests.



Fellowship time after Service:

Please join us at the coffee cart after 9:00 am Service for some Fellowship time with your Faith family!

Coffee and snacks will be provided!

WOMEN'S
Bible Study



Join us for Women’s Sunday Morning Bible Study from 8:10-8:50 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying the “Perfectly Flawed” (God transforms our weaknesses into strengths)” by Lisa Toney.

Certain Medications Riskier for People With Dementia

Some medications affect your brain and nervous system. Side effects can include an increased risk of confusion, falls, and hospitalization. This risk is higher for people with dementia—a brain disorder that causes memory loss and difficulty thinking clearly. A new study showed that many people with dementia are taking medicines that may not be safe for them.

Researchers studied medical records of about 4,800 people aged 65 and older. They looked at how many people took at least one medicine that can affect the brain and nervous system for at least 28 days.

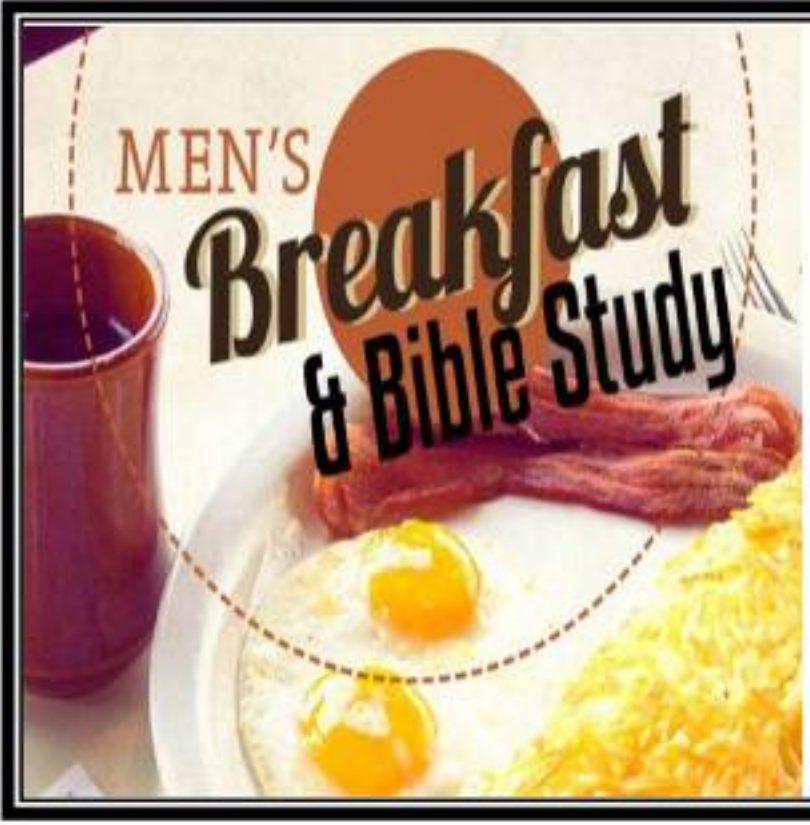
The medicines included certain drugs that treat depression, anxiety or panic attacks, and sleeping problems. They also looked at some drugs that cause drowsiness. The researchers wanted to understand who was taking these drugs and why. In people with dementia, 25% took at least one of these medicines. Only 17% of people without dementia took one of these medications.

The findings show that many older adults may be taking medications that might not be safe for them. Many did not have a medical reason to use them. Lowering the use of these medications could lead to better, safer care.

But prescriptions that affect the brain and nervous system may sometimes be needed.

“It is important for older patients and their caregivers to work closely with their physicians to ensure that these medications are appropriate to their cases,” says Dr. Annie Yang of Yale University.

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2026/04/certain-medications-riskier-people-dementia>



Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is held every Saturday morning at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. They are currently studying 2 Samuel. Come on by and join them for food, fellowship and the Word of the Lord!



"FOOD FOR FAITH"

Faith wants to take care of our families! Whether it is to celebrate the birth of a baby, help during chemo-therapy months for our brothers and sisters, or provide meals when a family member is sick or has passed away, Food for Faith wants to help our families. But we cannot do it without the help of all of you. Food for Faith needs volunteers who would be willing to provide a meal for our families that are in need. If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church Narthex, or you can contact Sherry Llamas at 714-337-7201.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." ~ Hebrews 13:16



Next BOD Meeting
May 20 @ 6:00 pm



Next Elders Meeting
NO MEETING THIS MONTH



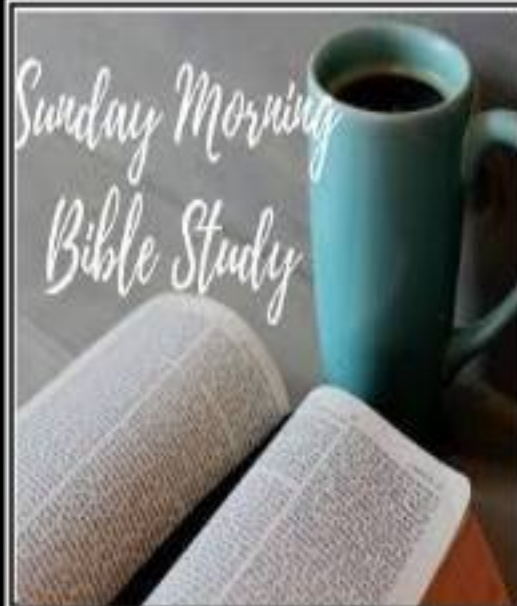
SCRIP Sales Schedule 2026

May 3, May 17, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, September 6, September 20, October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15, December 6, December 20

Updated SCRIP List is on the table in the Narthex.



The new Byzantine Service will be held on the first Saturday of every month at 5:00 pm. Please join us for a new worship service.



You are welcome to join us every Sunday for Bible Study after 9:00 am Service in the Fellowship Hall except on the last Sunday of the month when we have the Fellowship Brunch. We are currently studying "The Book of Ruth" led by Pastor Gene Smith and David Juengel.



REMINDER

LWML Mite Sunday is on the first Sunday of the Month.

Turn in your mites on Sunday, May 3, 2026!

April Brunch



This Month's Anniversaries



Aldo & Sherry Llamas 5/01



*If we missed any birthdays or anniversaries,
please contact the Church. Thanks!*

Birthdays of the Month



Delaney Creacy	5/02	Heather Hale	5/09
Barbara Danbo	5/02	Adam Cammarota	5/11
Amanda McCreight	5/02	Jaxson Hale	5/16
James Creacy	5/03	Caitlin Gonzalez	5/17
Marilyn Austin	5/05	Dolly Repasa	5/17
Sandy Bedwell	5/05	Aine Carroll	5/20
Diane Brody	5/05	Gene Smith	5/20
Karen Rice	5/06	Joshua Creacy	5/23
Barbara Brody	5/07	Kelly Duerfeldt	5/29
Cailee Falkenberg	5/07		

Early June BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Mauldin

6/03



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Come join us for our **Thursday Bible Study** in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00 AM!**

We are currently studying **Genesis 1-2**. This is a discussion study and so will not be streamed online.



Come Be A Part Of God's Great Gift!

As an act of Grace — undeserved love for us — God sent Jesus “to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

— 2 Corinthians 5:21b

Jesus took our sin & death and in exchange — week by week — we receive forgiveness,

eternal life and the status of holy children of God. Please join us at Faith each Sunday for:

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (inside sanctuary)

1:00 PM Online Worship Service [Upload] on Youtube.

www.youtube.com/@davidtito834/video

“...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Romans 6:4





Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

*Church Office Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
and Friday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM*

<p>3</p> <p>8:10-8:50 AM WBS 9:00 AM Worship Service After 9:00 AM Service Bible Study (in the Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>9:15 am Food Set-up</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 am Food Distribution</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am Bible Study 5:9:30 pm Young Champions</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 - 9:00 am Men's Breakfast/Bible Study</p>
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