

# Calvin Commentary



*April 1, 2015*

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

4201 Transcontinental Drive  
Metairie LA 70006

## **Matthew 28:6**

He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

## **From the Pastor's Study**

### **Jesus Resurrection**

The death and resurrection of Jesus were experienced by the early Christians as linked events. The Jesus who died for us was also raised for us. The message of the cross and resurrection formed the core of the early church's proclamation of Jesus. The resurrection is the guarantee that Christ's death is effective. Without the resurrection there would be no gospel to proclaim. As Paul points out to the Corinthians, without God's act of raising Jesus from the dead our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. The risen Christ is the assurance that believers one day will rise and that evil and death do not have the last word. It is God who gives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. This victory is our future hope as well as a present reality in that the divine power of Christ's resurrection is experienced in the church and in the lives of Jesus followers.

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**4.6** Church Office Closed  
Playschool closed all week

**4.7** PW Council meeting  
10:00 AM in church library

**4.14** Lydia Circle 7PM

**4.21** Grace Circle 9:30 AM

**4.20** Session Meeting 7PM

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

April 5, 2015

We welcome new members  
to our church family.

Barbara Taylor  
and  
Bruce Taylor

53 Amelie Ave.  
Kenner LA 70065

AND

Margaret Wandfluh  
and  
Hans Wandfluh

300 Lake Marina Ave.  
Suite 17H  
New Orleans LA 70124

## From the Pastor's Study Continued ...

Jesus resurrection means that God vindicated Jesus. Easter is God's yes to the ministry of Jesus. In the resurrection, God reversed the injustice done to Jesus in this crucifixion and makes it clear that Jesus is the righteous one whose life, teaching, and death are now ratified by the power of God who raised him from the dead. The resurrection also marks God's exalting of Jesus so he is said to be raised to the right hand of God. As ancient kings in Israel were enthroned so now Jesus is exalted and raised up to share rule with God over the whole of creation.

Ultimately it is the resurrection of Jesus Christ that enables our redemption. Just as the fellowship between Jesus and his disciples is restored on that first Easter when Jesus appears to his followers, so now Jesus promises to restore fellowship and reconciliation to sinners. Indeed restored communion with Jesus is reconciliation with God in and through Jesus. Our justification, our being in right relationship with God, is made possible through Jesus death on the cross and God's raising Jesus to new life. As Paul wrote to the Romans, it will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead and who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Believers experience a real union with the living Christ and thus we are justified or saved.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ also reveals the future. Christ has set us free for the present evil age and inaugurated the age to come. The Jewish hope for a messianic age when God's reign will be complete has now been established in the raising of Jesus by God's power. The resurrection of Jesus is the pledge of future resurrection for all believers, the first fruits of those who have died. Through the resurrection believers have a hope of sharing the glory of God. If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

The resurrection of Jesus is central to the Christian faith. The Risen Christ makes all things new, for those who know the power of the resurrection, enabling us to serve Jesus Christ in the present as we look to the future with a living hope.

In Christ's Service  
Rev. Harry Brown



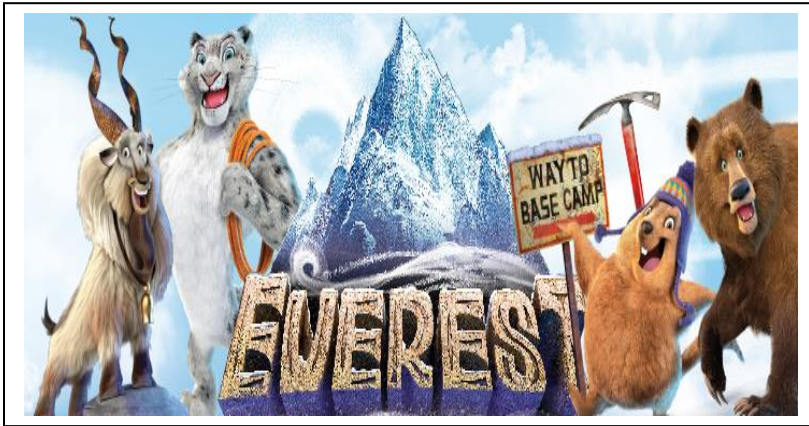


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# JCPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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July 20 – 26 9:00AM - Noon



Registration is now open.  
Forms may be picked up at the Church and Playschool offices.

Volunteers are needed in many different areas.

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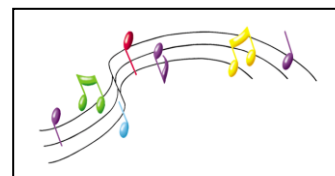
## Music Notes

by William Memmott

Several said to me following the Palm Sunday concert of Handel's, "The Messiah", "Why don't we do this every Sunday?" Of course, Warren Buffet would have to fund the project, and I would need many extra hours a week to score the music. But instead, we plan for the next special for Christmas. It's a good time to consider joining the choir. Not only would you be blessed, but – sopranos, altos, tenors and basses.

We have begun rehearsing (Christmas is not far away). This year's presentation is called "A New Generation Sings Christmas." This is a collection of some of the best newer carols and Christmas songs—a lot of fun to sing. It's been a lot of fun to orchestrate them. You'll love it! So come and join us (the monthly birthday cakes are wonderful, too).

For many of us (already engaged in music ministry), singing and performing is not an option. For us it's a mandate—a demanding one but fulfilling one. And that includes instrumentalists as well. So tune up those vocal cords and those mouthpieces (or bows), and "make a joyful noise" with us.



*Soli Deo Gloria*

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School

Ages 3 (potty-trained) – Age 8 entering Grade 3

July 20-24, 2015

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Space is Limited... Register Now!



Register online at:  
[www.johncalvinchurch.org](http://www.johncalvinchurch.org)

FEES: \$20.00 JCPC Members \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

JCPC Playschool Student? \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Potty Trained \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are parents helping with VBS? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY:

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