

Announcements @ THE WEST!

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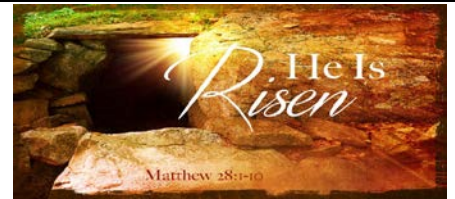
"Nobody wants to die. Our society is carefully structured to avoid dealing with death and dying. Hospitals are almost never next to shopping malls or businesses, and funeral homes and graveyards are on the edges of town. We'd like to avoid having to deal with death. All around us, there are glossy images of young and beautiful people, beckoning us to employ whatever they're using so that we can preserve our youth and postpone our frailty. We don't like death, or even the process of getting near it by aging. It makes us feel vulnerable and weak.

It seems strange, then, that the vision of heavenly worship is a scene in which Jesus is praised as the "Lamb." Is there anything more vulnerable and weak than a lamb? And what's more, worship in the Book of Revelation praises Jesus as the "Lamb who was slain." Why is that something to praise?

The Bible tells us that death entered the world because of sin. So, death is not just undesirable, it is a reminder of sin. Our finite-ness is a reminder of our sinfulness. And if there's one thing we want to avoid more than death, it is sin. Yet, the two are linked. But the Scriptures don't just tell us the story of sin and death entering the world; they tell us the story of the Son of God entering our world and taking on Himself our sin and our death. And because Jesus carried our sin and suffered our death, God raised Jesus up from the dead and exalted Him above all.

Sin and death are not the end of the Story. The One who sits at the right hand of the Father, the One who reigns over all is the One who died—the Lamb who was slain is the Lion who reigns! Death and sin were not the end of the Jesus Story. And they will not be the end of yours. We can face our own mortality and carnality—death and sin—because Christ has carried and conquered both. It means that we can lay down our lives in loving surrender to the Lord. It means that we the redeemed can raise our voices and sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"

(Reprinted with permission – You Version 7-Day Easter Devotional)



Upcoming Events

April 17

Senior Mission – 5 pm

April 18

Intro to Doctrine of Theology – 7 pm

April 19

12 noon Worship

WOW Worship – 4pm

Mission Rescue – 4:30 pm

Fellowship Dinner – 5 pm

Bible Study – 6 pm

BRYGC Rehearsal – 6:45 pm

Mid-Week Worship – 7 pm

April 20

Bible Study – 12 noon

Sanctuary Choir – 6:30 pm

April 22

Ladies League Ministry – 11 am

We Celebrate and
Congratulate the EBCW
Community Ministry Center on
its' 25th Anniversary!

Serving members of EBCW, the
Athens community and
surrounding counties....

Services Provided:

Food and Clothes Pantry

Utility and Rent Financial

Assistance

Money Management Classes

Thanksgiving Baskets

Christmas Angel Tree

And a proud sponsor of
Little Free Food Pantry!

"Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow...."



The Faith Run – VBS 2017! Pre-Registration
Easter Sunday – Pick Up Form Today in Lobby or
register on line at www.ebcw.org.



2017 Summer Enrichment Program Pre-Registration
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register on line at www.ebcw.org.



Prayer Warriors Ministry
Call the Prayer Warriors Toll Free Prayer Line at
1-844-801-7777 Access code: 195904
WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 am-8:00 am
The Sanctuary @ THE WEST is open for all who
want to pray, meditate and rest in
God's presence!



Congratulations to
Sis. Artelia Jackson &
Sis. Mary Lay

2017 Honorees at the GMBC
22nd Annual Ushers Banquet
for reaching 10 years of
service in the Ministry of
Ushers and Health
Professionals.

April is Volunteer Month
@ THE WEST!
We Love our EBCW Volunteers!



Register Today for VBS and Summer Enrichment Program!