

# The Monthly Vine

April 2009

Staying connected on the latest happenings...

*Loving God, Investing in Community, Following Jesus, Engaging Our World*

## Pastor's Corner.....

*By Ian Prichard*

### **Celebrating Easter Today & Tomorrow**

At this time of year our thoughts center on Easter. Our kids love the celebration perhaps because of Easter egg hunts or chocolate bunnies. I have to confess that, not so long ago when I was a child, I loved the chocolate of Easter! Fun, celebration, excitement, anticipation, family, community, are all part of the occasion. And they, in small measure, really do reflect the excitement that Easter represents.

When we embrace the death and resurrection of Jesus; fun, celebration, excitement, anticipation, family, and community, visit us. What an extraordinary event – the resurrection of Jesus. That's power!

There was another occasion that Jesus was involved in concerning a resurrection. It is a story found in John concerning a guy called Lazarus. He was a friend of Jesus and he died. Jesus was not around at the time but immediately went to

the tomb. By the time He arrived Lazarus had been dead for four days. On the way He met Martha and Mary – both sisters of Lazarus. Both stated that had Jesus been there, He could have healed Lazarus, and their brother would not have died. They were expressing how upset they were that Jesus was not around when their brother needed Him.

Jesus doesn't respond to them in a way they might have expected. He simply says, "Did I

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## Mark your Calendar....

**April 9** - Serving dinner at Denver Rescue Mission, 7:30 p.m.

**April 9** - Seder Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

**April 10** - Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.

**April 12** - Easter

**April 19** - Hope Lives series begins on Sunday mornings and in community groups

**April 19** - Foundations of Faith Class, 6:30 p.m.

**April 21** - Plug Into Life @ Vineyard, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**April 26** - Foundations of Faith Class, 6:30 p.m.

**April 26** - Summer Kids Camp Volunteer Interest Lunch, noon

**April 28** - Plug Into Life @ Vineyard, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**April 29** - Community Group Leader's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**May 2** - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**May 10** - Mother's Day

**May 12** - Plug Into Life @ Vineyard, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**May 13 & 19** - Serving dinner at Denver Rescue Mission, 7:30 p.m.

**May 31** - Faith in Action Sunday

*For additional information on these dates, please visit our Website [littletonvineyard.org](http://littletonvineyard.org) or contact the church office at 303.797.0201.*

## Faith in Action Spotlight.....

### **Putting Faith in Action at the Tennyson Center...Highlights from the Duran Community Group.**

**Where do you serve?** Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home

**How often do you serve here?**  
The first Tuesday of every month

**How long have you been serving here?** April will be our 6th month of actual service.

**Why has serving here made an impact on your life or those around you?** It has helped us get out of ourselves and be outward focused

for a short period of time. We have built relationship with the children and will be sharing the life of Jesus with them over the next few months. It gives us a miniscule part in God's call to minister to orphaned children. It softens the hearts of those who go and helps them to keep perspective on what is truly important.

**Any additional information?** The only other bit of info I can add is that by doing service and loving on others we are not only loving on others, but our hearts are changed as well, so Glory to our Lord.

**Want to share your faith in action story?**  
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not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" John 11:40. The glory of God triumphs over everything on earth. It has power over death, sin, sickness and disease. It impacts our homes, our work, our family, and life itself. In every circumstance Jesus says, look to the glory of God.

Then Jesus prayed, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me, you always hear me" John 11:41-42. Jesus knew He was heard because He had a perfect relationship with His father. He does not beg God to bring Lazarus back to life. He simply says these amazing words, "Lazarus come forth" John 11:43. It is a cry

from His inmost being confident in the power of God. And Lazarus, wrapped in grave clothes, comes out of the tomb. Death has lost its grip.

What has this to do with us? Well, as followers of Jesus, because of His resurrection, our sins have been paid in full and we get to be in perfect relationship with our heavenly father. The same spirit Jesus operated in is alive in us. We can pray with authority, where we know His will, and we can speak out in accordance with that will. As we speak it becomes real. We need to pray with more certainty – believing and knowing that God wants His glory to

be made known in our time.

If we are impacted by the resurrection of Jesus and are sure of His love for us then we can have confidence in prayer. Jesus paid the price to bring us into relationship with the Father. There is power and authority in that place. God wants us to take hold of the inheritance we have and see it impact the circumstances of our lives.

*"Choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life" Deuteronomy 30:20.*

## Faith in Action Service Day Sunday, May 31st

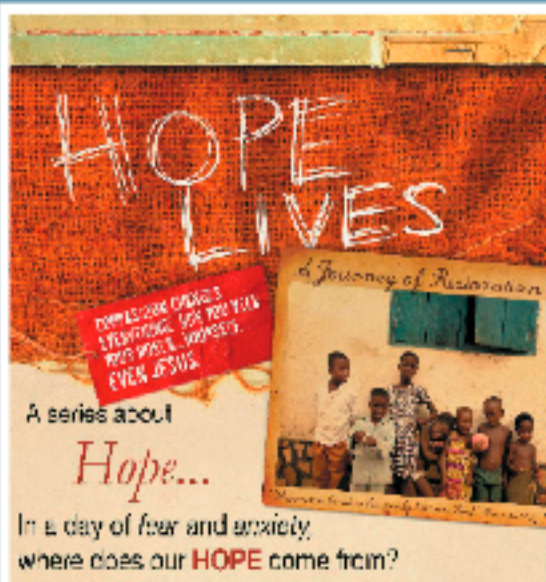
## Summer Kids Camp.....Coming July 20-23

### Volunteers Needed!

- Set Creation
- Group Leaders
- Station Leaders
- Marketing
- ...and More!

Watch for the Giving Tree coming April 26th

**Interest Meeting  
Sunday, April 26th, Noon**



**Series Begins  
Sunday, April 19th**

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