

CIRCUIT RIDER



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A Word From the Pastor

It seems strange to start April with Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday follows April Fools and the first Sunday is Easter. Somehow it seems rushed, but that has been this year. From a freeze warning to the high 90s in one week, this year has been an interesting roller coaster. With all of this uncertainty, a day of resurrection is exactly what we need.

There are times when Good Friday seems to be the focus of the Easter season. When things are going well, the economy is booming, and there is relative peace in the world, we need to be reminded of the cost of sin. We need to confess our complacency and realize that the rewards of the world come at a very high price. This year, however, feels different. Our sin is ever before us in a divided land, a struggling economy, and an unexpected war. Good Friday seems like another senseless death caused by sinful and angry people. The miracle is the God used that senseless death to redeem us from the very sin that caused the death.

No, it doesn't feel like a Good Friday year. This year we need to be reminded of the hope of the resurrection. No matter how dark and confusing it feels right now, Easter morning is just around the corner. He lives so that we can live. Nothing, not even death, can kill that hope and that love (Romans 8:38-39). This is a year in need of the Good News! There is joy, peace, love, and hope not just at Christmas but in every day after the resurrection because He is with us even unto the end of time (Matthew 28:20).

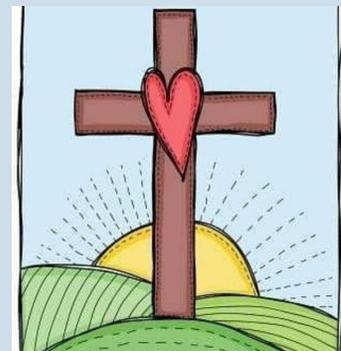


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Isaiah 40:31

*but those who wait
for the LORD shall
renew their strength;
they shall
mount up with
wings like eagles;
they shall run and
not be weary;
they shall walk
and not faint.*



A Word From the Pastor Continue

We can only truly experience the resurrection if we are willing to bury those things which rob us of life. What do you need to bury in the tomb? Maybe it is anger against a person, a group of people, or even against God. Maybe it is a pain that you have recently felt or one you have carried around for years. Forgiveness calls us to let the dead bury the dead and let the past release us into the future. It is only by letting go that we can be unbound like Lazarus and walk out of the tombs that keep us in the darkness.

No matter what the rest of the year brings from unpredictable temperatures to record storms, we are not a people in the tombs afraid and cowering. We are Easter People, people of the Resurrection! We live because he lives. We face the future unafraid. No matter what is happening in the world, we know that God is in control just as God was in control that first Easter morning. May this April be a time of new life and new hope for you and your family.

Blessings,

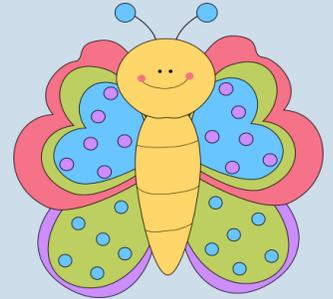
Pastor Mark

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<i>David Blesing</i>	<i>4/3</i>	<i>David Fisher</i>	<i>4/3</i>	<i>Lillian Kent</i>	<i>4/5</i>
<i>Brooks Thorp</i>	<i>4/8</i>	<i>Shirley Payton</i>	<i>4/9</i>	<i>Vera Love</i>	<i>4/9</i>
<i>Francis Ross</i>	<i>4/9</i>	<i>Ladonna Wardlaw</i>	<i>4/13</i>	<i>Spencer Hall</i>	<i>4/20</i>
<i>Charlotte Castro</i>	<i>4/24</i>	<i>Stacy Fisher</i>	<i>4/25</i>	<i>John Jones</i>	<i>4/27</i>
	<i>Julia Jones</i>	<i>4/27</i>	<i>William Griffin</i>	<i>4/28</i>	

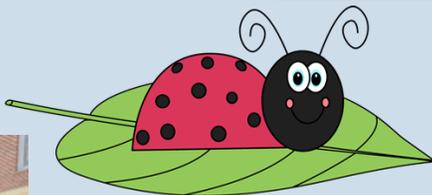
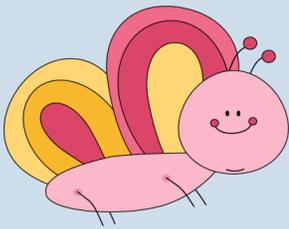
METHODIST DAY SCHOOL EVENTS

March was a fast, busy month for us at MDS. Kind of like in with the lamb and out like a lion. It was quick but we did so much learning! We celebrated St. Patrick's Day, learned about rainbows and weather, dinosaurs and even made oreo cookies for letter O. With Spring here we have caterpillars that will soon turn into butterflies and larva that soon will be ladybugs. Such fun and exciting learning opportunities. Can't wait to see what April brings.



Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

Proverbs 22:6

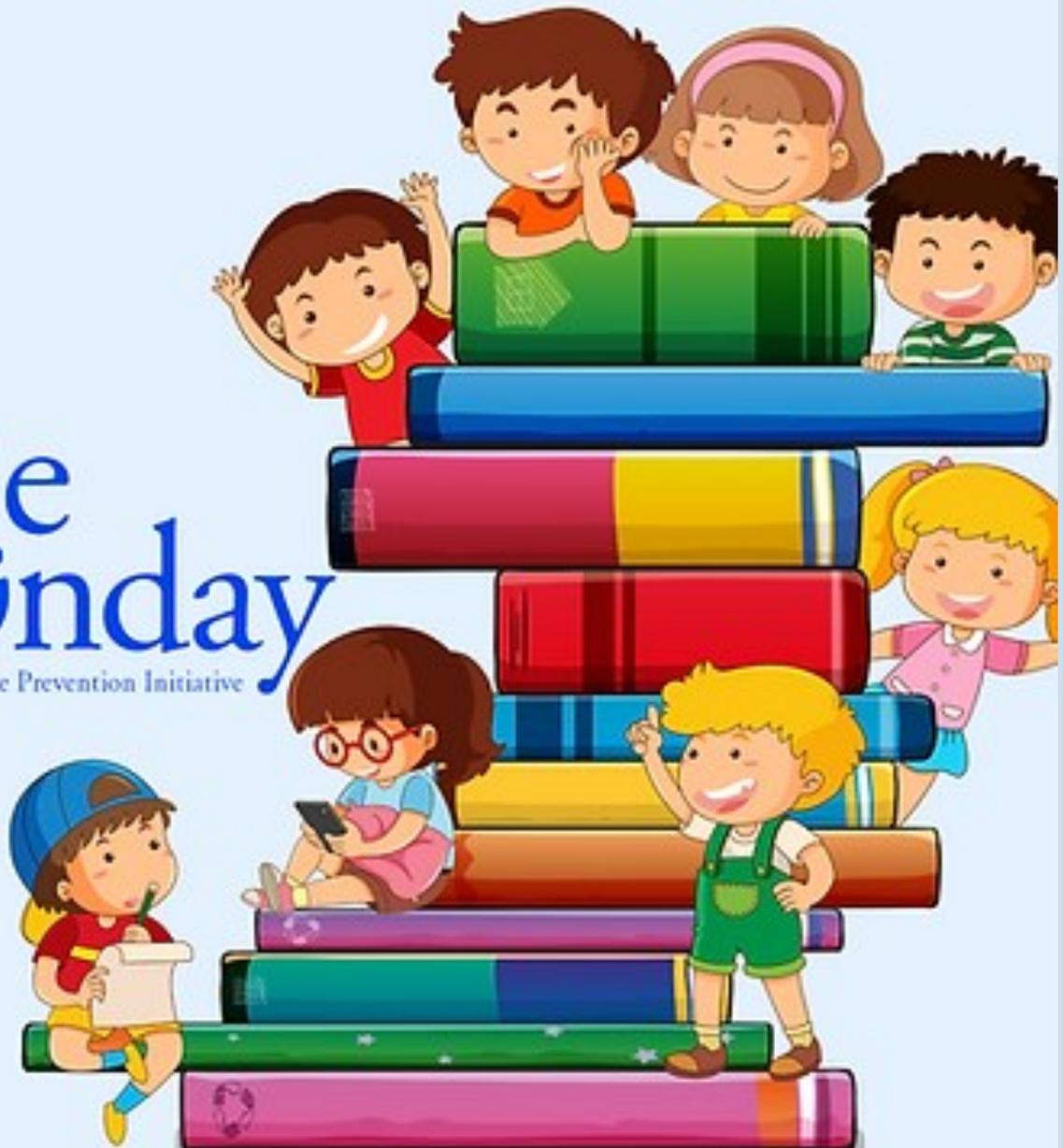


UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL!

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			MDS - Easter Party Pastor's Bible Study @ 5pm FFA - ASU CDE Contest SMS District Track @ Sterling City	SHS Softball @Sonora SHS Baseball @ Eldorado SHS Track @ Wall	No SISD SHS Varsity Tennis @ Wink Good Friday Service @ Noon	Community Easter Egg Hunt @ 10AM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11 He is Risen!	No MDS No SISD SHS JV & Varsity Tennis @ Reagan Co	SHS Softball @ Miles SHS Baseball @ Miles SHS JV & Varsity Tennis @ Reagan Co	MDS Pastor's Bible Study @ 5pm FFA - TSU Area Contest & Sul Ross CDE Contest SHS Track @ Ozona	SHS Track @ Ozona	SHS Softball @Sonora SHS Baseball @ Sonora SISD - 3PM Dismissal	FFA - TTU CDE Contest SMS Tennis @ Sonora
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
One Board Meeting @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11	FFA - State CDE Contest SHS Boys Golf @ Canyon	SHS Softball @Sonora SHS Baseball @ Sonora SHS Boys Golf @ Canyon	MDS - Rodeo Day SHS Girls Golf @ Canyon Pastor's Bible Study @ 5pm	SHS Girls Golf @ Canyon SHS Track @ Bangs - Area	SISD - 3PM Dismissal	FFA - TTU Area Contest SMS Tennis @ Reagan Co
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Open Door Study @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11	MDS SHS Tennis @ Amarillo Regional Tourney FFA - State CDE Contest	SHS Baseball @ Eldorado SHS Tennis @ Amarillo Regional Tourney FFA - State CDE Contest	MDS Pastor's Bible Study @ 5pm FFA - State CDE Contest	FFA - State CDE Contest	SISD - 3PM Dismissal FFA - State CDE Contest	SMS Team Tennis @ Reagan Co. 100th Anniversary Celebration @ Experiment Station
26	27	28	29	30		
Open Door Study @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11	MDS SHS Boys Golf @ Austin	FFA - Concho District Banquet @ Sonora SHS Boys Golf @ Austin	Pastor's Bible Study @ 5pm			

Bløe Sunday

Child Abuse Prevention Initiative



April 26, 2026

If you happen to see pinwheels appear on the corner near Sonora Bank, each pinwheel represents an abuse case in Sutton County last year.

Say a prayer and remember that most abuse occurs against children under 3 years old.



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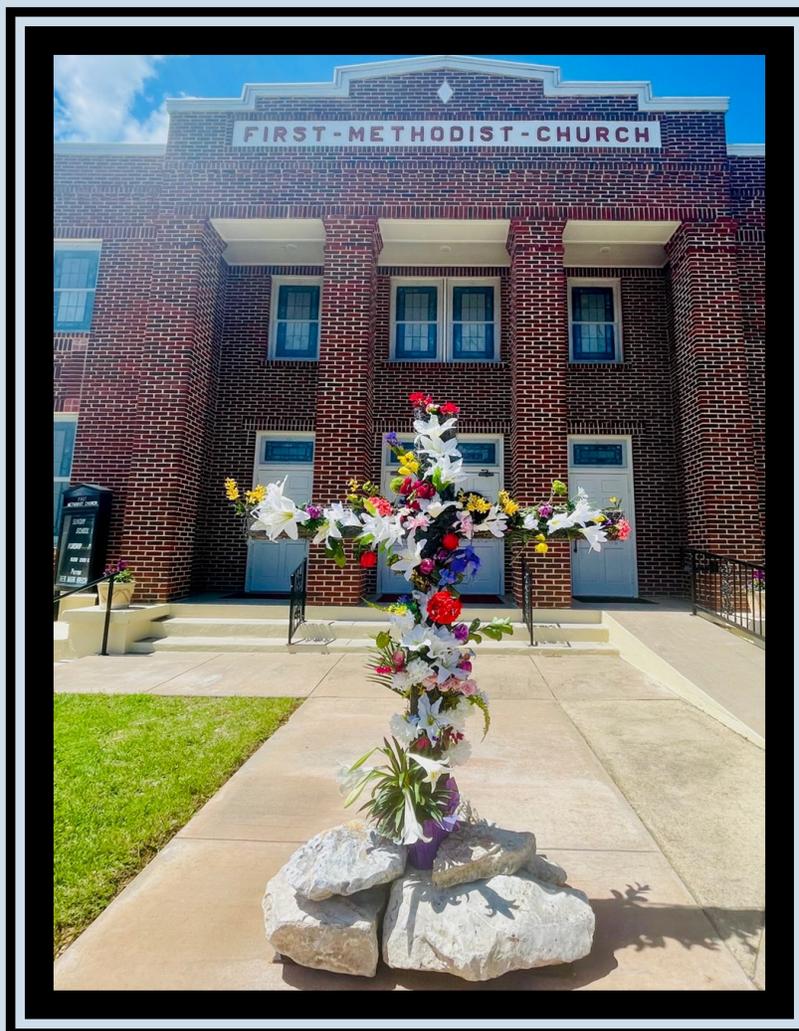
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S NURSERY	9:30 AM
OPEN DOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45AM
WORSHIP SERVICE	11:00 AM

*WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST AT 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAYS ON KHOS 92.1 AND KYXX 94.3*

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