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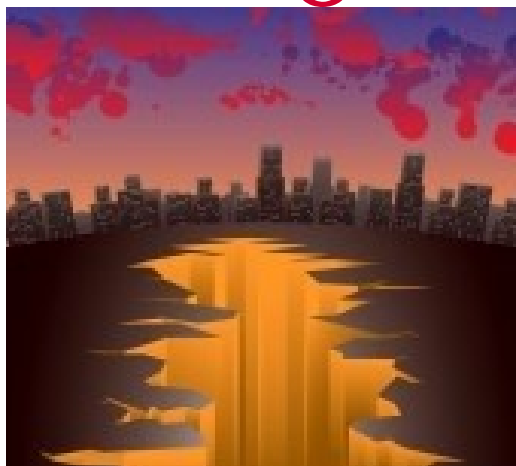
Baptist Church



April 2014

PBCConnections

Making Sense of the Rumbblings



listened, as I usually do, to "Here and Now", an NPR news show on the radio. Most days I am introduced to at least one interesting story. Today was no different.

It seems that in Moodus, Connecticut there has been a local phenomenon that has lasted much longer than a century. In this small town in the middle of the state frequent noises have been heard that have baffled local people and scientists for hundreds of years. Recently, however, science seems to have solved the mystery.

Noises that have ranged from rumbblings to rattlings to squeaks to who knows what else have actually been the audible reflection of near surface, extremely minor earthquakes. The earthquakes aren't big enough to shake things, but none-the-less create sound waves that have mystified locals forever.

The rumbblings of Easter have mystified people for thousands of years.

Jesus, the amazing man from Nazareth, enters into Jerusalem on a donkey while crowds sing his praises and shower him with palm leaves. It reminds them of David, the conquering King. Rumble.

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Breakfast and lunch for me are pretty boring events. I eat the exact same breakfast 19 out of 20 days, and my lunch routine is very limited, extremely limited. What I want out of breakfast and lunch is sufficient nutrition without thought. The only meal I intend to offer thought is supper.

During my thoughtless lunch today I

The earliest reference to the Resurrection is Saint Paul's, and he makes no mention of an empty tomb at all.What convinced the people he had risen from the dead was not the absence of his corpse but his living presence. And so it has been ever since.

~Frederick Buechner in *The Faces of Jesus*

Rumblings... *(continued from page 1)*

Jesus enters into the temple only to find it desecrated with greed. Angry, he trashes the place and turns the system on its head. Rattle.

Jesus leads his followers in a Passover meal, breaking with tradition to call the bread his broken body, and the wine his spilled blood, both offered willingly for his followers. Bang.

Jesus is arrested, rushed to judgment, and sentenced to die by crucifixion. After a day of horrific treatment, from the cross he asks God to forgive his tormentors. Rumble, rumble.

On the third morning, the one that verified death, Jesus' tomb was found to be empty. Angels, and then Jesus, testified of his resurrection to the ladies seeking him. Bang!

We hear these rumblings, rattlings, squeaks and bangs at Easter and we struggle to make sense of them. We think they teach us that God loves us, but how much? We think they teach us that Jesus was fully God just as he was fully human, but how so? We think they teach us that this life is important but not all there is, but how can it be? We think we know so much, but the rumblings remind us there is so much still unknown.

The residents of Moodus express disappointment with the answers science has brought. Tourists don't come to town to see an earthquake; they were fascinated by the mystery. When the mystery of the rumblings was solved, so too was the attraction negated.

As we journey through Holy Week, may we be less concerned with solving the mystery of the rumblings, and more appreciative of the message in the mystery. And may our fascination with the mysteries of God draw people far and near to the God who is both known and unknown.

Happy Easter!

As always I'd love to hear from you, any way you want to reach me, about whatever you think.

Get in touch with me. pbcpastor@windstream.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 5	Men's Breakfast
Apr 8	WMU Day Group
Apr 14	WMU Night Group
Apr 16	Deacons' Meeting
Apr 17	Holy Thursday Service
Apr 18	Good Friday Service
April 20	Easter Sunday
Apr 21	Church Office Closed
Apr 27	Business Meeting w/ covered dish luncheon
May 3	Men's Breakfast
May 4	Children's Sunday
May 4	Blood Drive
June 1	Graduate Sunday
June 13	Passport <i>kids!</i>
June 15	Father's Day
June 23	Caswell

RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

The Baptist Women will be hosting
**a Blood Drive on Sunday,
May 4 from 1:30-6 pm**

as one of our monthly Mission projects. We ask that anyone wanting to volunteer to work or give blood, please sign up in your Sunday School class or in the foyer. Donations of canned drinks, individual packages of cookies, and individual packages of snack crackers will be accepted in the Fellowship Hall for the next four weeks. Thank you for your support and your prayers!



The 20th is Easter. There isn't an actual cantata this year, as the service will be built around a traditional format, but the choir has several anthems they will be presenting throughout the service.

Just two weeks after Easter, our Children will be presenting their music. Spring is here, and we have much to celebrate!

In Christ,
David



Our quarterly business meeting will be held **Sunday, April 27**. Please bring a dish or two to share as we celebrate what God's doing in our church.

Just a final word regarding having the Handbells ringing on March 30: We have been so blessed to have ringers from other churches come and be apart of our Thursday evening rehearsals and to agree to attend an occasional Sunday morning worship. It gives our own ringers an opportunity to play music we couldn't possibly do with just our own resources, and gives these other talented ringers opportunities to share their gifts.

We will be busy musically in April. On the 6th, we have the Praise Band sharing with us. We have been working hard on a lengthy, complicated number in addition to a couple of short ones. We're looking forward to sharing some different things for this group. As a reminder, when the Praise Band plays, you are encouraged to treat that Sunday with casual dress if that's something you're comfortable doing.

Children & Youth

May 4	Children's Sunday
June 1	Graduate Sunday
June 13-16	Passportkids! Camp
June 23-27	Youth to Caswell



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Service
Sunday, April 13 at 10:25am

Maunder Thursday Service
Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm

Resurrection Service & Breakfast
Sunday, April 20 at 7:30am

Easter Worship
Sunday, April 20 at 10:25am



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kelly B. Allen Apr 1
 Gary Salmons Apr 3
 Dylan Dameron Apr 4
 Anne DeHart Apr 5
 Vermell Salmons Apr 5
 Shorty Morgan Apr 8
 John Holbrook Apr 13
 Gracie Sizemore Apr 14
 Dalton Caffey Apr 16
 Ronnie Hoots Apr 16

Marissa Johnson Apr 16
 Ed Fowler Apr 17
 Lindsay Carpenter Apr 18
 Owen Bounds Apr 19
 Josh Caffey Apr 19
 Marie Jackson Apr 20
 Gray Salmons Apr 27
 Tom Bos Apr 29

Support our College Students

College Student for the Month

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Please send a card, e-mail or both of encouragement sometime during the month.

Welcome to our New Church Secretary!

Becky Pegram began work on March 19. She is from King, NC and has many years of experience in church ministry. She can be reached at **ext. 20** and her e-mail is **pbcoffice@windstream.net**. Please stop by and introduce yourself. Her office hours will be M - F from 8 - 12.



It's getting close to EXAM time for our college students. Once again, we'd like to support our students with a care package to say "We're praying for you". Please bring individually wrapped snack items to church between April 13-27. We'll get the boxes packed and shipped. Thanks for your support.

~College Ministry Team~

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