

# SONDAY INFORMER

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## Mission Statement:

Sunday School is FBC's primary Great Commission strategy for reaching, teaching and ministering to the people of Winnsboro.

**Go**, therefore, and **make disciples** of<sup>f</sup> all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe** everything I have commanded you. **Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)**

## Jesus Came to Give Us Life!

He stood over the earthen casket, the stench rising as the top was lifted. Bending over, feelings of anger and rage rose up within His soul. Jesus looked in on the very still, very gray, very much dead body. He knew it was His friend, Lazarus, in that grave, but the decaying corpse didn't much look like His friend, the one who had stood by Him when others left.

The sisters were weeping. They clung to the Jewish idea of resurrection at the end of the age, and they knew their friend was more than a part-time carpenter and itinerant rabbi. Jesus fulfilled all of the qualifications for that Son of God predicted by the ancient prophets. And yet, in their greatest hour of need, when that healing power was most needed, Jesus was miles away and didn't exactly rush over.

Jesus gave them words that echo forward to us 2,000 years later: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live" (John 11:25). Jesus then commanded Lazarus with all of the authority of heaven, as the one who alone breathes life into death, and brought His friend back from the grave. This was a sign of His own coming resurrection and a promise that those who believe in Him will also one day rise again, body and soul.

Around Easter, we rightly focus on Jesus' salvation of our souls. But Jesus also came to rescue our bodies. He didn't arrive on earth as a disembodied spirit but as a fully human being, as if to say that human bodies aren't temporal or unimportant, but beautiful. God, after all, designed and created human bodies and Jesus is rescuing them from sin.

This means that Easter isn't just some escapist, wishful thinking. Easter tells us that the sickness that cripples and distorts, the violence that robs and steals, the pain that so ravages people will one day give way to full and final healing for those who believe. There is hope for those who suffer, for those who experience more fully the corruption of the fall. God has visited us in our pain and Jesus has defeated the ugly death that haunts the human experience.

Jesus was angry at death — this, the work of the enemy — and so should we be. Death steals, but Jesus came to give life. So this Easter, let's live in the reality of a fallen and painful world, but take hope that one day this same Jesus will call us forth from our graves into what He has made new.



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# PRAYER

Our Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) would like to encourage the church to remain in a season of prayer as we, as a church, seek the man God has for us as our new pastor. This prayer and scriptures are being sent out by Remind messages daily at the request of the Pastor Search Committee. This week's prayer and scripture is below. Take time each day to pray the following prayer:

*Heavenly Father, we praise you that you allow us to come to you in prayer. Thank you for comforting, guiding, convicting, and giving this body of believers mercy. Lord, help us to know how to pray and specifically as husbands in this body to treat our wives with respect and as joint heirs that our prayers will not be hindered. Help us to come to you in confidence for the grace that we need. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.*

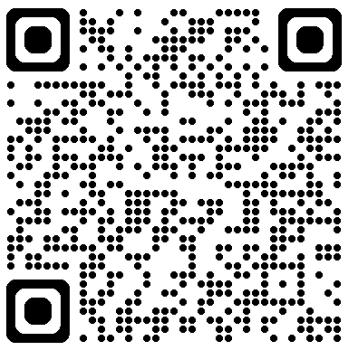
## Scripture Reference : Hebrews 4:16

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

# weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Women's Ministry Brunch**  
Saturday, March 14  
9:30-11:30, Fellowship Hall  
**No Childcare Provided**  
Sign up by scanning the QR code below.



# EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Christus Health Hospital  
Winnsboro, TX

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Class Assignments in Sunday School Classes



**Goal : \$8,025.00**

**Received: \$606.00**



**Let's Pray!** Join us for a time of corporate prayer for our church body. Sunday mornings, 8:00 am, in the GMRC. Let's fill up the room with prayers to the Lord!



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| 9:00—9:10                  | 9:10—9:20         | 9:20-10:00                | 10:00—10:15                           |
| Fellowship & Announcements | "REACH" Spotlight | "TEACH" People God's Word | "MINISTER" in Care Groups/Prayer Time |