



TRUE LIGHT

Baptist Church

APRIL 2011



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"MY VISION OF MINISTRY"

"Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." (Habakkuk 2:2, 3)



As pastor, as God's under-shepherd of this flock, as the prophet of this house, there are certain things which I want to see happen.

INREACH

Growth

I want to see us grow numerically, because with numerical growth comes influence and resources. However, I do not necessarily believe that "bigger is better." Numerical growth ought to be a by-product of effective evangelism and discipleship. Thus, our desire to grow must always be focused towards reaching a lost and dying world. If we will do that, we will grow.

Influence

I want True Light to be the talk of the town, an essential part of this community, a body that needs to be consulted when something of importance is going on that affects our community. In order to be that; we need to mobilize our people resources such that we have representatives in every substantial meeting in the community and city. We need to be around the educational table, around the political table, and around the economic table.

Education

We must have an educational program that is relevant, available, and accessible to the needs of our congregation. From the pulpit, my desire is that you will get a Word that at times will encourage you and help you deal with the circumstances of life; but at other times *convict* you of sin, *convert* you from sin, and *crucify* your desire to sin.

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Fellowship

We need to turn up the thermostat on our hospitality. We must seek to know, serve, encourage, challenge, and love one another. We will welcome all people regardless of race, sex, or history into our family, just as God has welcomed believers into His family by His grace. We will not be afraid to laugh or have fun, nor to cry and empathize with those who are going through.

Children and Youth

Our church must become known for its children and youth programming. These young people are the lifeblood of our continuing ministry. They are our replacements, our future torchbearers. We must invest in their present and in the futures.

Leadership

Our leaders need to be people of vision, implementing my vision, as well as, their own. We need men and women who can and will invest themselves in the ministry of True Light Church. We need to raise the expectation level of those who lead. Ephesians 4 tells us that God has placed within the church the physical resources to equip the saints of God. Our leaders must not be waiting for something to happen but have a vision of making it happen. We need our leaders out front knowing and exercising their spiritual gifts. They are to be, with God's help and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, the implementers of the vision.

I desire to see those in our membership who have abilities and skills utilize them in the body of Christ. We have educators, managers, supervisors, people who have an eye for detail, people who can take an idea, grow it, and bring it to life that are attending but not utilizing their gifts and abilities for Kingdom building. You are the best of the best on your job, but in the church, you just come and sit. We need your help, when you see or sense a place that you can get plugged in; you need to let us know.

Physical Structure

We want to build phase four, a new sanctuary, not because we want to, but because we have grown to the point that we absolutely need to.

OUTREACH

Stewardship

I want people throughout this community and city to recognize us as a generous supporter financially and physically of other ministry endeavours.

Missions

It is not enough for us to give financial support, we need to have foot soldiers on the ground in the battles to overcome poverty, homelessness, and in general support those who are disenfranchised. We can only do that through members of our congregation who have a burning desire to serve. You need to have a burden, a concern of your heart, where you see opportunities where our church can be involved and make a difference.

Evangelism

We need to turn up our evangelism thermostat. People are dying, disheartened, discouraged, every day. We have the answer for the dilemmas of life. We need to share the good news.

We must understand that there is a heaven and that there is a hell and real people go there forever, and you are called as I am in your individual lives to love lost people and to build relationships with them, and when the opportunity presents itself to share a bold witness for Christ to them and then invite them to our services.



UPREACH
Worship

Our Sunday morning service must reflect our vision by being a safe and inspirational place for True Light members to bring their friends, relatives, and co-workers. In other words, True Light must be a safe place to hear a dangerous message, a life-changing message, a message that calls for a change of attitude and direction.

Our Sunday morning service must be an experience of God's love for the youngest baby to the oldest adult; it must be a time when seeds of faith are planted and nurtured.

As you can see, we have a fantastic vision from the Lord for this community. I hope it inspires everyone to get more involved and committed. My desire is that the True Light vision becomes your vision something you "own" and take great pride in seeing fulfilled.



YOUTH RECOGNITION

SUNDAY

Youth Recognition

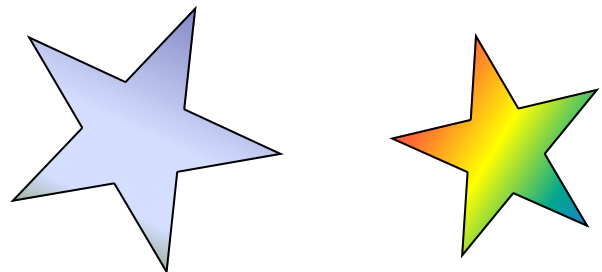
SUNDAY

April 10, 2011

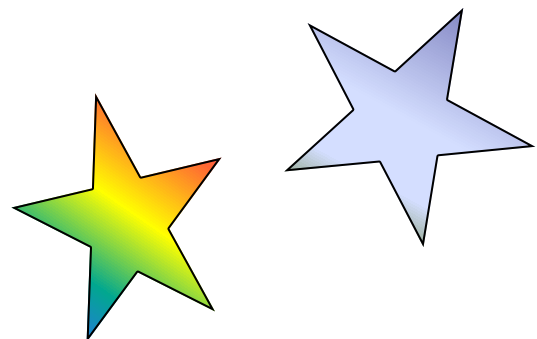
11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Youth with a 3.0 or higher
GPA will be honored for their
hard work !

Please Come out and Support
our Youth!!!



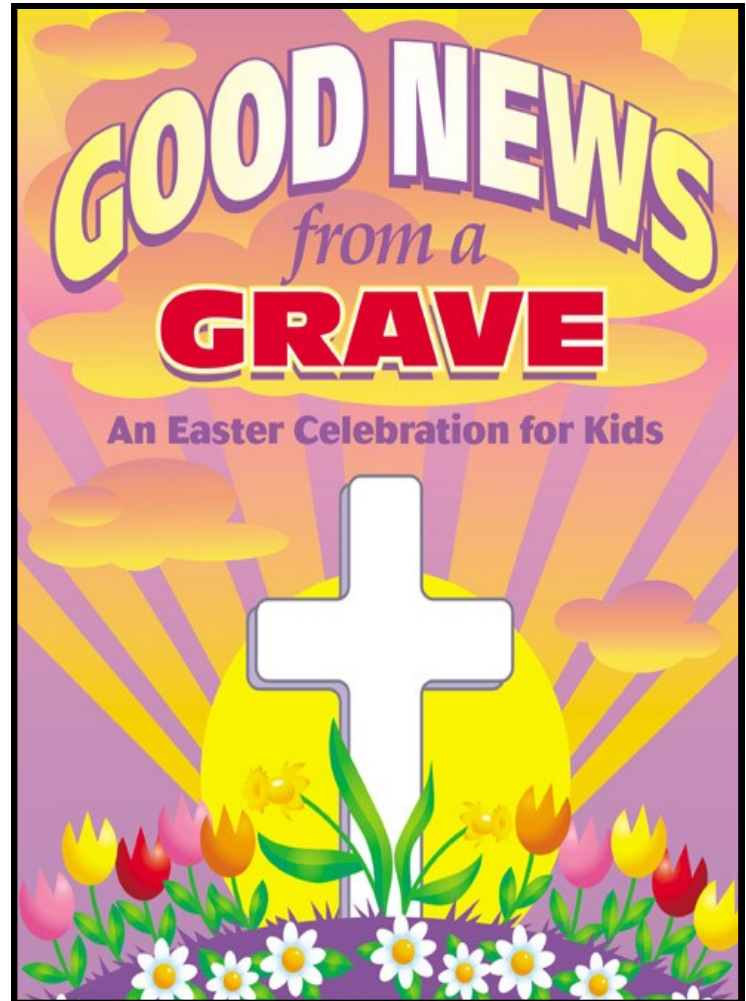
Congratulations!!!
Keep up the great work



TRUE LIGHT'S
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
PRESENTS



**The children will
relate the events
from Palm Sunday
through Easter
Sunday in the very
setting where the
resurrection
occurred -
a graveyard!**



PLEASE JOIN US
AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

Sunday, April 17

at

4:00 p.m.

HE LIVES !!!

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CALVARY
 DEATH
 JESUS
 LOVE
 THIEVES

CROSS
 FINISHED
 JOY
 MARY
 TOMB

CRUCIFIXION
 GOOD
 LIFE
 RESURRECTION





Richard Smallwood Workshop
Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Thursday, April 7, 2011

Richard Smallwood Concert

Friday, April 8, 2011

Good Friday Concert

Friday, April 22, 2011

7:00 P.M.



Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 24, 2011
6:00 A.M.

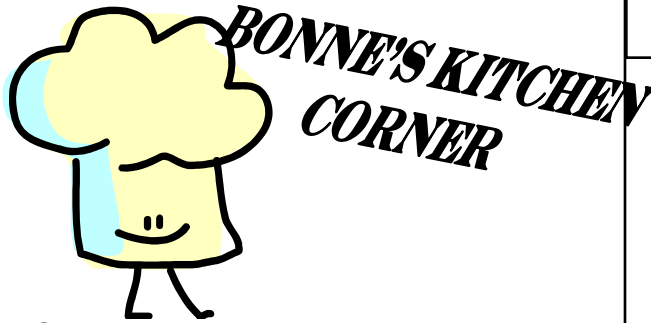
Breakfast to Follow

Ressurrection Sunday

11:00 A.M.

April 24, 2011





Chicken Parmesan

Ingredients

- 4 boneless chicken breasts, pounded to
- 1/2 inch thickness
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 slices mozzarella cheese, or more
- 1 jar (16 oz) spaghetti sauce

Directions

Whisk together the egg and milk. Dip the chicken breasts in milk and egg mixture and then in bread crumbs. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken in the hot oil on both sides until golden, about 3 to 4 minutes on each side. Set chicken in a baking dish.

Slice 8 pieces of mozzarella cheese and put two on each chicken breast. Pour 1 jar of your favorite spaghetti sauce over all. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and a little more mozzarella and bake at 350° for about 25 to 30 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve with spaghetti, garlic bread and a nice green salad.



Church Calendar Highlights



KEEP CONNECTED!

Active members of True Light who are sick, shut-in, elderly, or others who are physically unable to attend church may request a CD or DVD of the Pastor's sermons. Please contact a member of your Family Ministry Team or the office for further details.



April 2011

April 5-7	Colorado Movement Workshop and Concert
April 9 (Sat)	Ministry Leader's Quarterly Meeting
April 17 (Sun)	Palm Sunday
April 22 (Fri)	Good Friday
April 24 (Sun)	Sunrise Service and Resurrection Sunday

May 2011

May 8 (Sun)	Mother's Day
May 15 (Sun)	Women's Day
May 30 (Mon)	Office Closed Memorial Day



After Hours Prayer Line

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV)

After Hours Prayer Line Phone Number

(303) 375-0754 Ext: 109

- ◆ Call for prayer and leave a recorded message. Our Intercessory Prayer Team regularly monitors this line.
- ◆ If you leave contact information, a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team will call and pray with you.
- ◆ Your Intercessory Prayer Team wants to pray with you and for you.



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