



MARCH 2026



Rolling Roads Baptist Church

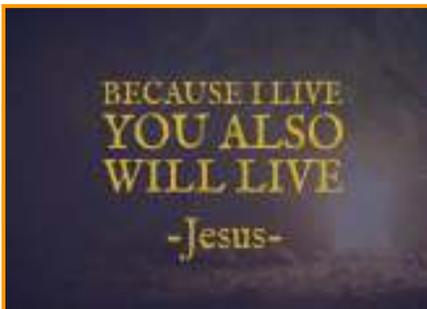
LOOKING OVER JORDAN

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die, do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

As a young person, I used to really like Easter, but I didn't understand it much. My memories are of Easter baskets with the plastic green and pink grass. These were filled with large jelly beans, soft candy, nuts in the shell, and a special boxed chocolate bunny. The bunny had candy eyes and buttons, and it was hollow inside. Naturally conservative, I used to take a long while eating the bunny over the next few days. I usually ended with the ears. Sometimes I broke it into pieces and ate them that way, so I didn't see what part I was eating.

I remember early on getting a solid chocolate bunny; I had trouble figuring that out and ended up gnawing on the ears for what seemed like forever. The Easter basket was placed on the living room coffee table before I got up, so I would see it first thing, sort of like Christmas. Shortly after finding the special Easter basket, it was time to get dressed up for church. I'm sure sometimes I had new clothes to wear or a new shirt. In the afternoon, other family members gathered at our house, and there was a big meal. I remember a big ham, lots of potatoes, and stuffing, but somehow less than there would be at Christmas.

What Easter Sunday memories do you have? I hope you will take some time to recall what happened for you back when you were a kid, and that at least some Easter Sunday memories are special to you for good reasons.



In our world today, Easter can lose its meaning. Just like Christmas, Easter can be just another commercial holiday contrived to induce overspending and self-congratulations. Who is teaching the true meaning of Easter if not the church? The Kingdom of God has to proclaim the message of the Kingdom. Just like for Christmas, Jesus is the reason for the season of Easter. Jesus' life-giving message is echoed in the rebirth of spring that we are seeing all

BIRTHDAYS

LISA FLEEGER
MAR 2



*When we call on God,
He bends down
His ear to listen,
as a father bends
down to listen to
his little child.*

Elizabeth Charles

*The Lord...richly
blesses all who
call on Him.*

Romans 10:12



Please note: Income for
January low due to
No Service January 25th

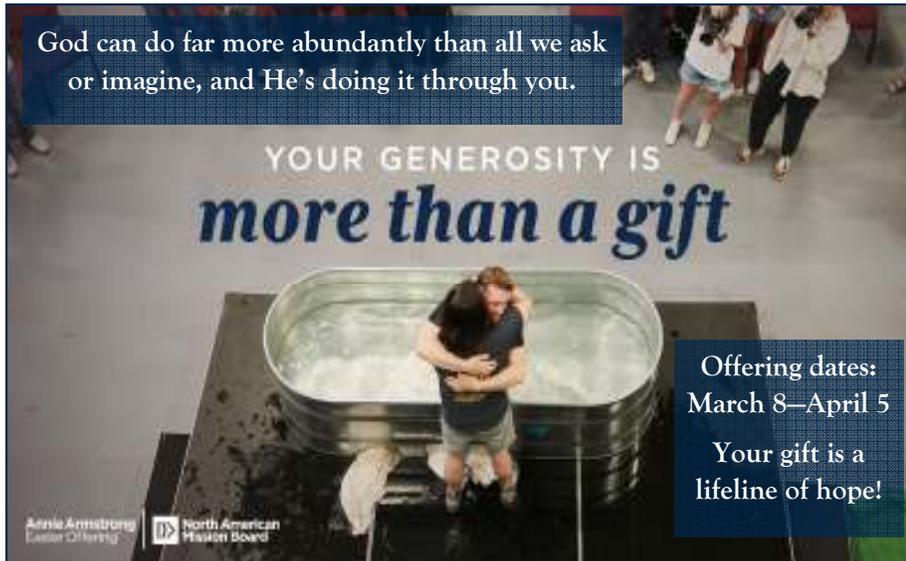
**Financial Report
JANUARY**

**Income: \$2988
Expense: \$7450**



UPDATES: Windows will be fixed once the weather warms up a bit. Thank you Craig & Ricky for checking into this for us!

AND you may or may not have known...the Education building (Sunday school hallway, both up and downstairs) heating motors and a gas valve were not working. All were replaced by Southern Homes Heating & Air for a total of \$4600.



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around us, as the green returns along with the warmth. We learn in the Bible that our faith in God is a living faith—a faith that works, a persevering faith that overcomes all the negative, evil deeds committed in this world. "...According to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." I Peter 1:3 We are not innocent or sinless, but we are declared righteous because of the righteousness of Christ, who makes us alive to good works.

It is profound and heart-wrenching to think of the sacrifice and suffering Jesus endured on the cross. Not for His own sin, or for any wrong deed on His part—He did it for others. It was a voluntary sacrifice that atoned for the sins of others. He gave His all so that we might be saved. Salvation is what we celebrate at Easter, not our own spiritual superiority or anything we deserve because we are so great. We don't celebrate something we have achieved, but rather what He achieved and, by grace, has given to us. Romans 6:4 says, "...so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

This Easter season, make your meditations and celebrations center on Jesus and His glorious resurrection from the dead. Jesus said, *"Because I live, you will live also."* John 14:19

Happy Because of Jesus,

Pastor James

