

**YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

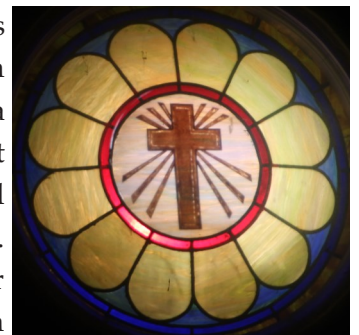
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Things are most definitely happening! The countdown to construction is officially on and something unique happened last month when we took down the banyan tree. You might call it a...wonderful mystery.

Michelle (in the office) had the idea to do some research and write down some notes on the subject, so with much gratitude to her (she wrote most of this), here's a story that reminds us of our *past* as we look ahead to the *future*.....

When the banyan came down in March, a small stained-glass window emerged at the peak of the building on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. It had previously been "covered" by the shadow cast by the tree, but once the sunlight shone bright onto our building, this beautiful, small window, which has graced our church since the 1960's, came to life!

The window is located on an addition to FPC that was built and named the George E. White Educational Wing, in honor of the church's pastor from 1924-1951. He was responsible for the erection of the new mission-style church, as the former brick church was getting too small for the growing congregation in the early 1950's. According to a 1963 newspaper writeup about his visitation ministry, during Dr. White's retirement years he became known as the "Flower Man." He won a Distinguished Citizen Award for his service to the community, which involved ministry to the sick and elderly. According to Rev. Harry Ferguson, Dr. White would go to the local florists and ask for any leftover flowers. He would then take those flowers to the hospitals and give them to all who were ill. He would give a single rose to all new mothers in the hospital as well.



Many of FPC's patriarchs and matriarchs were asked about this mysterious window. As we rummaged through many historic documents here at the church, we came to realize Continued on page 2

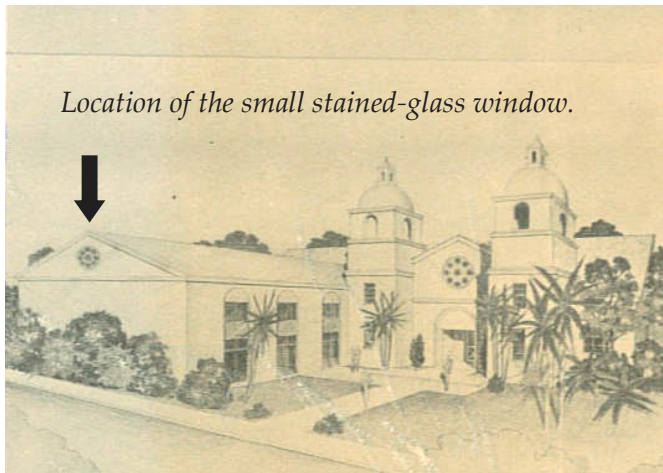
that there is no exact record of *this* particular window. You have probably enjoyed looking at all of the stained-glass windows throughout the church, remembering that many were given by families or in memory of loved ones. With that in mind, several theories have emerged regarding this new find.

The first theory states that this stained-glass window was taken from the old brick church, as some of the stained-glass “memorial” windows were removed from the former structure and placed in the church. Another theory is that the window was created in honor of the “Flower Man,” as the window displays a flower with a cross in the middle. This has become a bit of fun history for us, and we believe there may be more information out there. So, if you have any information regarding this window, please share it with us!

Remember...next time you are at the church...to enjoy something *new* that is, in fact, quite old! When you enter the church from the 15<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot, look up and admire this beautiful piece of FPC history! You can even see it at night, since Fernando crawled up into the “attic” recently and lit it for all to see! It reminds us of our strong heritage as the body of Christ in Bradenton, and it shines as a beacon of light and hope, propelling us forward as we strive to *cultivate hearts for Jesus in the heart of downtown.*

In Christ,

*Dino*



**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Dino Rustin  
**Care & Visitation:** Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter  
**Organist/Director of Music Ministry:** Ted Hayes

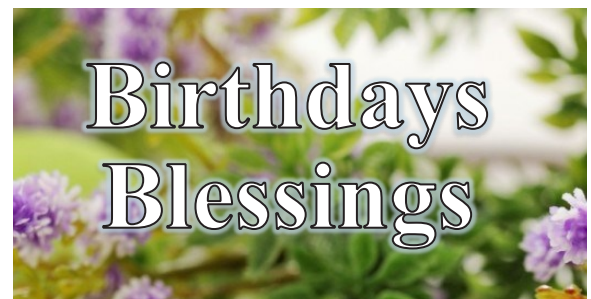
Grace Lane, Financial Secretary  
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 Diane Varnadore, Pianist

Michelle Noval, Admin. Assistant  
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- 3 Lewis Trotter, Larry Jones
- 4 Marie Moore
- 5 Amanda Lyons
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- 14 Tony Aja, Richard Stark
- 16 Christy Hennesey
- 17 Judy Wilcox
- 19 Debbie Parvin, Kimberly Campbell
- 20 Sarah Brunner, Billy Johnson,  
Sally Bishop, Susan Wade
- 22 Patty Hall
- 24 Joan McKeithen, Pat Dunlap
- 25 Elizabeth Dittmann
- 30 Joanne Miller,  
Mary Evelyn Holloman







## FPC Building Committee Update



By the time you are reading this it will have been a full year since we wrapped up the Capital Campaign and started the planning process for our church renovations and updates. Your Building Committee has been busy working behind the scenes during this past year.

Our design development plans have been completed and the construction documents are scheduled to be completed by April 12, 2019. Once these documents are finalized, our construction company, Halfacre, will start the bidding process to determine our guaranteed maximum price. Also, during this time the permitting process will begin. We are anticipating the permitting process to take about 45 days. Our end goal is to begin construction in early June of this year.

It is an exciting time in the life of our church. We ask that you please keep our church and this committee in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward with this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Building Committee.

Wayne Scroggins, Chairman

Members: Kaye Butler, Steve Porter, Kathy Schermer and Bill Schmoll



FPC ...  
past, present  
and future



# WHO IS JESUS WHO IS JESUS?

*A Tenebrae Service*

**Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

"Who Is Jesus" composed and arranged by Joel Raney is a Lenten musical that will be presented by the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, including a small chamber orchestra on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Not "Who Was Jesus?" but "Who Is Jesus?" The question is asked in the present tense because it's Christ's interaction with our lives in the here and now that is the focus of this Musical Tenebrae service. The events of Holy Week are presented through enticing arrangements of familiar hymns and spirituals plus narration, culminating with the crucifixion story in a moving rendition of "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."

Plan now and get this event on your calendar. You will want to invite all your friends and neighbors.

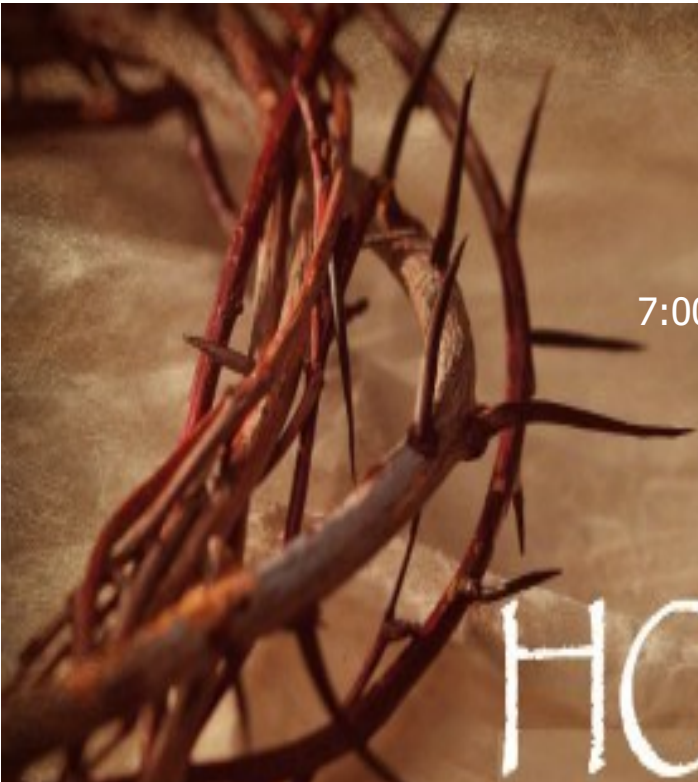
*Ted Hayes* Organist-Director of Music



“And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.”

Luke 24:2-3





**Palm Sunday, April 14th**

9:00 am Informal Worship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

**Maundy Thursday, April 18th**

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service & Communion

**Easter Sunday, April 21st**

9:09 am Informal Service  
11:00 am Traditional Service

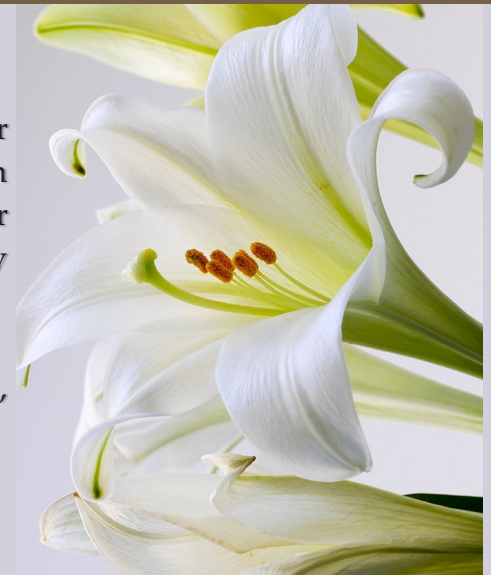
# HOLY WEEK

## *Easter Lilies*

The Presbyterian Women are again offering Easter lilies for the Easter Season. If you wish to purchase a lily this year, you may do so in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone or to beautify our sanctuary this year. You may pick up your lily after the Easter Sunday service.

Please fill out a lily envelope, which may be found in the Narthex, church office or by contacting Caroline MacDonald at 517-881-7374.

*The PW thank you for your continued support*



## FLOWERING CROSS

Our beautiful Flowering Cross will be up again this year for **Easter Sunday, April 21st**, in celebration of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please bring in fresh cut flowers from your garden or local store to place on the cross in the front yard by the red Sanctuary doors on Easter Sunday!

*Please note: the stems should be at least 3-4 inches so that they will fit nicely into the wire without falling out.*



# You Are Invited

Farewell Brunch

Sunday, May 5 ~ 10:00 am ~ Fellowship Hall

*A fond farewell to familiar faces*

All members and friends of FPC are invited to a brunch in the Fellowship Hall between the services on Sunday, May 5, where we will honor two women whose many years of faithful service to our church have helped carry out our mission of Cultivating Hearts for Jesus in downtown Bradenton.

After 28 years as bookkeeper and financial secretary, **Grace Lane** will retire on June 1. Throughout many changes over the years, Grace has accurately and efficiently dealt with the complex finances involved in running a church with discretion and equanimity. Hers is the lovely voice a caller to church sometimes hears. Now she will have more time to spend with her three daughters, two sons-in-law, and four grandchildren who all live in Bradenton, and to continue her own church activities.

**Pat Zalo** is a true daughter of this church. Baptized here as an infant, she became a full member in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, was later married at FPC, and was ordained as an elder. Pat raised her son, Alex, here, and over the years has served in many ways, from teen choir member to librarian, women's group leader to Sunday School teacher among them. As the greeter for our early service and as an usher and bell choir member, Pat spends every Sunday morning on our campus. A biology teacher at Manatee High School for 33 years, Pat will retire on May 31 and move to Jacksonville to be the full-time caregiver for her grandson, Judge, born in August to Alex and his wife Angie. Pat says, "My service at church has been a way of thanking God for all that He has done for me."

Please plan to attend the brunch to honor, thank, and share your best wishes with Grace and Pat!

It's a  
**BOY**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff & Christina Ammenti  
on the birth of their son

**Preston Valentino**

Born on February 19, 2019  
7 lbs 11 oz and 19"







***It's a Mexican Fiesta!***

## **Presbyterian Women's Luncheon**

**Saturday, May 11**

**11:30 am-1:30 pm      Fellowship Hall**

**Menu will feature Mexican and American salads and other delicacies**

*Bring your madre (mother), hija (daughter), hermana (sister), sobrina (niece), prima (cousin) and amigas (friends) to our annual luncheon!*

### **Guest Speaker—Pat Christensen**

Pat resides at Missionary Village (Il Villaggio) after being a missionary in Mexico serving in four different congregations weekly along side her husband, Dave, as well as to a prison in Mexico. Many of Pat's Sunday school children were trained by Pat's husband and others in a Bible institute, and are now pastors of churches. Pat, Dave and their children were translators for a Christian medical group that came twice a year. Pat continues her ministry through music, mission trips, translation and weekly Bible studies with the inmates at the Port Manatee jail.

*Contact: Caroline MacDonald at: [macdonaldcg@gmail.com](mailto:macdonaldcg@gmail.com) or 517-881-7374 for more info.  
Tickets will be on sale before and after both services in late April and early May.*

## **Peace River Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat**

**RISE & SHINE  
LET GOD'S LIGHT SHINE**

**DaySpring, Ellenton, FL**

**April 1-2, 2019  
Registration at 9:00 am**

**Contact Barbara Borderieux for info. ~ [bborderieux@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bborderieux@tampabay.rr.com) or 941-729-8036 / 941-592-5103**



Reaching the World through Port Manatee

Anchor House is a mission to the men and women of the seas, and the truckers at Port Manatee.

Anchor House works collaboratively with other seafarer centers around the globe and is an active member of the North American Maritime Ministry Association. Anchor House is also an active member of Port Ministries International. Anchor House is a secure Christian meeting place and has equipment that the men and women can use to contact their families as many of them are away from home for months at a time. They also are able to provide transportation so the visitors are able to do any necessary shopping.


Anchor House has Bibles and Christian literature in almost every language available that the visitors are free to use. The visitor's area is equipped with a small store where the basic essentials are sold and plenty of room for the visitors to relax and converse with the volunteers who enjoy the comradery with them.

First Presbyterian Church has supported Anchor House not only financially but also with volunteers to work at various positions in the facility. First Presbyterian's sewing group {The Piecemakers}, also have provided ditty bags for the men and women.

Volunteers are always welcome for various positions at the facility and you can pick your schedule.

If you are interested in more information concerning the facility or volunteering please contact me, Pete Jensen at home 941 748 5592 or cell 941 545 3088.

*Pete Jensen*  
Mission Ministry Team

 <b>FINANCIAL REVIEW</b>	<b>Budgeted Offering Through March 24</b>	<b>\$123,950</b>
	<b>YTD Offering Received Through March 24</b>	<b>\$148,594</b>
<b>MARCH ATTENDANCE</b> (as of 3/24/19)		
<b>9 AM AVERAGE</b>		<b>51</b>
<b>11 AM AVERAGE</b>		<b>146</b>



- ◆ A Stated meeting was held Tuesday evening, March 26, 2019. After devotion, prayer and welcoming of guest, Deacon Cathy Phelps, the evening's agenda was approved.
- ◆ Clerical matters were attended to and Pastor Dino's report was received.
- ◆ A healthy and up lifting Treasurer's Report indicating year-to-date revenue exceeding expenses was delivered.
- ◆ Ministry Team Reports generated enthusiasm regarding preparation for the up-coming Palm and Easter Sundays.
- ◆ The Building Committee reported all is on schedule for activity to begin some time in June.
- ◆ Session members voted to call a Congregational Meeting on April 7 at the 11 am service for the purpose of receiving a report from the GNC and voting on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Sonny Fenton*

C. Sonny Fenton, Clerk of Session



## *Christian Sympathy*

Christian sympathy is extended to Vic Kane and family on the death of Nancy Kane who died on March 26, 2019.

**NEW MEMBERS  
CLASS**

*about church membership*

## Interested in joining FPC?

Come to our membership luncheon,  
hosted by the Membership Ministry Team,  
Elder, Emily Buskirk

**Sunday, April 7**

12:00 - 2:00 pm ~ Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP to the church office by April 1  
Lunch and child care provided

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Wayne Sylvester, Helen King, Gordon Peters, Kaye Butler, Patty Li, Vada Johnson, Barbara Russell,  
Keith Allen, Christine King, Donald Czaplinsky, Nancy Gonzalez, Jane Stockhausen,  
Carol Romsburg, Jack Barthel, Carol Johnson, Kirsten Trusko, Dave Stacho, Jack Adams,  
Ilen Cavanaugh, Kathy Winchester, Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau, James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr.,  
Jeannie Oliver, Sally DenUyl, Betty Harkins, Ray Lopez, Vic Kane, Frances Moody, Debbie Parvin,  
Elma Westney, John Weichel, Karen Montgomery, Bonnie Sylvester,  
Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Jo Zonders

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**We would love to pray for you. You can either enter your prayer requests on our website or  
e-mail the church office at: [office@firstpresbradenton.com](mailto:office@firstpresbradenton.com)**

## CARING FOR OUR SHUT-INS // ASSISTED LIVING

<i>Health Care Facilities</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Name(s)</i>
<b>Bay Vue Nursing &amp; Rehab.</b>	105 15th St. W. Bradenton, 34208	941-747-8681	Betty Harkins (Room 132)
<b>Inn at Freedom Village</b>	6410 21st Ave W. Bradenton, 34209	941-798-8250	Margaret "Jo" Zonders (121A)
<b>Summerfield Assisted Living</b>	3409 26th St. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-751-7209	Christine King (Room 202) Vada Johnson (Room 126)
<b>Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-745-0167	Jeanne Oliver (RAL Room 408)
<b>Westminster Shores Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1610 3rd Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-748-1700	Rae Flanders (RAL Room 124) E. Jean Phillips (RAL Room 134) John Weichel (RAL Room 125)
<b>Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205	941-666-8837 941-567-6976	Vic & Nancy Kane (#141) Debbie Parvin (#133)
<b>Westminster Towers Health Care (HC)</b>	320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-747-1881 941-757-5961	Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Elma Westney (HC 321B)



# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 Newsletter Submission</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Stephen Min. 4:30 Mission Mtg 6:30 Men's BSF 7:00 Scout Crew	<b>3</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>4</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 7:00 Joy Circle	<b>5</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 New Member Class & Lunch 3:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>8</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:15 CE Meeting 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Pew Crew 6:30 Men's BSF 7:00 Scout Crew	<b>10</b> 10:00 Faith Circle 7:00 Choir	<b>11</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 5:00 Finance	<b>12</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>13</b> 3:30 Scout's Pinewood Derby
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>15</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Men's BSF 7:00 Scout Crew	<b>17</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>18 Maundy Thursday</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 7:00 Maundy Thurs. Musical Worship	<b>19</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Easter Sunday</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>22 Easter Monday</b>  <b>Church Offices Closed</b>  6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Session 6:30 Men's BSF 7:00 Scout Crew	<b>24</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>25</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 12:00 PW's CT Meeting 6:30 Scout Council	<b>26</b> 10:30 Card Ministry 7:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>27 DeSoto Parade</b>  4:00 Scout's Concession & Parking (Parade)
<b>28</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>29</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Men's BSF 7:00 Scout Crew	<b>KEY:</b>  SG = <i>Small Group</i>			

*Happy Easter*

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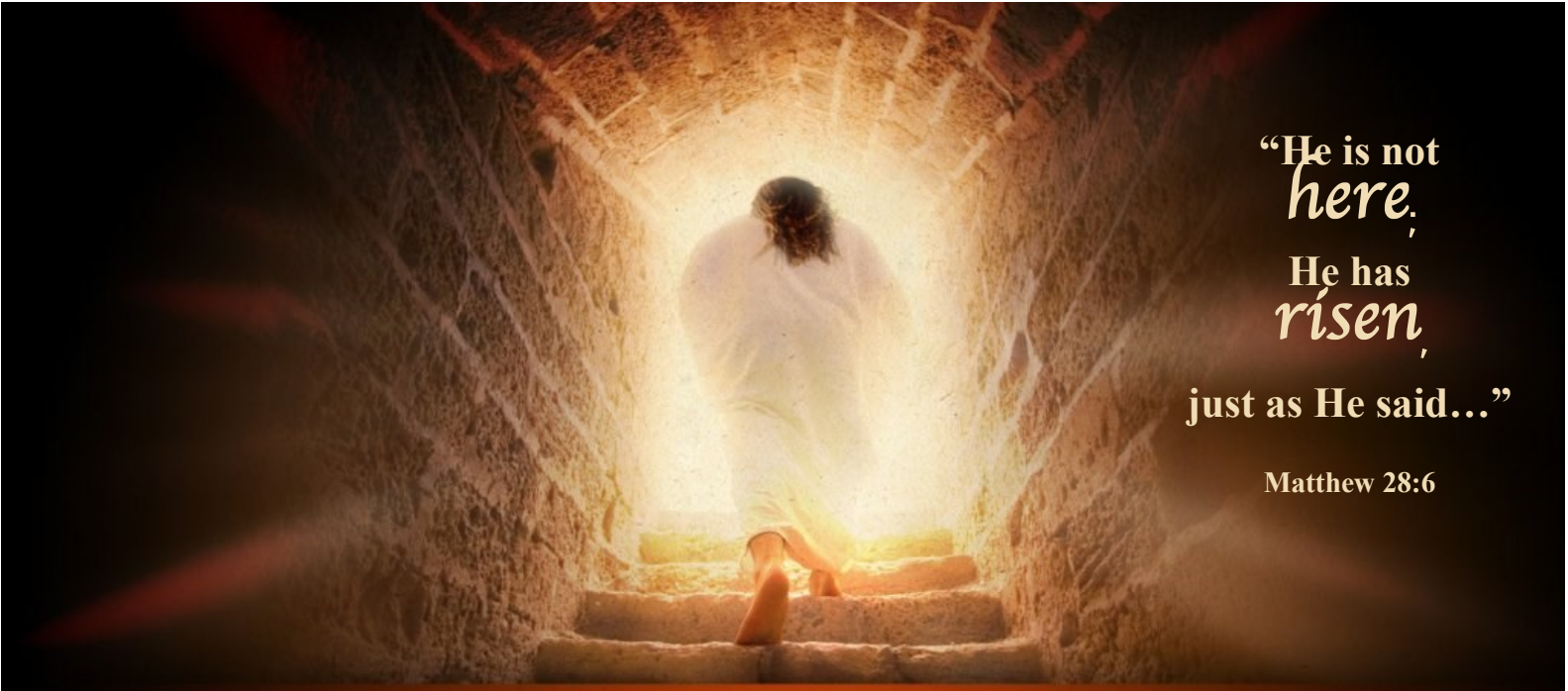
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Prepared Especially For...



“He is not  
*here,*  
He has  
*risen,*  
just as He said...”

Matthew 28:6

SEEING THE RISEN  
CHRIST