

# The Magothy Deaf Messenger

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- 5—Maundy Thursday
- 6—Good Friday
- 7—Sign Choir @ 9:30 a.m.
- 8—Easter Sunday
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- 13—Sign Dinner @ 5 p.m.
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## What a Friend...

How does one explain the true meaning of Easter to a child who doesn't grasp the concepts of grace and the undeserved forgiveness of sins? Maybe it helps to come up with a modern story.

Bill and Joe were good friends, but Bill had an adventurous streak, and Joe was a little more cautious.

It all started out innocently enough. They were in a store picking up a few things they wanted, but Bill realized he didn't have quite enough money, so he stuck one item in his pocket so it wouldn't be seen.

When they got outside, Bill pulled it out of his pocket and showed it to Joe, laughing.

"Man, that's stealing!" said Joe. "It's wrong, and you should take it back and pay for it or just admit that you took it and need to give it back and say you're sorry."

"They'll never miss it," said Bill. "Just forget about it." He set the item on the back seat of the car, and drove

off, with Joe still trying to convince him to do the right thing.

But the security cameras had taped Bill putting the item in his pocket, and the next thing they heard was a siren coming after them, because the security guard at the store had called the police.

Bill was behind the wheel, and he got scared and hit the gas to get away. He got on the highway and drove faster and faster until the needle edged 90 and he was whipping around everyone on the highway. Still the police were right behind him.

Then Bill hit a bump in the road and lost control of the wheel. His car flipped over and over, hit another car, and finally landed upside down. Both boys managed to get out of the car before it caught fire, and their injuries were fairly minor.

But then they saw the ambulance pulling up to the other car that Bill had hit, and they learned that the woman who had been driving it was killed.

When the police asked who was driving, Joe hung his head and said, "I was." Bill just looked at him in astonishment, his mouth agape, and before he could say anything, Joe had been arrested and was being pushed into the back of the police car, charged with theft and vehicular manslaughter. Bill didn't know what to do. He went to see Joe where he was being held in the jail and asked him why he had said he was the one driving.

Joe said, "Well, one of us was going to get busted. I am on my own, and I'm willing to accept the jail time. You have a family depending on you, and I think you've learned your lesson, so you can go free. Just don't make the same mistakes again."

Easter is a little like that, but on a bigger scale. Jesus had been trying to get us to do the right thing, but we continued to sin anyway. And when it came time for someone to pay for those sins, Jesus stepped in and took on our punishments.

What a friend we have in Jesus!



Our monthly potluck will be held on **April 29**. Please join us in Room 5 of the education building for good food and great fellowship.

### Change in Time of Worship Service

Please note that on Easter Sunday (April 8), our Deaf worship service will be at 10:30 instead of 10:15. This will help with parking, as the hearing church will have a few extra minutes to clear out of the parking lot.



**Come to church for a faith lift.  
You are not too bad to come in.  
You are not too good to stay out.**

- 10. Peter
- 9. Thomas
- 8. Emmaus
- 7. Mary Magdalene
- 6. Joseph of Arimathea
- 5. John the Apostle
- 4. Mary, mother of Jesus.
- 3. A thief on Jesus' right.
- 2. The Skull.
- 1. Six hours.

**Answers to Bible Quiz (p.4):**

### Spiritual Gifts (Joan Tucker)

Spiritual gifts are gifts from God given to us to complete His work here on earth. God has given these gifts to every one and when they are used together, they complete the body of Christ. Christ is our head and we are the body.

Even though we work separately, we accomplish the work that the Lord has for us. The more we use our gifts, the more we are given. No one gift is more than important than another, nor is one person more important than another. We can-

not boast of the gifts we have; these are the gifts that were given to us, and if we do not use them for the glory of God, they will be taken away.

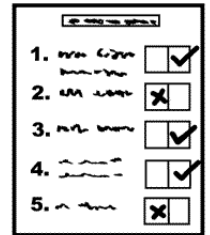
We have them, and we use them, but how do we know which are ours?

*Ephesians 4: 11-14*

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, to equip the saints (that's us) for the work of ministry, for building up the

body of Christ, until all of us come to unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measurement of the full stature of Christ.

There are more gifts than the four listed here. If you would like to know which are your gifts, ask Joan Tucker for the survey.



### Winter Relief Project Report (Alma Andrews)

I want to share something exciting.

Some of you probably heard about "Winter Relief."

I am so proud to say that we, the United Methodist Women, volunteered to provide lunches for men who might go hungry on their "journey" during the daytime when they are seeking for their "next step."

We met in the kitchen every night for a week to make, wrap and pack sandwiches,

in brown bags along with snacks and drinks. The brown bags had art work drawn by children from the elementary school where Kathy Russo teaches. The bags were so awesome and cute.

We served approximately 28 men, and it was exciting to see different people helping in different ways! Some of us even stayed overnight as chaperones. Some of us met at 5 a.m. to prepare breakfast. Some of us helped

load up cots and their personal items and unload them in the Fellowship Hall. Some of us dug in our closets to gather some long-forgotten pairs of jeans and boots to give to them to others who might find the clothes and shoes very useful. It was a truly blessing to see us get together to serve our heavenly Father. Thank you very much to all the women and men who made it feasible.

Bless you!

### The Seven Sayings on the Cross ("Stations of the Cross")

- 1. "Father, forgive them because they don't know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34)
- 2. "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)
- 3. "Woman, behold your son...behold your mother" (John 19:27)
- 4. "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabac-thani" (My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?) (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)
- 5. "I thirst" (John 19:28)
- 6. "It is finished" (John 19:30)
- 7. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

## Youngnak Presbyterian Church of the Deaf

### The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Dedication Ceremony of the New Church Building

When I was senior pastor of the Youngnak Presbyterian Church of the Deaf in Seoul, Korea, we gathered in a 30-year-old building. As the church grew and flourished, there was an influx of more members. As a result, the sanctuary was virtually filled up with congregants. So, the members agreed to construct a new church building to accommodate more congregants. They pulled the old building down and built a new one. The building was finally completed in December of 2003. After paying



The old church building

off the debt, they held the dedication ceremony of the new church building on October 15, 2006. At the same time, they celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deaf church. I was invited to join at the joyous event as their former senior pastor. The Youngnak Presbyterian



Demolition of the old building



The new church building

Church of the Deaf is considered to be the world's largest deaf church with about 550 deaf members. They sent and have supported a deaf missionary to Bangladesh and were instrumental in establishing



At the dedication ceremony



Congratulatory speech

more than 15 deaf churches in Korea. More than 30 deaf pastors had been raised up at that church when they were young. Two presidents of the Korean Association of the Deaf are members of the church as well. Youngnak Presbyterian Church of the Deaf was, is, and will continue to be a huge influence on the deaf community in Korea.

Pastors and elders present at dedication



*From the Pastor's pen...*



### The First Fruit of Resurrection

Until 1968, the sports world believed that it would be virtually impossible to break the 10 second barrier in the 100 meters sprint race. Many sprinters had tried to sprint faster than 10 seconds and their efforts turned out to be in vain.

Then Jim Hines of the USA shocked the world by breaking the world record when he ran in the 100 meters race final with 9.95 seconds. It was considered as a preposterous record. He became a hero even though he was a black athlete.

The fact that he set a new world record in the 100 meters race with faster than 10 seconds has a significant meaning. It means that he opened a way for other athletes to break the 10 second barrier as well.

Many of us still remember that Carl Lewis (9.86 seconds), Morris Green (9.79 seconds) and Asapa Powell (9.77 seconds) have successfully run under 10 seconds. We have no doubt that more sprinters will be able to run faster than 10 seconds in the future.

April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Easter, the holiest of Christian holidays. Why is the Easter one of the most significant days for all of us? It is because our Lord Jesus Christ conquered the invincible power of death and is raised from the dead. Perhaps, some of us may say that Jesus' resurrection should not surprise us considering a fact that he is the Son of the Almighty God. Still, the fact that Jesus is raised from the grave offers us greatest hope and joy. Why? Because we will also be raised from the dead someday when the last Judgment takes place. Jesus Christ becomes the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep by his resurrection. That is why Paul mocked at death, saying, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (I Corinthians 15:55)

We should not wince before problems, hardship and obstacles. We can prevail with the power given by God who raised Jesus Christ from the grave. I like a song that runs: "Because He (Jesus) lives, all fear is gone. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Life is worth the living just because He lives." Let's live in a dauntless spirit. Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is risen indeed.



*"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." (I Corinthians 15:20)*



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## ODHH Extravaganza II

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, April 14, 2007**  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**BWI Marriott**  
**1743 West Nursery Road**  
**Baltimore MD 21240**

The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for deaf, hard-of-hearing, late-deafened, deaf-blind, and hearing people to learn about ODHH, state resources, services available from

**Free Admission!**

both public and private entities, and to develop network systems among participants.

ASL interpreters, CART services and ALDs will be provided.



**(Answers on p.2)**

1. How long was Jesus on the cross? to bury Jesus?
2. What is the meaning of Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified and died? 7. On Easter morning, to whom did Jesus appear?
3. To whom did Jesus say, "Today you will be with me in paradise"? 8. On the way to where did Jesus appear to two disciples?
4. To whom did Jesus say, "Behold, your son"? 9. Who said, "My Lord, My God!" after he saw Jesus Christ appear in the midst of the disciples?
5. To whom did Jesus say, "Behold, your mother"? 10. To whom did Jesus say three times, "Do you love me?"
6. Who offered his grave