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Spirit Day

Tuesday, March 31st from 6:30 a.m. —
10:00 p.m. at the 69th and Slide location.
Proceeds benefit HBC Nicaragua Mission
Trip.

Sermon Series



ROUTE 66

Psalm 1:1-2

*¹ Blessed is the man who does not walk in the
counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of
sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.*

*² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and
on his law he meditates day and night.*

LEVITICUS
EXODUS
GENESIS

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Highland Family,

I have been to many Easter Services. In fact, I have been attending the Easter service since I was born. Probably most people who have anything to do with the Church would say the same. Easter is a special day. It is the day we celebrate the Risen Savior. Just yesterday I was told we should celebrate Easter every Sunday. I 100% agree.

When I was in the 6th grade, my family was preparing to celebrate Easter Sunday. When my brother, sister, and I “rose” from the bed that morning, there was your typical Easter bunny stuff. Yes, we celebrated Easter with the Easter bunny, candy, dyed eggs, and the like in our home. Everything was perfect in the Pardue home that morning. There was nothing out of the ordinary... well...

When I say there was nothing out of the ordinary, I meant it was a typical morning, except for the pink ties, dried hair (boys do not typically do this, and yes, I had hair), loafers, and even handkerchiefs. We were also frequently running late. This leads the entire family to be on eggshells.

When we were all finally ready, my mother wanted a picture (what mom would not!?). This particular situation led to one of the great photo opportunities in our family. We were all dressed up and ready to go. My brother and I were furious about the time ticking away. The picture shows our sister Sarah smiling away as any six year old would. My mom and dad looked delighted. Aaron and I can be seen in that picture frowning. Our jaws were set, and we were showing our protest of the picture. This picture lives on... it is a permanent reminder of our poor attitude.

This Easter, be a part of what God is doing. Wake-up in plenty of time to get ready for church. Take part in all of the festivities that usually accompany your Easter Sunday. Come to church ready to Worship a Risen Savior! Do NOT make the same mistake my brother and I made. We were all dressed up and ready to go on the outside. On the inside, though, we had good intentions of hurrying to church, but our faces showed our disobedient heart. I wish I could retake that picture for my mother... I hope you will not have to say the same for your Heavenly Father.

God bless you church family. We will see you Sunday! Your Pastor,

Church Calendar

- April 3—Good Friday, church office closed
- April 4—Church Family Picnic and Egg Hunt
- April 5—Easter Sunday, no evening service
- April 11—11th Annual Garage Sale
- April 12—Joshua Class Luncheon
VBS Volunteer Sign-Up
Deacons Meeting
Business Meeting during evening service
- April 18—Rebekah Gillespie's baby shower
- April 19—Will Holder, guest speaker during morning service
Missions Committee Lunch
- April 26—Singing Women of West Texas perform during evening service



You and your family are invited to our church family picnic and egg hunt. We have also invited the community to join us. Because of this, we need everyone's help! We anticipate many children will be attending so we would like to have at least 5,000 donated eggs. The eggs need to be pre-filled and taped. In addition, if your child is planning on attending, we ask that they bring 12 plastic filled eggs to share. Please bring the eggs to the church office by **Thursday, April 2nd**.

Our picnic will take place at Davis Park, 42nd and Nashville. We encourage you to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you at the picnic. We will be providing hot dogs. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs and blankets.



Our 11th Annual Spring Cleaning Garage Sale is scheduled **Saturday, April 11th** from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. You may rent a booth for \$30 and a table for \$5. Proceeds from rentals benefit children going to camps. The garage sale will be held in the Family Life Center as well as the gym. We will also advertise for you. Contact Kathy O'Guinn at kathy@highlandbaptist.org or 795-6453 to reserve your booth or for more information.

SHARING YOUR FAITH A SIMPLE GUIDE

We live in a broken world, surrounded by broken lives, broken relationships, and broken systems. This brokenness is seen in the suffering, violence, poverty, pain, and death around us. Brokenness leads us to search for a way to make life work.

In contrast to this brokenness, we also see beauty, purpose, and evidence of God's perfect design around us. The Bible tells us that God originally planned a world that worked perfectly—where everything and everyone fit together in harmony. God made each of us with a purpose—to worship Him and walk with Him. (See Gen. 1:31; Ps. 19:1.)

Life doesn't work when we ignore God and His original design for our lives. We selfishly insist on doing things our own way. The Bible calls this sin. We all sin and distort the original design. The consequence of our sin is separation from God—in this life and for all eternity. (See Rom. 3:23; 6:23.)

Sin leads to brokenness. We see this all around us and in our own lives as well. When we realize life isn't working, we begin to look for a way out. We tend to go in many directions and do many different things to figure it out on our own. Brokenness leads to a realization of our need for something greater.

At this point we need a remedy—some good news. Because of His love, God didn't leave us in our brokenness. Jesus, God in human flesh, came to us and lived perfectly according to God's design. Jesus came to rescue us—to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. He took our sin and shame to the cross, paying the penalty of our sin by His death. Jesus was then raised from the dead to provide the only way for us to be rescued and restored to a relationship with God.

Simply hearing this good news isn't enough. We must admit our sinful brokenness and stop trusting in ourselves. We don't have the power to escape this brokenness on our own. We need to be rescued. We must ask God to forgive us, turning from sin to trust in Jesus. This is what it means to repent and believe. Believing, we receive new life through Jesus, and God turns our lives in a new direction.

When God restores our relationship with Him, we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world. Now we can pursue God's design in all areas of our lives. Even when we fail, we understand God's pathway to be restored—this same good news of Jesus. God's Spirit empowers us to recover His design and assures us of His presence in this life and for all eternity.

This article is excerpted from Life on Mission.

ACTS

Kickball game!

April 19th from 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
The Park at 4909 56th Street
Call/text Scott (806)790-6731



GLORIETA YOUTH CAMP JUNE 21—27, 2015

Cost is \$200/person: \$100 is due at registration to hold your spot. We will be doing fundraisers to help cover the remaining cost of \$100 or as close as we can to it. If you have any questions, please contact Scott by email scott@highlandbaptist.org or call the church office at 795-6453.

CHILDREN'S CAMPS

Girls Camp	June 26th—29th
Boys Camp	July 8th—11th
Camp Xtreme	July 13th—17th

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Each Monday morning from 10:30—11:30 a.m., Dr. Hagler leads a Bible study in the fellowship hall. They are finishing the book of James, and they will begin a new study on Paul and the Corinthians. Everyone is invited to attend.

BABY shower

You are invited to a *Sip 'N See!*

What: Tea Party Style Baby Shower

Who: Honoring Rebekah & Alice Dawn Gillespie

When: Saturday, April 18th from 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Where: Highland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8TH—12TH

We need volunteers to help us with VBS. There will be a variety of ways you may participate. On **Sunday, April 12th**, you will have an opportunity to sign up.

Sunday, May 17th, there will be a VBS Teachers and Workers Rally at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.