

**APRIL 2026**  
*Escaping the Tomb*

- 1 **Holy Wednesday** - The Passover Seder Meal, (pre-registered ); virtual on YouTube
- 2 **Maundy Thursday** - Sacramental Synchronicity & JGP Affirmation
- 3 **Good Friday:**  
Bishop MLB @ New Birth @ 12pm  
Seven Last Words @ GCC @ 7pm
- 4 **Silent Saturday:** 1st Saturday Prayer @ 7am In-person, on the grounds of GGG;  
Youth Easter Egg Hunt w/Zion Baptist
- 5 **Resurrection Sunday:**  
7:30am Sunrise Service  
9:15am, Youth/Escape Room Experience  
11:00am, Resurrection Sunday Service
- 6 JGP Spring Break Kickoff Skate Night
- 14-17 COGIC April Call Meeting, Memphis, TN
- 19 Kingdom Kafe
- 20 Elevate Bible Study
- 21 Silver Linings - Cobb Senior Services Outing
- 25 Marriage University Enrichment Clinic

**THIS MONTH'S SERVICES & PRAYER**

**Sunday Services:** 8:00am & 11:00am

*In-person / YouTube*

**Sunday School:** 9:45am (Hybrid)

**Wednesday @ 7:00pm - WOW** (YouTube)

**Youth in-person: 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 6:30pm**

**PRAYER:**

**Monday - Friday: 7:00-7:15am (via Phone)**

*Sunrise Devotion Prayer*

667-770-1536; Playback 667-770-1535

Access code, 315531

9:00am (onsite)

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**Monday's @ 6:30pm**

**Prayer & Bible Band (via Phone)**

717-908-1985, code 358237

**7 STEPS TO THE KINGDOM**

1. **Greeting:** "Hello, may I have one minute of your time?"
2. **State:** "Did you know that Jesus Christ is Lord? Well, He is and wants to be your Lord and Savior. He loves you. A lot of people want to be saved but don't know how."
3. **Say:** "Romans 10:9 says; if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
4. **Ask:** "Can you say Lord Jesus"?"
5. **Pray:** "Lord Jesus, Forgive me of all my sins. I believe You died on the cross, were buried and rose on the third day. Right now, I open the door of my hart to You and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior."
6. **Question:** According to the prayer you just prayed...where is the Lord? **Answer:** "in my heart".
7. **Confirmation:** (when the correct answer is given share 1 John 4:4) Greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world.

- **Welcome them to the family of God**
- **Encourage them to join a bible teaching and believing church**
- **Invite them to service with you!**

# FAITH FOCUS

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**“FORMED FOR  
A REVIVED LIFE”**

*2026 Theme:  
“My little children, of whom  
I travail in birth again until  
Christ be formed in you...”*

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## Welcome and God Bless You!

April is the month where Resurrection meets Formation. Just as the earth awakens in spring, so must the believer arise into the fullness of who Christ is forming within us. This is not just about celebration, it is about **transformation**. April is not just about celebrating the Resurrection; it is about **living it**. We have celebrated many holidays, spring breaks and moments of renewal without meaningful change. It is my desire that as we embrace our spiritual epiphany (realization of the reality of Christ) during this liturgical season of Holy Week and the anticipation of Pentecost we will experience spiritual formation reflective in our ordinary lives demonstrating to others that believers live supernaturally, naturally.

Just as spring does not ask permission to bloom, neither should your transformation wait for perfect conditions. The same power that raised Jesus is at work in you; not just to revive you, but to **form Christ in you**. Allow the springtime to spring forth a new version of your spiritual formation into to manifested fruit. Emotional maturity, soundness, consistency, integrity, honesty, and generosity.

### This month:

- Don't just be inspired—be transformed.
- Don't just celebrate resurrection—embody it.
- Don't just experience renewal—live revived.

**Let's declare together:** "I am being formed into the image of Christ. I am walking in resurrection power. I am living a revived life; daily, intentionally, and boldly."

Stay in His face and journey well,



+Matthew L. Brown, Th.D.

### WEEK 1: AWAKENING TO NEW LIFE (Resurrection Power)

#### Day 1 – John 11:25

Jesus is the resurrection—life begins in Him.  
*Revival starts when you reconnect to the Source.*

#### Day 2 – Romans 6:4

Walk in newness of life.  
*You are not who you used to be—walk like it.*

#### Day 3 – 2 Corinthians 5:17

New creation reality.  
*Old labels are buried; new identity is rising.*

#### Day 4 – Ezekiel 37:5

Dry bones live again.  
*God breathes life into dead places.*

#### Day 5 – Isaiah 43:19

God is doing a new thing.  
*Perceive it—don't miss your moment.*

#### Day 6 – Colossians 3:1

Set your mind on things above.  
*Resurrection shifts your focus upward.*

#### Day 7 – Matthew 28:6

"He is not here, He is risen."  
*Empty tombs produce full lives.*

### WEEK 2: THE PROCESS OF FORMATION (Christ Being Formed in You)

#### Day 8 – Galatians 4:19

Christ formed in you.  
*Formation is God's intentional work within.*

#### Day 9 – Romans 12:2

Be transformed by renewing your mind.  
*Transformation begins in your thinking.*

#### Day 10 – Philippians 1:6

He will complete the work.  
*God finishes what He starts.*

#### Day 11 – Jeremiah 18:6

The Potter and the clay.  
*Stay pliable in God's hands.*

#### Day 12 – Hebrews 12:11

Discipline produces righteousness.  
*Formation isn't always comfortable—but it's necessary.*

#### Day 13 – Ephesians 4:23-24

Put on the new self.  
*Spiritual growth is intentional.*

#### Day 14 – 2 Peter 1:5-8

Add to your faith.  
*Formation requires participation.*

### WEEK 3: SIGNS OF SPRING (Growth, Renewal, Evidence of Life)

#### Day 15 – Song of Solomon 2:12

Flowers appear on the earth.  
*Growth is visible, don't hide your progress.*

#### Day 16 – Psalm 1:3

Tree planted by water.  
*Stay rooted and you will flourish.*

#### Day 17 – John 15:5

Abide in Christ.  
*Fruit comes from connection, not striving.*

#### Day 18 – Hosea 6:3

He comes like the spring rain.  
*God refreshes what feels dry.*

#### Day 19 – Mark 4:28

The earth produces by itself.  
*Growth takes time—trust the process.*

#### Day 20 – Isaiah 61:11

Righteousness springs up.  
*God causes what's planted to grow.*

#### Day 21 – Psalm 92:13

Planted in the house of the Lord.  
*Community strengthens your growth.*

### WEEK 4: LIVING THE REVIVED LIFE (Evidence of Resurrection Power)

#### Day 22 – Romans 8:11

The Spirit gives life.  
*Resurrection power lives in you.*

#### Day 23 – Acts 1:8

You shall receive power.  
*Revival produces bold witnesses.*

#### Day 24 – Galatians 5:25

Walk in the Spirit.  
*Revived people live Spirit-led lives.*

#### Day 25 – Titus 3:5

Renewed by the Holy Ghost.  
*You are refreshed from the inside out.*

#### Day 26 – Isaiah 40:31

They that wait shall renew strength.  
*Renewal comes through divine exchange.*

#### Day 27 – 1 Peter 1:3

Living hope through resurrection.  
*Hope is alive because Jesus is alive.*

#### Day 28 – 2 Timothy 1:7

Power, love, and a sound mind.  
*Revival stabilizes and strengthens you.*

### WEEK 5: WALKING IN CONTINUOUS RENEWAL (Sustaining the Revived Life)

#### Day 29 – Lamentations 3:22-23

New mercies every morning.  
*Every day is a fresh start.*

#### Day 30 – Revelation 21:5

"I make all things new."  
*God's renewal is ongoing—keep becoming.*