

**R E S**

**U R R**

**E C T**

**I O N**

SPRING

FORTH

Spring is springing up in Abilene (and surely the allergies that go with it!). Grass is greening up, trees are showing buds, and flowers are ready to burst forth in beauty. I'm looking forward to the trees around my yard moving beyond their dormancy and bringing beauty back to the yard (and not having to rake the leaves, either!).

This past year has been filled with death, disappointment, division, and disillusionment. We are waiting for the dormancy of winter to be met with the revitalization of spring.

Waiting on Jesus, even when it appears too late, is a core mark of a disciple. Pete Scazzerro writes, "He waited till Lazarus was dead four days (Rabbis taught the soul lingered for three days, but on the fourth it left permanently). His promise: Trust me and you will see the wonder of the resurrection. Jesus is never late."

This Easter we will again gather in person to celebrate our resurrected Christ! With all of the challenges and death that we have experienced, we will remind ourselves anew of the reality that, at just the right time, God raised Jesus Christ from the dead! Jesus meets worn out, broken, sinful people with the astonishing truth that he has defeated sin and death and won the victory for all eternity!

Paul writes in Romans 5:6: "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. "

Let's make the most of this time, allowing the Spirit to spring forth a new song of celebration in our heart for God's resurrecting power that is at work in our lives.

*Dr. John Whitten*

Dr. John Whitten  
Senior Pastor



April 4, 2021

# Worship Guide

*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."  
Matthew 28:6a*

## CELEBRATION WORSHIP

*Abilene Convention Center*

### "Christ Arose"

*Celebration Choir & Orchestra*

### "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#### WELCOME

*Jeff Reid*

### "O Praise the Name (Anastasis)"

*Brian Bessent, narrator*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

##### Colossians 2:13-15

*9AM - Hannah & Lucy Winklepleck*

*11AM - McKinley & Camdyn Crouch*

### "Christ Arose Overture"

*Celebration Orchestra*

#### BAPTISM

*11AM - Ellore Lester*

### "Because He Lives"

#### PRAYER

*Joe Melson, Deacon Chairman*

### "Sacred Ground"

*Celebration Choir & Orchestra*

*Josh Westman, soloist*

#### SERMON

### "Jesus On The Move: Rising"

##### Mark 16:1-8

*Dr. John Whitten*

### "Living Hope"

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Kelsey Davis*

#### BENEDICTION

*Jeff Reid*

## THE GATHERING

*Pioneer Drive Sanctuary*

### "The Wonderful Cross"

#### SCRIPTURE READING

##### Colossians 2:13-15

*Claire Mabry*

### "Lamb of God"

### "Living Hope"

#### PRAYER

*Craig Stotts*

#### WELCOME

*Daniel McKay*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Kelsey Davis*

#### SERMON

### "Jesus On The Move: Rising"

##### Mark 16:1-8

*Dr. John Whitten*

### "Jesus Paid It All"

#### BENEDICTION

*Daniel McKay*

## SUBMIT AN ONLINE CONNECTION CARD:

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to fill out a connection card.



# APRIL

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CHURCHWIDE

#### APR. 4: EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

9AM, Abilene Convention Center and AM1560 Radio  
10AM, Pioneer Drive Sanctuary and Livestream  
11AM, Abilene Convention Center

#### APR. 9: PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Enjoy a night out while your children have fun with us! From 6-10PM in our Children's Building, we will have a snack, make a craft, and watch a movie. This night is for children 6 weeks up to 5th grade. The cost is \$6 per child. Register online at [pioneerdrive.org/events](http://pioneerdrive.org/events).

#### APR. 19: BLOOD DRIVE

How can you help address community health needs this season? Show up for our church blood drive hosted in the covered parking lot at Potomac and Buccaneer from 11AM-2PM, Donors receive a FREE shirt, juice, and snack, plus the chance to love your neighbors!

#### APR. 21: CHURCH CONFERENCE

We will talk about important church business and take time to pray on this evening at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall.

#### APR. 25: NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Join us at 7PM in the Conference Center for a Night of Worship & Prayer. This will be an evening devoted to worshiping God through an extended time of singing, meditating on scripture, and engaging in personal and corporate prayer. Led by our gathering worship and prayer teams, we will seek the Lord together. Childcare is available.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### APR. 11: DRAMA AND SOLO AUDITIONS

Rehearsals continue each Wednesday 6-6:45pm as we prepare to present "Survivor Babylon" on Sunday, May 2. Auditions for 1st-5th grade drama parts and solos are on April 11 from 3:30-6PM in the Allen Room. Sign up at the table outside the Music Suite.

### COLLEGE MINISTRY

#### APR. 11 & 25: COLLEGE FREE MEAL

We are excited to be having College FREE Meal again! Join us this month at 6PM in the covered parking area! If you are a student and have questions or if you are a church member interested in volunteering, contact [Taylor@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Taylor@pioneerdrive.org).

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications for the Fall Semester 2021 are available in the Church Offices or College Bible Study room (Gym Foyer) for students attending a Texas Baptist university or ACU. All applications need to be returned to Gayla Mize through email, mail, or delivery to the Church Offices no later than Sunday, May 2 at noon. First priority will be given to students pursuing full-time ministry. The remaining scholarships will be awarded on a need basis.

### FAMILY MINISTRY

#### APR. 25: BABY DEDICATION SEMINAR

To dedicate your child this Mother's Day, register for this class online. From 9:30-11AM (Room TBD), we will talk about the importance of choosing to dedicate your children back to the Lord along with how we share the responsibility with our church family. For more information, contact [Pam@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Pam@pioneerdrive.org).

### MEN'S MINISTRY

#### APR. 18: MAN NIGHT @ REFUGE RANCH

Enjoy good food, a challenging word and follow-up discussion around the fire. Starting at 6PM, it's a great opportunity to invite a friend or bring your son. Let [Nathan@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Nathan@pioneerdrive.org) know you'll be joining.

#### APR. 23: GOLFING FOR A CAUSE

All proceeds from this event support the mission of Noah Project to empower victims to become survivors and work to end domestic violence and sexual assault. The cost is \$600 for a four-person team. To sign your team up or learn more, contact [Nathan@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Nathan@pioneerdrive.org).

#### MAY 6-9: MEN'S RETREAT

Looking for a chance to get away and be challenged as a man of God? Join us for a Wild at Heart Boot Camp at Riverbend Retreat Center in scenic Glen Rose, Texas. Deadline for sign-up is April 30th. For more information or to sign up, contact [Nathan@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Nathan@pioneerdrive.org).

## WEEKLY MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Gather every Friday with other men at Front Porch Coffee from 7-8AM for prayer. We lift up our church family, our neighbors & any personal challenges or celebrations.

## MANLY MEALS

Every 1st Tuesday meet at The Mill for lunch from The Shed and share testimonies with fellow strugglers from all over Abilene. Or are you looking for a smaller lunch time connection with other men? Meet on Thursdays at various Abilene hot spots. Bring a friend! To learn where lunch is happening, contact [Nathan@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Nathan@pioneerdrive.org).

## ONGOING: MAN CARD PROJECT

Our goal is for ALL men to complete this spiritual assessment. Scan the QR code or visit [pioneerdrive.org/mancard](http://pioneerdrive.org/mancard). For more, contact [Nathan@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Nathan@pioneerdrive.org).



## MISSIONS MINISTRY

### APR. 10: BEYOND THE WALLS

Help us reach out and deliver a special gift to some of our favorite Pioneer Drive ladies. Meet in the gym at 10AM to receive instructions and supplies. Contact [Taylor@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Taylor@pioneerdrive.org) with any questions.

### APR. 24: CWJC GRADUATION

Let's recognize the most recent graduates of Christian Women's Job Corps, a Pioneer Drive partner and organization dedicated to empowering local women with Good News and job skills. Festivities will be hosted at Shining Star Fellowship and begin at 10AM. For more information, contact [Erica@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Erica@pioneerdrive.org).

### APR. 27: CHURCH BUILDERS MEETING

Church Builders is having an informational potluck at 6PM in the upstairs Cafe. Meat and drinks are provided. Anyone interested in going to Savoy, TX on June 20-25 to build a church can come check us out.

### APR. 28: PRAY FOR ABILENE

Join a city-wide, multi-church effort to pray for Abilene. Pioneer Drive has agreed to pray on the 28th of every month. Contact [Nathan@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Nathan@pioneerdrive.org) with any questions or for prayer resources.

### ALL MONTH: SNACKS FOR CLACK

This month, we are collecting single serving packaged peanut butter crackers, granola bars and goldfish to share with students at Clack Middle School. All donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart downstairs or at the Pioneer Exchange.

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: PRESCHOOL CHOIR

Preschoolers sing and have fun together each Wednesday from 6-6:45pm. We are preparing to sing in "Survivor Babylon" on Sunday, May 2.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### STUDENT SUMMER CAMP

We're going to Camp Generate again! We'll be back in Durango, CO, with Andrew Grey leading us in the Word, and Jared Wood leading us in worship. Join us July 5-9 as we spend a week playing, resting, and retreating into God's presence. Register at [pioneerdrive.org/events](http://pioneerdrive.org/events).

### APR. 16-18: DISCIPLE NOW 2021

This year we are glad to be able to gather, hang out, and worship together at Disciple Now 2021. We will be blessed as Jeff Scott leads us in the Word while we learn what it means to be Sanctified. Register at [pioneerdrive.org/events](http://pioneerdrive.org/events), and if you have any questions or would like to be a college leader, reach out to [Terence@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Terence@pioneerdrive.org).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### APR. 23, 24: WOMEN'S STAYCATION

Join us for our Women's Staycation weekend. This will be a time to pause, take a breath, and be refreshed as we enjoy fellowship, fun activities around Abilene, and teaching from our very own, Dr. Laura Pogue. The cost is \$45. Sign up at table outside the Conference Center or Sanctuary by April 11.

### MAY 12: IF TABLE FINALE

If you have been part of an IF Table this year, be sure to join us for our IF Table Finale. At this event, all of our groups will come together for a delicious meal and a time of fellowship. Our IF Table Finale will be at 6PM in the Allen Room. The cost is \$5 for dinner. Register online by May 5 at [pioneerdrive.org/events](http://pioneerdrive.org/events).

## REGISTER FOR AN EVENT:

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for an event.



READ THE BIBLE

# Month of April

- 1 Judg 6-7
- 2 Judg 8-9
- 3 Judg 10-12
- 4 Judg 13-15
- 5 Judg 16-18
- 6 Judg 19-21
- 7 Ruth
- 8 1 Sam 1-3
- 9 1 Sam 4-8
- 10 1 Sam 9-12
- 11 1 Sam 13-14
- 12 1 Sam 15-17
- 13 1 Sam 18-20; Ps 11, 59
- 14 1 Sam 21-24
- 15 Ps 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
- 16 Ps 56, 120, 140-142
- 17 1 Sam 25-27
- 18 Ps 17, 35, 54, 63
- 19 1 Sam 28-31; Ps 18
- 20 Ps 121, 123-125, 128-130
- 21 2 Sam 1-4
- 22 Ps 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
- 23 1 Chron 1-2
- 24 Ps 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
- 25 1 Chron 3-5
- 26 Ps 73, 77-78
- 27 1 Chron 6
- 28 Ps 81, 88, 92-93
- 29 1 Chron 7-10
- 30 Ps 102-104

# PIE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

## Preschool

July 12-15  
Preschool Camp (3-5 years old)



## Children

June 6-10  
Vacation Bible School



July 10  
Day Camp (finished 1st-3rd grade)



July 12-15  
Kid's Camp (finished 4th-6th grade)

Mystery Trips (finished 1st-5th grade)  
July 20: 3rd and 4th  
July 22: 1st and 2nd  
July 27: 5th



July 23  
6th Grade Day Away (finished 6th grade)

## Students

June 19-26  
High School Choir Tour



July 5-10  
Student Camp



July 25-29  
Super Week

## WANT TO SERVE?

From greeting at a door to hosting a college group to working a camera and more, we have a place for you to contribute at Pioneer Drive. Background checks are required. If you'd like to serve or learn more, email [info@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:info@pioneerdrive.org).

# anxious for nothing

---

**new sermon series  
april 11th**



# NEW MEMBERS

J. & SUSIE CASSLE  
JOYCE OSBORNE  
DAVID & JO PLAIN  
TERI TURNER

*Pioneer Drive*  
BAPTIST CHURCH

701 S. Pioneer Drive  
Abilene, TX 79605



Visit our website  
[www.pioneerdrive.org](http://www.pioneerdrive.org)



Download the  
Pioneer Drive App



Like us on Facebook  
[@pioneerdrive](https://www.facebook.com/pioneerdrive)

The Vision is Pioneer Drive's  
monthly newsletter. Learn  
about our latest news and  
upcoming events.

For more information, call us  
at (325) 692-6776 or email  
us at [info@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:info@pioneerdrive.org).