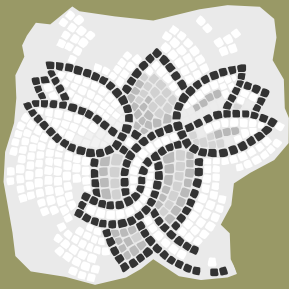


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HUTCHINSON BETHANY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Bethany Nazarene News

Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin? An unusual approach to a Biblical story . . .

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this before. Have you? The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of the stony coffin. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside and also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Is that important? **Absolutely!** Is

it really significant? **Yes!** In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch the table, until the master was finished.

Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up the napkin and toss in onto the table. The servant would then know to clean the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done". But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate the servant would not dare touch the table, because . . .

The folded napkin meant, **"I'm coming back!"**

Sunday School Emphasis

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

MAKING A DISCOVERY . . . ETERNAL LIFE

Good News!!—Jesus fixes people's lives!

Man's Need and God's Supply—Philippians 4:19

"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."



The Christian Motorcycle Association will be with us this Sunday morning. They will share with the teens during the Sunday School hour & with the congregation during the worship service. The bikes will be on display in the



Here's What's Happening!

ATTENTION NYI

This Saturday, March 29, is **ENCHILADA DAY!** If you sold enchiladas, you **MUST** be here to help make them or you will forfeit your portion of the profit. Be here at noon, ready to work. Eat lunch before you come. Wear clothes that can get dirty because it is a messy project.. Any questions, contact Kim Easdon 663-6286 or 728-8598.

ONE MORE SUNDAY . . .

You have one more Sunday to schedule your appointment to have your picture taken for the new pictorial directory. Make it a point to see Arlene Woods or Kim Easdon. Portraits will be taken on Wednesday, April 9 & Wednesday, April 23. (Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait & directory.)

BAPTISM

A baptism service is being planned in the next few weeks. If you would be interested in learning more about the sacrament of Christian Baptism, please speak to Pastor Darrell or Pastor Damon by Sunday, March 30.

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 29-Enchilada Day
- Apr. 8-11-Pastors & Wives Retreat
- Apr. 9-Directory Photos
- Apr. 11-Prime Time Banquet
- Apr. 13-Board Meeting
- Apr. 17-19-MAX @ MNU
- Apr. 18-Nazarene Night @ Worlds of Fun
- Apr. 20-Church Elections (PM Service)
- Apr. 23-Directory Photographs

NAZARENE NIGHT AT WORLDS OF FUN

April 20th is the date for Nazarene Night at Worlds of Fun. Tickets will soon be available through the church at a cost of \$21.50.

PRIME TIME BANQUET

The banquet will be April 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Hutchinson First Church. Plans this year include a wonderful meal & Darrell Archer will be playing old tunes on the piano, guitar, tenor banjo & mandolin. He will be joined by his wife & four kids. Cost for the banquet is \$12 per person. Registration & payment need to be turned in by Sunday, March 30. You may drop a check labeled "Prime Time Banquet" in the offering plate or hand it to Kim Easdon.

This Week's Prayer Guide

- * Mark Teter
- * Larry Moffett
- * Esther Smith
- * Carol Crotts
- * Faye Pohl
- * D.E. Tims
- * Norma & Floyd Dunlap
- * Tammy Johnson & boys
- * Doris Teter
- * Wanda Klaver
- * Paul & Trish Jackson
- * Karen Schultz
- * Jalane Nelson
- * Delma Parker
- * Benjamin Bates
- * Paul & Marion Knoble
- * Clara Solida
- * Don & Maxine Rigdon
- * Evelyn Dick
- * Bobby Pifer
- * Pastor Darrell & Carolyn Bisel
- * Pastor Damon & Rachael Singleton



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