

FROM THIS VIEW

*He is risen.**He is risen indeed.*

WILMORE FREE METHODIST YOUTH MINISTRY

HE IS RISEN

PASTOR ANDREA

Happy Empty Tomb week! He is risen!!

As I read the passion narrative last week, I was struck by the sorrow and shame that must have captured Peter's thoughts and heart. He had denied His teacher, His friend, His Lord. And then His Lord was gone. Dead. Entombed. Skip ahead in the Biblical narrative, and we find that Peter has been transformed...he preaches to a crowd and in one day, 3,000 are baptized, their lives changed.

What happened to his shame? His regret? He came face to face with Risen King Jesus and the shame fell away. Jesus restored Peter, forgave his past, and gave him a new future. Jesus will do that for us to.

We may not be able to meet Him face to face as Peter did, but we can meet Him spirit to spirit. He welcomes you! He is near!

LET THE PAST REST

ETHAN GOFORTH

"For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard." Isaiah 52:12 ESV

Our yesterdays hold broken and irreversible things for us, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past rest. But let it rest in the sweet embrace of Christ. Our present enjoyment of God's grace tends to be lessened by the memory of yesterday. God is the God of our yesterdays, and He allows the memory of them to turn the past into a ministry of spiritual growth for our future.

This is security for tomorrow. "...the Lord will go before you...." This is a gracious revelation— that God will send His forces out where we have failed to do so. He will keep watch so that we will not be tripped up again by the same failures, as would undoubtedly happen. And God's hand reaches back to the past, settling all the claims against our conscience.

Leave the broken, irreversible past in His hands, and step out into the invincible future with Him.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24 ESV

Life at the Goforth home has been interesting and wonderful. Jay and Tyler have been at home doing school, like all of you. I've stayed very busy at work because everyone is doing projects around their home.

We've walked MILES around Wilmore, read books, and played games. Jay is trying to convince me to get a dog (I haven't bitten yet). We are truly enjoying the break from some of the normal things we do. I pray you guys all stay well and that we can be together SOON!! Distance makes the heart grow fonder isn't true at all! It just makes us miss you all the more!



A REFLECTION FROM CHLOEE ADAMS



Senior year has been a bit of a wild ride, and not at all like I expected. But, I have been reminded that God's gifts often come in the unexpected, and that rather than fearing the possibilities of the future, He has given us a spirit of power - not our own power, but His power, to embrace whatever life brings and allow Him to work through it for His glory.

I'm thankful to my parents for homeschooling me, and I want to finish school strong for them. It's been an amazing journey and I've been so blessed by the opportunity to delve into the things I love. I hope to attend Asbury in the fall, pursuing degrees in Latin and Creative Writing and draining the university's coffee supply. My dream is to follow J. R. R. Tolkien and be both a linguist and author.

A NOTE FROM RYAN PADGETT

I'm sad that the virus has made it so we can no longer meet together and I am trying my hardest to not let isolation drive me crazy. However, I have been able to find some benefits that have snuck in along with all of the cancelled fun. Although at times it is hard to keep up my motivation, the extra time at home has helped me to focus on finishing my senior year strong, catch up on some much needed sleep and most importantly given me extra time to add in more daily devotion and prayer.



A NOTE FROM ISAAC MCCANTS

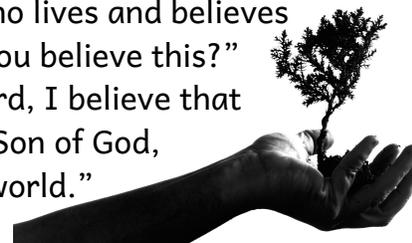
These days, I'm keeping busy with school, archery practice, working on my Jeep, and lawn-mowing jobs.



April 1 AM statement of Jesus:

"I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."
JOHN 11:25-27 (NRSV)



Next Week's Feature: Middle School

Send me an article, a devo, a photo, or something else to include in next week's newsletter (atinsley@wfmc.net). All submissions are due by 8am on Tuesday.