

# Easter Sunrise Service

at Gentry Ranch



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Resurrection was celebrated at the Sunrise Service Easter Sunday morning on the Gentry ranch west of Bronte. A large crowd gathered in the brisk north wind and sat below three lighted crosses. Daybreak revealed that they were seated in front of an empty tomb. Jesus had risen to give us salvation. This was remembered and celebrated with prayers, singing, and sharing.

Rev. Everette Boyce, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, welcomed those attending and gave the opening prayer, thanking God for His Son's sacrifice. Songs were led by David Bedford.

Rev. Dale Patterson, pastor of Central Baptist Church, invited people to list concerns. He then led in prayer, asking God to bless and meet the needs of each person mentioned. He also led the congregation in praying the Lord's Prayer.

First Methodist youth, Darby Duncan, Eric Velasquez, Payton Arrott, Johnny and Jason Woehrl, and Nick Arrott placed Easter symbols on an alter and explained their meaning. The symbols included the cross, candle, rock, palm branch, and the crown of thorns.

Baptist Youth Whitney Boyd, Ryan Jones, Savine Ornelaz, Camie Davidson, and Wes Henson, blessed the service with special music.

Wayne Coalson, Church of Christ, reminded everyone that we can share God's love with our neighbors and those passing through town who are in need by giving to the Bronte Community Chest. An offering of \$601 was given.

Robert Lemmond, Cowboy Church Minister, praised God for the gift of Jesus Christ who lives in our lives today.

Rev. Boyce dismissed the service with prayer.

Everyone warmed up with a good breakfast, hot chocolate and hot coffee.

Thanks to all:

Participants in the service: the ministers, the youth, and song leader.

Those who cleared the service area, set up the lighting, the tent, the sound system, and the breakfast area.

Those who came to share in the Glory of the Resurrection.

Hope to see you next year on April 16, 2017.

Juanette Gentry

