

Easter Sunrise Service *at Gentry Ranch*



AN EMPTY TOMB!

A large crowd gathered in front of an empty tomb at dawn Easter Sunday morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. They watched in awe as Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. There, she saw an angel of the Lord from Heaven. The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here. HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD as He said He would. "Jesus appeared and said to her ... I am going back to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (taken from John 20:10-17)

Above the tomb shone the crosses, a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus, in which He gave salvation and eternal life. Hymns, led by Wayne Coalson and David Bedford, praised God for the gift of His Son.

Rev. Dale Patterson, Central Baptist Church, read Matthew 28:1-10. The scripture account of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus rising from the dead.

Bro. James Brunson, 4C Cowboy Church, reminded everyone that God does hear and answer prayer. People were invited to share their prayer concerns. He then lead in prayer asking God to bless and meet the needs of each person mentioned. The Lord's Prayer was also shared by everyone.

Jesus also taught that we are to help others, especially those in need. David Lewis, Bronte Church of Christ, invited everyone to share through an offering for the Bronte Community Chest. An offering of \$1,122.14 was given.

A time for silent prayer and a pastoral prayer was offered by Rev. Richard Jackson, First Baptist Church.

First United Methodist pastor, Rev. Everett Boyce, welcomed everyone to the service and gave the opening prayer. He closed the service by sending all out into the world to serve a risen Savior, reminding all that we do not go alone. God the Father, Jesus the Sone, and the Holy Spirit go with us.

A large breakfast buffet, complete with campfire coffee and hot chocolate, was enjoyed by about 165 people from Bronte, Oak Creek Lake, Robert Lee, Tennyson, San Angelo, Fort Stockton, Floresville, Lubbock and possibly other places.

Thanks to all:

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

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

The coffee cooks and all who brought food.

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

*Thank you,
Juanette Gentry*

