

Easter Sunrise Service *at Gentry Ranch*



RESURRECTION for ALL!

As the sun began to rise above the horizon, the community of Bronte lifted their voices in praise to God Almighty, rejoicing in the risen Son of God. The eastern sky blessed the earth with soft pinks and blues, bursting into a beautiful golden sun. At the same time, a clear full moon shown in the west. On the hill above stood three crosses, reminding everyone of the cruel crucifixion of Jesus. Below, an empty tomb shouting that He conquered death. He arose to live again!

The Sunrise Service on the Gentry Ranch was led by Keith Fletcher, First United Methodist Church. Juanette Gentry welcomed a large crowd from Bronte and surrounding communities, then led the opening prayer. Hymns of praise were led by Wayne Coalson.

Brother Dale Patterson, Central Baptist Church minister, gave the opportunity for people to share prayer concerns. He led in prayer, asking God to touch these people, and to bless all, especially those who do not know God as their savior.

James Richard Brunson, pastor of 4C Cowboy Church, gave everyone the opportunity to share God's love by giving to the Community Chest. The Community Chest assists our neighbors with their needs when times are tough. An offering of \$1,115.00 was received.

Five youth members of the Baptist youth group presented the skit, "It's Empty. He's Alive". Cast members were Michaela Basquez, Gabriel Basquez, Jadan Morgan, Aiden Beck, and Keely Queen.

Buzz Gohman, a member of Forgiven Ministries, led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer, followed by everyone again lifting their voices in song.

David Lewis, pastor of the Church of Christ, brought the message for the morning. Jesus, a man without sin, died on the cross and was resurrected. He brought resurrection to us as Jesus took our sins to the cross. He gives us the opportunity to have eternal life - a life free from aches, pains, and earthly problems through His resurrection. Let us all accept Him.

The Oak Creek Boys planned special music but their keyboard player had car trouble so Ray Barnett read the words of the song "Then Came the Morning". The song expresses the feelings of Jesus' followers after he had been crucified. He was dead, their hopes vanished, then came the morning.

Keith Fletcher dismissed the services with prayer.

A wonderful breakfast of casseroles, nut breads, biscuits, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, and other goodies was shared. Everyone enjoyed eating and visiting in the beautiful, warm sunshine.

This service is made possible by many awesome people.

Thanks to all:

Participants in the service.

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

The coffee cooks and all who brought food.

The Sheriff's Office.

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

*Thank you,
Juanette Gentry*

