

Easter Sunrise Service *at Gentry Ranch*



HE HAS RISEN!

The night was dark. Hearts were heavy with the loss of their friend Jesus. The early morning light came to change the world. The tomb was empty! Jesus had risen! He is alive!

Many people from Bronte and out of town guests gathered for the Bronte Community Sunrise Service. Jesus's resurrection was celebrated with music, song, prayer, a skit, and a devotional. Sherry Davidson and Stacy Sprinkle opened the service with special music, "Because He Lives". Hymns were led by David Bedford and Brother Luis Hernandez. Brother Hernandez also sang "Can He Still Feel the Nails", a song he had written. The Oak Creek Boys blessed the service with a special "Then Came The Morning". This group includes Ray Barnett, Steve Clark, Martin DeLaGarza, Brother George Cooper, Walter Smith, and Billy Jones, accompanied by Ryan Jones on the box drum, Whitney Jones on guitar, and Maurine Youngblood playing the keyboard.

An Easter skit, "He Is Risen Indeed", written by Keith Fletcher and edited by actors, and directed by Lanette Fletcher, was presented by the United Methodist Kids. This depicted disciples and friends at the tombs, sorrowful and frantic after the death of their teacher and friend, Jesus. Then Jesus appears telling Mary Magdalene, "I am going back to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God". They believe and declare: He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed! Actors in the skit included Jacody and Jaycee Gressett, Maddie, Kenzie, Landry, and Marly Schoenfield.

Brother Dale Patterson offered prayer and led the Lord's Prayer. He also blessed the offering taken for the Community Chest of Bronte, explaining that this offering was a way of sharing love and assisting others.

The Biblical account of Jesus rising from the dead was read from Matthew by Brother Luis Hernandez. Pastor Stacy Sprinkle read this from the Book of Mark and gave a devotional message, proclaiming again "He is Risen Indeed".

Father YESU (Rev. Tesuratnam Mulakaleti) closed the service with prayer.

Churches of Bronte leading the service were First United Methodist Church, Church of Christ, Central Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Forgiven Ministries, and the Catholic Church.

Homemade muffins, coffee, and hot chocolate were served.

THANKS TO ALL WHO MAKE THIS SERVICE POSSIBLE! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Those who provide the lighting of the crosses and parking area.

Those who set up the tent and the sound system.

Those who help store supplies.

Those who provide coffee.

The Lions Club, the City, the Sheriff's Office, Glenn-Bivins.

Participants in the service, the pastors, the musicians, and actors.

*Thank you,
Juanette Gentry*

