

### 3 Things to Do

1. Read Matthew 27:57 - Matthew 28:15 and 1 Corinthians 15.
2. Sing at least three songs that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank God for raising Christ from the dead.
3. Pray for the unbelievers, those who you know so that they will believe the truth that Jesus arose.

**A Guard's Tale &  
Psyched Out or  
Saved by Grace**

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Why did the Pharisees want to prevent people from learning about Christ's resurrection?
2. Why do people today deny the truth that Christ arose? What is their motivation?
3. Why is it important for us to believe that Christ arose? Why is this truth so powerful? What does it do for us?

## Church Calendar

### CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

### MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

### HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

### EVENTS FOR APRIL 2018

*Saturday, 7th — Beth Shalom's Men & Young Men's Bible Study Breakfast at 9:00 – 11:00am, ages 14 & up. Donation \$10*

*Saturday, 14th — 4th Mass Meeting Prayer Breakfast at Contee A.M.E. Zion Church 903 Division Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019*

**HAPPY EASTER!**

## Church Announcements

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup> By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything  
But pray and ask God for  
everything you need  
Always giving thanks  
And He'll give you peace for your  
heart and mind.

And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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## April Fool or Eternal Believer A Guard's Tale & Psyched Out or Saved by Grace

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## The Fake News or the Truth

### Sunrise

1. Beware of the persons who are quick to call those speaking truth liars.
2. Shirley Caesar and Tonex sang, "You've been telling lies but I know the truth."

### 11AM Service

1. April Fool's Day - Celebrating "the Psych Out"
2. Secular recording artists like singing about fools. Typically, they focus on matters of the heart.

### Your Notes

## WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

While the world celebrates April Fool's Day, we celebrate the resurrection of our savior, Jesus Christ. The devil does not want us to believe that Christ arose. He wants you to discount it. He wants to distract us with the Easter Bunny and Easter Parades but we must remember that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day Jesus arose from the dead. As impossible that it may sound and the world may call us fools for our beliefs, but Jesus laid down his life and pick it up again so that we can be assured that after serving him in this life he will reward us with everlasting life. Our faith goes beyond seeking God for a life of ease in this world; our faith looks for God to invite us to reign with Christ in the world to come. The Pharisees tried to cover it up. The world denies it. But, we know the truth, Christ arose.

*The Truth is: Christ arose just like he said he would.  
Don't be fooled by fools or psyched out. Believe the Truth*

**A Guard's Tale.** (Matthew 27:62-66, Matthew 28:2-4, 11-15)

1. Where you get that money?
2. What happened at the tomb?
3. Why aren't you afraid of Pilate?
4. Why the cover-up? What really happened at the tomb?
5. Why are they paying you to lie?
6. Why don't they want the truth to get out?

Jesus warned us. The Pharisees' lies corrupt but in the disciples' truth there's power. (Matthew 16:6; John 8:31,32)

**Psyched Out or Saved by Grace** (1 Corinthians 15:1-34, CEV)

1. Our belief in the Gospel saves us.
2. This is the Gospel. Jesus died for our sins. He was buried and was raised to life on the third day. Peter, the Twelve, more than five hundred believers, James and all the apostles, and Paul saw him.
3. This is fact not fable: If Jesus did not rise from the dead, pity us, the church. We have no sacrifice for our sins and our faith is worthless. God forbid!
4. But we are not fools we're saved. Through Christ we have victory over death and will enjoy everlasting life.

## Words to Remember

### Sunrise Service

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. (Matthew 28:11-15 NIV)

### 11 AM Service

Unless Christ was raised to life, your faith is useless, and you are still living in your sins. And those people who died after putting their faith in him are completely lost. If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else. But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. (1 Corinthians 15:16-20 CEV)