

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” | Peter 3:15

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## Humor and Hope

**A**s Christians there are many unique things that make us different from the rest of the world. One of those things is spelled H-O-P-E! Have you ever thought about what it's like to live without hope? If you've been a Christian for a long time, it's easy to forget. Peter rejoices in this hope by saying, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

There are many in the world that desperately want to have some hope in their life, but they don't know where to find it. Many people claim they can give them hope, but ultimately all they have are empty promises and false hope. The hope that we have is not empty or false. It is a hope based on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So what does God ask us to do with the hope that we have? He asks us to share it with those who do not have it. That sounds like an easy thing to do, but often we find that those that need hope the most are the very ones that are not open to hearing the message of hope that we want to share with them. That can be very frustrating and eventually we just decide to stop trying to share the message. We never want to get to

the point of hoarding the HOPE all to ourselves. As a church we want to partner with you in sharing the message of HOPE. One way we try and do this is through Outreach Events which are designed to provide an atmosphere that is non-threatening to the unchurched. It provides you with an opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to an event other than just a church service. The Outreach Event tries to use something we might have in common with them in order to build their trust with us. Once that trust is built, then hopefully they will drop the barriers they have and be ready to listen to the message of hope.

Last year we used Nebraska football as the means of bridging that gap and building that trust. Husker football coach Ron Brown came and shared some of his many experiences he has had as a Nebraska football coach. Then he ended the night by sharing the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

This year, instead of using Nebraska Football, we have chosen to use HUMOR as they way to reach the hearts of the hopeless. On Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> (no this is not an April Fool's Joke), we will be hosting an Outreach Event called “A Night of Laughs.” The whole purpose of the event is to provide you with a non-threatening event that

you can invite your friends and neighbors to so that they might hear the message of HOPE.

Our special guest for the evening will be Christian Comedian Lyndy Phillips from Dallas, TX. Since elementary school Lyndy has been comfortable entertaining audiences of all ages with humor, sleight-of-hand illusions, and comedic storytelling—all while sharing truth with passion and creativity.

Lyndy has served as Executive Director of Development and a speaker for Marriage Today, a national marriage ministry and television program based in Dallas, Texas. Prior to that, as an ordained minister, he served more than 15 years in the local church as a youth pastor, associate pastor, and church elder. As a pastor, storyteller and laugh-generator, Lyndy hopes to entertain, encourage and inspire people with a commitment to truth, humor, and the HOPE of Christ.

Is there someone in your life that needs some HOPE? Would you step out in faith and invite them to come with you for a great evening of food and laughs. We need your help to make this evening a success. Tickets are available at the church office for \$12 a person, which includes the cost of a catered meal.

– Pastor Scott Harvey

## Experience Easter with The THORN

**T**his year at the Broken Bow Evangelical Free Church, the greatest story ever told comes to life with "The Thorn Easter Experience." Through realistic videos, live dramas and beautiful music, attendees will experience the power and compassion of Jesus' life, the pain of his crucifixion, and the triumph of his resurrection.

Every year we try and do something that makes Easter Sunday special and a little different than most Sundays. The Worship Committee looked at several options and chose to utilize The Thorn material which was produced by Outreach.com. It is based upon "The Thorn Live" which is a live professional Passion Play presentation that has been watched by nearly one million people over the last 14 years. Many of the clips and videos that we will utilize are from the Live presentation. This is the first year the exclusive licensed content from "The Thorn Live" production has been available to churches to use in creating a worship experience unlike any other Easter service. That means that Broken Bow Evangelical Free Church is one of the first churches to use the material.

This is another great opportunity to share the HOPE we have with our friends and neighbors. The



Outreach Event allows them to HEAR the message of HOPE. The Thorn will allow them to SEE and EXPERIENCE the HOPE of Jesus death and resurrection.

We still have a few things to finalize to get it all ready, but I'm excited about what we'll have to offer for Easter Sunday. Everyone who comes will have an unforgettable experience. Easter Sunday Service will be on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>, and will have a special starting time of 10:00 AM.

### Maundy Thursday Service

**April 5, 2012**

**7:30 PM**

**Easter Coffee  
(Rolls, coffee and juice  
will be served)**

**Sunday, April 8, 2012  
9:00 AM**

**(No Sunday School)**

### Easter Sunday Worship Service

**April 8, 2012**

**10:00 AM**



## Student Ministry Update

### Ski Trip to Snowy Range

Three students and two adults began the Spring Break ski trip to Laramie, Wyoming, March 7-10. Roger Albin, Andrew Flint, Alyssa Hunt, Doran Kolasa and Pastor Brant left right after school on Wednesday to meet the rest of our group from the Evangelical Free Church in Gothenburg. After a stop in Sidney for supper we continued on to our host facility – Table in the Wilderness Ministries.

Thursday was filled with lessons, navigating the ski lifts and dodging trees. Toward the end of Thursday the unexpected happened when Roger fell and broke his arm. He was in a great amount of pain but thanks to Doran was able to make it back to the lodge. We felt it best that Roger head back to get the “official” diagnosis and awesome care from Carlene – so he and Carlene headed back to Nebraska Friday. Friday was similar to Thursday – the primary difference being fewer wipe outs!

Our spiritual challenge this year was split between Terry Biers (Gothenburg) and Pastor Brant. We enjoyed a DVD called “Beware of Christians” which provided the basis for thinking and discussion. Examples of issues we talked about included: **Our identity** – “Is believing in God, going to church, etc., enough to be a Christian?” **Materialism** – “Is having nice stuff really wrong? Do I really need all the stuff I think I do?” **Sex and Relationships** – “What does it mean to put Christ in the center of my relationship?” **Church** – “Why is it so important to go to church? Why have some churches turned so many people away from Christ?” **Poverty** – “Everything costs money. Does God really want me to give it all away?” **Media/Entertainment** – “Should Jesus be a part of my decisions about what I watch, read and listen to?” **Alcohol/Drugs** – “When the law is no longer a factor and I am legally allowed to drink, how am I going to respond to alcohol?”

Parents if you would like to borrow the DVD and work through these issues with your teen with the included discussion guide see Pastor Brant.



### Sr. High Small Group Wraps Up

The ladies ended their study with a special evening at Roger and Mary Pirnie’s home. The girls were encouraged to dress up for this formal meal which included manners training, excellent food and special gifts for each girl to encourage them to remain pure for their future husbands. We thank Mandy VanZandt, Connie Squier, Teresa Kleeb and several others who invested in this group of young ladies!

The men have worked their way through the excellent book, Every Young Man’s Battle. We learned a lot about what it means to be a man of purity and integrity by examples from biblical characters such as Job and Joseph, as well as examples from the books’ authors. Thank you to Susanne Taylor for her gracious hosting at the Taylor home each week.

Senior High Youth Group will resume again on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM. This is designed for all 9-12 grade students.

### Jr. High Youth

The Jr. High students are in a series called WAIT training...WAIT stands for Why Am I Tempted? The purpose of this series is to help students discover and understand how God designed them as male and female and the uniqueness that brings to each relationship. So far we have learned about communication skills, we discovered personal strengths God created us with, discovered the support networks available to each student and the value of planning ahead by setting long-term goals and working toward them. We are currently helping the students think through the definition of love (1 Corinthians 13), learning their love language, the differences between love, lust and infatuation, and challenging students to inspect their relationships with the opposite sex (if they exist) to see if it is aligned with the biblical definition of love.

– Pastor Brant Taylor

### Jr. High Youth





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## A Night of Laughs

**Come LOL with Christian Comedian  
Lyndy Phillips from Dallas, TX**

**Sunday**

**April 1, 2012**

**6:00 PM**

**Broken Bow  
Country Club**

**\$12 per ticket  
(Includes a  
catered meal)**

**Call the  
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to order tickets  
308-872-3000**

