

# THE CLOVERDALE CONNECTION

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

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**The Easter season is arguably the pinnacle of the entire Biblical message. It is the Gospel personified!**

God's self-less love was in full view, played out in the Sonship of Christ...dying on the cross of Calvary. Christ rested from His work over the Sabbath day, sleeping peacefully in the tomb.

Then, early Sunday morning, the mighty angel Gabriel swoops down from Heaven. His blazing path is brilliantly lit by the glory of the Father. A mighty earthquake rocks the earth. He arrives at the tomb, rolls back the massive stone as if it were a pebble. He calls out in a voice like a trumpet, *"Son of God, Thy Father calls Thee!"* Nothing could hold Christ in the grave. He comes out of the tomb and proclaims, *"I am the resurrection and the life"*.

**Hallelujah! CHRIST IS RISEN!!**



## **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

**Jerinne Bennett-Smith has taken on a significant role in overseeing our church remodel. For those of you who don't know Jerinne, she is an energetic & determined young woman who lights up the room with her contagious smile.**

**Challenges never become obstacles to Jerinne, as evidenced by her "can-do" attitude. We are so grateful for Jerinne's dedication to Christ, as she is performing an amazing service for our Cloverdale family.**

**Thank you...Jerinne!**

**Easter at Cloverdale was a powerful, spirit-filled weekend.  
It was all about lifting up Jesus. It was all about His  
incredible sacrifice of love, for all humanity.**

The celebration began Thursday evening with a special video by Lee Venden. People had the opportunity to watch in the comfort of their homes, in preparation for this High Sabbath.

Friday evening adoration vespers was filled with amazing music...arranged and led by Leah Botimer. Pastor Jason led us in a special communion service.

Sabbath was an incredible blessing. The worship service began with Ken Bevins and his praise team lifting our hearts toward Heaven. The Sabbath message was given by a special guest speaker...all the way from Florida via Zoom.

Sunday morning...just like our Savior did many years ago, we rose early in remembrance of Him. The weekend celebration ended with praise songs led by the Jamisons. Pastor Jason closed the service with a special resurrection morning devotional.

After the service, a small group went out into the local community to deliver special gift bags. These special bags were filled with fruit, evangelistic booklets, and a loving note from our church!!

Some special thanks are in order...

A special thank you to Joan Kuba, for her inspiring idea to create this unique Easter celebration.

Special thanks to Linda Easley for arranging the donation drop-offs.

Thank you to Vanessa and Akaysha Chavez for providing the delivery addresses, and coordinating the overall weekend.

A very special thank you to Pastor Jason and all the worship teams.

However..the real thanks and praise ALL belongs to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His sacrifice and never-ending mercy is what Easter is all about. Praise the Lord!

# PASTOR'S CORNER

**Sometimes the best place to be is on our knees...**

Quite often Jesus would steal away from ministering to the people, in order to spend some serious time in prayer with His Heavenly Father. Think about it...if Jesus needed to pray, *how much more do we need to pray?*

**Prayer is where battles are won!**

As you move through the remainder of this year, make prayer your constant. Open up the portals of communication with your Heavenly Father. *Make prayer a vital part of your daily life.* God is your best friend. He is just waiting to hear from you...

**Have a blessed April!**



**~ Pastor Jason**