

# Easter Sunrise Service *at Gentry Ranch*

## CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!

People from the area and several from outside Coke County gathered at the Gentry Ranch for the Community Sunrise Service. Juanette Gentry welcomed them and thanked them for coming to share in praise and glory to the Risen Savior. Jesus entered Jerusalem in a haphazard parade, only to be crucified. Many thought everything ended as Jesus cried "it is finished" But three days later the earth shook as life overcame death. Jesus went from the cross to the tomb to being the Risen Savior. He gave us forgiveness and eternal life. We are to respond by giving love, serving others and telling everyone "He Arose."

Bro. Luis Hernandez, Church of Christ, lead in singing The Old Rugged Cross. This song reminds us "where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain...to pardon and sanctify me." Where someday we will exchange the cross for a crown.

Lead by Bro. Dale Patterson, Central Baptist Church, praises for the many blessing we receive and prayers of concerns were shared. These were lifted to God in prayer.

Everyone joined in praying the Lord's Prayer, led by Buzz Gohman, Forgiven Ministries.



Bro. George Cooper, First Baptist Church, blessed the offering which is give for the Bronte Community Chest Kevin Meeks & Whitney Jones, First Baptist, sang King of Kings. The song tell how heaven sent a king to a virgin, born in a cradle in the dirt, to reconcile the lost, and die for our salvation. As He arose, angels stood in awe and souls are restored. The church was founded and by his blood in am resurrected.

Scriptures from the Holy Bible, John 20:1-18 were read in English by Bro. Luis Hernandez and in Spanish by Pastor Santiago Soto, New Life in Christ Church. These words of the resurrection of Jesus, written by John, tell of Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the other disciple (John) going to the tomb, finding only the linen cloth and napkin. Then Mary looked in and saw two angels. As she wept, Jesus appeared to her with compassion, saying "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

We responded to the resurrection news by singing HE LIVES, lead by David Bedford, Church of Christ. Yes, "Christ Jesus lives today. He lives within my heart,"

Bro. Robert Lemmond, 4C Cowboy Church brought the sermon. At Christmas, God gave us a gift. At Easter, God revealed the Gift. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 15:13-14: But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain...you are still in your sins. 32; If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, because tomorrow we will die. "Paul gave us the answer in verse 20-21: Christ has been raised from the dead. For as by a man came death by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. Whatever our brings, "I can face tomorrow, all fear is gone. Life is worth living because HE IS RISEN. He gives us eternal joy, eternal hope, real love.

Kevin Meeks and Whitey Jones sang/led in singing of "How Marvelous, How Wonderful is my Savior's Love for Me.

Keith Fletcher, First Methodist Church, closed the service with the history of "He Lives", a very inspiration story. He bless all with the benediction.

**THANK YOU! THIS SERVICE IS MADE POSSIBLE BY MANY AWESOME PEOPLE.**

Participants in the service: lighting crew, parking crew, breakfast and coffee crew, sound crew, photographers, Sheriff's Office, City of Bronte, Fire Department, all who brought food.

*Thanks to all of you,  
Juanette Gentry*

