

FROM THE PASTURE

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Dear Friends of the Flock,

Today was a special day. I received an Easter Box from my long-time friend Elyse Brucks. We have been friends over 30 years and met in a class where we bonded instantly as sisters. She moved back to Sacramento, CA to be with her adult children and where her husband Tom retired as a Pilot. We have remained close by sharing stories that make us laugh as we grow older. Asking for prayer by phone is just a given with us. We know Jesus keeps us connected in many ways and one of our favorite ways is through mailing boxes with multiple gifts wrapped in bright tissue paper and curly ribbons. We seem to know that any gift that is fun and colorful makes us smile. My favorite gifts are the cards and the sweet words written in each of them. I thank God for this beautiful friendship. So many treasures for so many years were carefully selected with God's love in mind.



This box made me think what might be inside an Easter Box from God. He gave us the greatest gift, His only son Jesus Christ. Did you know he died a painful death on a cross for our sins? And on the third day God resurrected His only son, bringing him to life so that we could have our sins forgiven and forgotten. He placed the Holy Spirit inside of us, so we are always connected. If we could only grasp how much The Father loves us, we might truly appreciate His son's sacrificial death and resurrection.

These are only a few of His gifts. We are so thankful to celebrate His Resurrection with you and your family.

HALLEJULAH!

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Easter Scriptures

3 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, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV)



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said...

Matthew 28:6 NIV

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26 NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 NIV)

17 Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, 18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

(Matthew 20:17-19 NIV)

