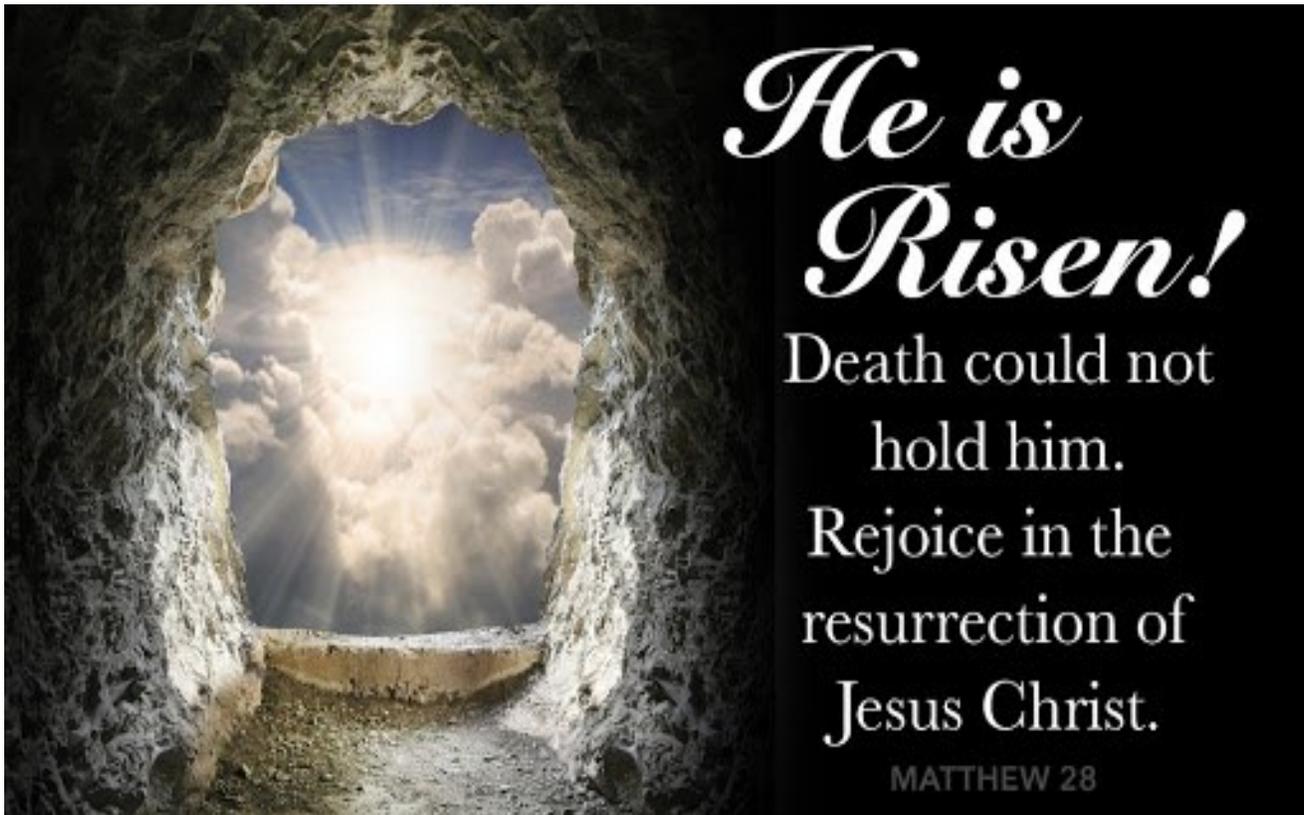


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5. But the angel told the women, “Don’t be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6. He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. 7. then go quickly and tell His disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead. In fact, He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see Him there.’ Listen, I have told you.”

Matthew 28:5-7 HCSB

WELCOME to the Central Baptist Association Newsletter.

In this newsletter you will find information about upcoming events, stay up to date with our associate ministries, new church staff and much more.

**“Reboot!”**

Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary defines “reboot” as a verb meaning to “shut down and restart” like in a computer. It also can be used as starting something new. As a noun it is “the act or an instance of starting (something) anew or making a fresh start.”

I don’t want to overstate or understate the situation we are in right now in our country and, in fact the world, concerning the coronavirus. I know we have been and continue to be inundated with constant reminders of the number of people tested positive for the virus, number of those who have recovered and those who have succumbed to the illness. We are constantly reminded about social distancing, gathering and sanitizing ourselves and our environment. All are necessary and relevant. Many people have had their world turned upside down through loss of jobs, restrictions in travel and even purchasing needed items for their families. Churches have had to be creative in how they minister, worship and evangelize without the ability to gather in their facilities. I even read this weekend that the divorce rate is increasing because of husbands and wife’s having to stay home with each other... which is so sad!

Like a laptop, when we get too many things going on, too many programs, too many games (which I do not have on mine) and too much “stuff” stacked up in the junk file or on the hard drive it begins to slow down and have problems. We may occasionally run a “disk clean” or even a “defragment” program which may help but when it gets too bad we have to “reboot” the system. We must in a sense, start over.

Rebooting is something that we may choose to do or, if we wait too long it will happen on its own which never seems to happen at a good time.

I think this is where we are today in our society, and with our families and churches. We are in a “reboot” situation where the things that we thought had the greatest value in our lives are

“booted” out and we are left with those things which are truly of great value... our relationships with one another, our families, our churches and our mission as Christ followers. This is not a bad thing, but it can be frustrating if we don’t see the benefit it provides.

In a sense our “rebooting” is getting us back to the foundation on which everything else is built which is Jesus Christ. Following Jesus teachings of the Sermon on the Mount He said: “<sup>24</sup>Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of Mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!” Matthew 7:24-27

I am convinced that the experience we are having with the coronavirus is getting us back to what is important and necessary in our lives, things built on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, our relationship with Him, our family, our community and our church. No matter how hard the storms of life pummel us we will not just survive but thrive in His strength, promise and love. We need to remember that it was Jesus who calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee when the disciples were afraid. Jesus said to them, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?”

The Scripture tells us that there is no fear in love and that His love casts out all fear (1 John 4:18). So even in the midst of a storm like a pandemic we do not have to fear. He is near. He cares, and He uses these storms to help “reboot” our lives, so we can be more like Him.

Blessings and prayers during this time of great challenge!

John

## REAL LIFE

Real Life is looking for a part time worship leader.

We're looking for someone who can sing and play guitar or keyboard. Duties will include scheduling worship songs/services and musicians, and lead worship most weekends. They will also work with the Lead Pastor to develop worship services that honor God and draw people into His presence. Our contact info is [carl@reallifenm.org](mailto:carl@reallifenm.org) and/or 505-278-0475.



## EQUIP

The Equip Conference scheduled for April 17 & 18 has been **cancelled**. We hope to reschedule the conference for later in 2020.

## HOFFMANTOWN



Please visit the website for updates and more information.

<https://www.hoffmantownchurch.org/easter/>

## FBC RIO RANCHO

FBCRR is creating some space in our music library by clearing out some choral and praise team anthems, most of which have accompaniment CDs.

If anyone would like a list of available titles and quantities, they can contact me at FBCRR at 892-1323 x. 15 or by email at [csundheimer@fberr.com](mailto:csundheimer@fberr.com).





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Albuquerque, NM 87111

Lindrith Baptist Church  
PO Box 35  
Lindrith, NM 87029

Del Norte Baptist Church  
5800 Montgomery NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109



Please be praying for these churches as they seek God's will for the person to lead their congregation.

2019 CBA Budget	
Monthly needs:	\$15,000.00
Monthly income:	\$16,689.87
Monthly expenses:	\$23,380.31

*The Central Baptist Association is a network of Southern Baptist Churches in Central New Mexico. The geographical area of the Association encompasses about 43% of the states' population centered around the Albuquerque metropolitan area including Bernalillo, Rio Rancho, Bosque Farms, Los Lunas, Belen, Cuba, Jemez Pueblo, Mountainair, Edgewood, Sandia Park, Tijeras, Cedar Crest, Moriarty, Estancia and Vaughn. We have recently added churches from Santa Fe and Gallup.*

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