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*The birds of the air come and perch in its branches.
- Matthew 13:32*

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Celebrating the Risen Savior!

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

We don't wait for one certain Sunday every year to appreciate Jesus' death, burial and resurrection—but Easter affords us a great opportunity to really focus on His sacrifice and the amazing, transforming power it brings to our lives. Here are some glimpses of Easter Sunday 2017:





Thanks to all who served, spoke, sang, and more—combining their talents to help create a great time of worship!

A peek behind the scenes...

In getting these pictures on Easter Sunday, I stepped into the booth at the back of the theatre where the audio-visual crew and translators apply their skills to enhance every worship service, both Sundays and midweeks. I caught a few pictures of the unselfish disciples who were serving that Sunday—



Larry Coles (AV), Danny Medrano (English/Spanish translation) and Cory Morgan (AV)



Danny and Cory; Mark Vogt (AV) and Chris Ficklin (AV)

There are more disciples who take turns on the translation team, including Jose and Leonor Netzahuatl; it takes a special talent to simultaneously hear what someone is saying, translate the words into another language in your head, and repeat them out loud, while not missing the speaker's next words!

The brothers you see here who monitor the sound levels and screen displays in the auditorium (and fix them when they malfunction!) give of their time and energy twice a week, every week. We owe all of these behind-the-scenes servants a big debt of gratitude!



"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

Genesis 9:16

(Photo © courtesy of National Geographic)

Family groups that play together...

The Andrews Family Group went bowling at Stars and Strikes on Friday, April 14th. Shannon Andrews shared the pictures below, and said, "Our coworkers, neighbors, and friends came out to join us for the fun. Malachi Groover won a gift card for having a dollar bill with the most ones in the serial number. Several other individuals won gift cards for getting strikes. We gather every second Friday of the month for Family Group Friday (#FGF)." Looks like everyone had a great time!



Please take a few pictures of your next family group activity and email them to me—we can feature your group in an upcoming newsletter!

Reaching out to all nations—

Every year we look forward to celebrating International Sunday—it's a great opportunity to invite our families, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and others we meet along our daily paths to see God's worldwide kingdom represented here in Gwinnett. We invite a guest speaker from a congregation far away, wear traditional clothing associated with where we or our families are from (or just clothes from interesting places we've been), and prepare delicious and perhaps unusual foods from all over the world, all to make the most of this special event. It's a time for making great memories, and International Sunday 2017 was no exception—we'll enjoy remembering the excellent lesson by Twaambo Chikoye, the evangelist from the Zambia church; the excitement of trying new dishes and the satisfaction of familiar tastes; the fulfillment of serving one another and our guests in whatever ways were needed; and above all, the conversations that helped build closer relationships all around. Here are a few pictures that capture some scenes of the day:



Setting up a savory array of international dishes in the small gymnasium...





...and a colorful selection of desserts in the festive commons dining area!



A world-themed cake with "welcome" in different languages—



With special thanks to Michelle Brewer, Peter Berry & Jennifer Rodriguez for help with pictures!



After a great worship service, a warm time of fellowship!



We welcome news and pictures on interesting personal stories, family group activities, and more. Please send them to Nancy Berry, nberry2@gmail.com. Thank you!
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