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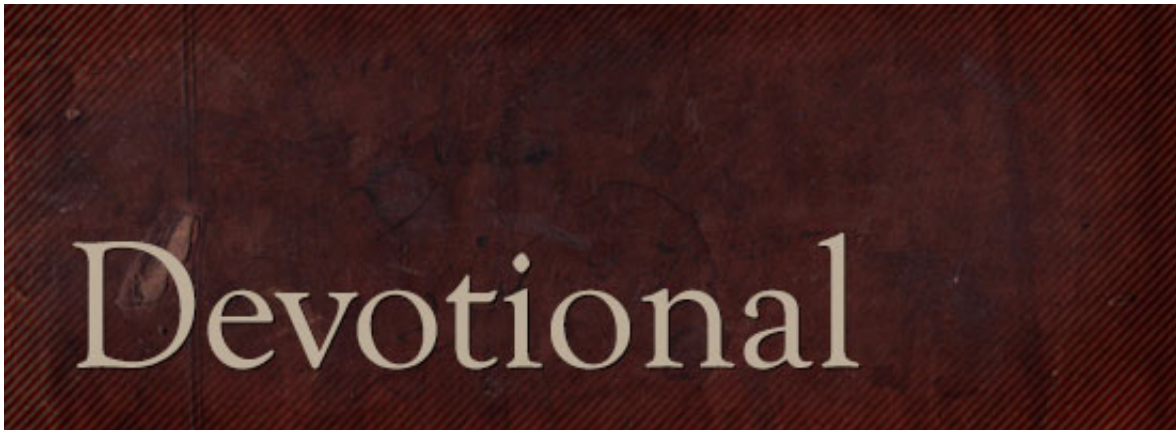
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## EASTER @ CFBC

Now that Easter has passed and we can once again breathe, we want to pause and say THANK YOU for everyone's hard work, service and commitment for the Easter 2013 services. We had over 7,500 people on our campus attending four, full services...and we couldn't have done it without you! We knew it would be a challenge with the necessity of two, complete crews, but through everyone's hard work and diligence, this year's Easter services were a wonderful success!

**The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!**  
*Ruth 2:12 (ESV)*

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*As for us [Peter and John], we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." ~ Acts 4:20*

As a young boy, one of my favorite games was Tag! It's a simple game requiring no balls or equipment. The game always started suddenly when one of my neighbor friends or I would, out of the blue, tag someone and yell, "You're it!"; then everyone took off running. When the "it" person finally ran someone down and touched them, he yelled "Tag! You're it! Then the person tagged was the new "it" and immediately began pursuing the gang. The game took no preparation and there was no clean-up when finished. We played until we were worn-out and then we went to someone's house to raid the refrigerator! [Read More...](#)

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## APRIL FOOLS

The only downside to Easter this year was that it fell the day before April Fools Day. So instead of enjoying all the wonders of the pranked web, many of us were in a post-Easter-service coma or spending time with our families.

So to thank you for all your hard work and make sure you didn't miss out on anything good, we collected our favorite April Fools pranks to share here with you. Enjoy!

First up, Toshiba announces their new gaming system...[VIDEO](#)

Next, YouTube has finally found the best video. The contest is over. They're no longer in service...[VIDEO](#)

Google Maps introduces treasure mode...[VIDEO](#)

Vimeo announces their new name, Vimeow...[WEBSITE](#)

Twitter's new tweet service...[WEBSITE](#)

And for breath that "sizzles," Scope introduces a new flavor...[VIDEO](#)

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## Mental Preparedness

Since March Madness is upon us, it seems appropriate to look at what is going on with sports teams and what the church can learn from them. One of the things that gets talked about is how the teams mentally prepare. When you listen to the coaches after the game, they talk about how much they prepared for the game; watching tape, analyzing the opponent, strategizing. In the church world it's possible for us to do similar types of things to prepare for our services and events...especially large events like this past weekend's Easter services. So what can we do to prepare?

Typically during the high-pressure situations and big weekends, its always best to go back to basics. Why? The basics are often the first things that go out the window when things get stressful, and the long days have dragged on to long weeks and long months. So, go back to the original game plan: the basics. Take a look at our church mission statement: "Making Sense Out Of Life Through Christ-Centered Living." Making sense out of life and all that happens around us sounds totally unachievable. But that is not all our Mission Statement says..we want a mission that is so big that if God isn't in it, there is no way we can do it. That challenge reminds us that when things get tough, when put in the perspective of changing the world and making sense out of life, the

challenges haven't even started. So whatever little thing it is that might go wrong during a service at CFBC and make you totally stressed out, it's probably very small in comparison to what we are actually trying to accomplish. If we get caught up in the little ankle-biter issues, we will never make any headway on our true goal of "changing the world" by bringing people closer to Christ.

The second strategy (and most obvious) is to go to the Bible. A favorite verse among the Media Staff is Exodus 31. Throughout this verse God explains that he has gifted people "...I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills..." Exodus 31:3. The end of this verse always reminds us "why" we do what we do; because it's "...for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you." Exodus 31:11. This verse really speaks to artists and technical staff about their gifts. Hopefully you will find it helpful to remember why you have been given the gifts you have.

The last thing to do to mentally prepare is to pray. This can be a tough one because we will many times forget to do it if things get really stressful. But there is always time for prayer. Prayer for the service, for each other, for the Praise Team, for our pastor.

Mental preparation plays a big part in prepping for the big game or the big service. It's important to figure out what you need to do to prepare. Whatever it is it should have some time in the Word and some time in prayer involved and at some point you have to surrender that you have done all you can and the rest is up to God...and He will provide!



## LYRCIS & CLIPS TIPS

**Clearing Media/Content** At the conclusion of any media that is played from ProPresenter (video, motion background, etc), it is very important that the Lyrics/Clips crew member "Clears All" (Shortcut: F1). This way, the next Media component is starting with a fresh, blank screen. This also helps the Technical Director know all content is always cleared before they bring in a "Lower Third" or "Name Key."

**Video Playback** Currently, there is a troublesome bug in ProPresenter with regards to



playing back videos. Many times, ProPresenter will set the "In" point (where the video should start playing from) the same as the "Out" point (where the video should stop playing). This change makes the video unplayable...it immediately ends as soon as it begins! To combat this bug, all ProPresenter crew members should always perform the following preemptive step when there is a video in their playlist:

- Right before it is time to play the video, select the video's "Media Properties" (by either right clicking on the video and selecting "Media Properties" or clicking on the small "cog" wheel next to the video's play button) and click the "Reset In/Out" button. This will immediately reset the video's In and Out points and insure the video plays back correctly when cued.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

***April 13:*** Serve Saturday

***March 14:*** English Membership Class

***March 17:*** Marcos Witt Concert in WC

***March 21:*** Spanish Membership Class

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