SAINT PHILIP CHURCH
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The Breakthrough Fellowship

Risen Generation
Saint Philip AME Church

BTKIDS + STUDENT MINISTRIES

presents

The Journey to the Cross Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 16th from 9-11 am*

Family Scavenger Hunt Book

Decatur Area

The Journey to the Cross Scavenger Hunt will have families travel to various locations (sites) around town, discovering the true meaning of Easter, learn about our community partners, and of course, get treats!
More Info @ saintphilip.org

*Easter Festival starts at 11 am

SCAVENGER HUNT INSTRUCTIONS

Hunt

Each site has the Easter Celebration sign and unique address. Enter the address into your "Maps" program and once you get there search for the Easter Celebration Sign *(see page 4)*.

Sites

There are a total of 4 sites. At each site you can take a "Family Selfie", collect treats, tell part of the Easter story and learn about the community partners.You may visit the sites in any order. Please tag us with **#easterjourney2022**

Video

Be sure to download the Easter videos for viewing while going between sites. The links are on the last page of this booklet.

Eggs

Each child/teen will get one Resurrection egg at each site. The egg will have an image that goes along with the Easter story provided in this scavenger hunt book. Youth may stick their image on the corresponding page in this book. Please recycle the empty eggs at church.

Treats

Sites will give treats to youth. Have those Easter Baskets/ bags ready to collect the treats. We will have a bonus treat and candy to give the kids/teens when they arrive for the Easter Festival at Saint Philip AME Church.

Lunch

Families are encouraged to have a picnic lunch on the lawn at Saint Philip AME Church. Hotdogs, Chips, and Juice will also be available for free. The church will be providing several fun activities for families.

Questions: Call Ms. Debbie at 678-663-5261

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Strategy

The Journey to the Cross Scavenger Hunt is from 9-11 am (sites are open only during this time). If you go to all the sites in the order of this book it will take about 30 minutes of travel time. With 10 minutes at each site your time will total 70 minutes (One hour and 10 minutes).

Things to Remember

1. Have fun! you don't have to go to sites in order. However, the Easter story is presented in the order given.
2. Family selfies at each site are optional and should be done quickly.
3. Remember to tag the church with hashtag **#easterjourney2022**
4. All youth will receive a special treat when they return to Saint Philip AME Church between 11:00am-1:00pm for the picnic and pictures.
5. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair for your family picnic area.

Schedule

9am - 11am

Hunt Sites are open. Enjoy going to and learning about our community partners. The full hunt could take approximately 1 hour to complete.

11am – 1pm

Come to Saint Philip AME Church after the hunt for some great fun:

·Bring a picnic lunch or eat provided lunch
·Music by DJ Swerve
·Game Truck
·Bouncy Houses
·Family Games
·Professional Family Photos at no cost
·And More!

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LOOK FOR THIS SIGN AT EVERY LOCATION

SITE 1

Site #1 Located at Columbia Elementary School
(https://columbiaes.dekalb.k12.ga.us/)
3230 Columbia Woods Drive
Decatur, GA 30032

Community Partner
Mission: At Columbia, we are dedicated to achieving student success by providing rigorous instruction in a risk-free environment where all students feel valued and safe. We embrace all stakeholders of the community and encourage continuous parental and community involvement that inspires good character and citizenship.

Vision: The vision of Columbia Elementary is to foster an environment that is highly regarded for its academic excellence, parental involvement and community engagement; which will prepare and inspire our students to compete in a global society.

On the Journey Easter Story #1

When Jesus came to a city called Jerusalem, excited to see him. They knew of his teachings miracles, they wanted to experience th

Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. He rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey. A large crowd spread their coats and palm branches on the road. The people shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest Heaven!”

[Matthew 21:7-9; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 19:35-38; John 12:12-13]

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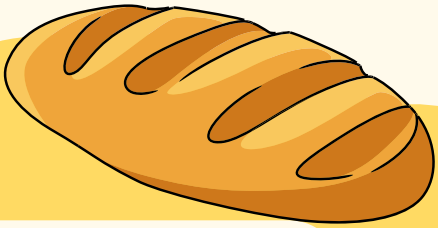
SITE 2



Site #2 Located at Flat Shoals Library [OPENS at 10:00am]
(https://dekalblibrary.org/locations/flat)
4022 Flat Shoals Pkwy., Decatur, GA 30034
404-244-4370

Community Partner
The mission of the DeKalb Library Foundation is to provide support for DeKalb County Public Library beyond public funding and to enrich the lives of DeKalb County citizens through educational, cultural and literary programs and services. The Foundation provides funding not covered by tax dollars for literacy and cultural programs and supplements the books and materials fund. The DeKalb Library Foundation envisions the DeKalb County Public Library as a resource for a lifetime of learning that will build an educated, informed DeKalb community.

On the Journey Easter Story #2
But some of the people did not like God's Son and started a plan to get rid of him. Jesus gathered his friends for a Passover meal and shared what would happen. It seemed so unreal!

During the Last Supper, Jesus explained that he would die and rise again, but the disciples didn't understand his words. It was here that Jesus first described what is now called communion – the bread representing his body and the wine representing his blood. After this, he left and went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before the soldiers came to arrest him.

[Matthew 26:20-30]

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SITE 3

Site #3 Located at Located at Decatur Legacy (https://decaturlegacypark.com)
500 S Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030
(678) 529-9280

Note: *Enter through the middle of the 3 driveways. The table will be setup by the roundabout.*

Community Partner
Today the property is managed by Legacy Decatur, a 501(c)(3), created to support the City of Decatur and the small community-based programs and projects that perpetuate its community values for future generations. As the property's stewards, Legacy Decatur is charged with managing the day to day operations of the park, tenant relations, and the incremental implementation of the Master Plan.

Current nonprofit tenants include: AJC Decatur Book Festival; the Decatur Education Foundation; Georgia Arborist Association; Global Growers; L'Arche Atlanta; Paint Love; the Frank Hamilton School; Wild Nest Bird Rehab; the Refugee Women's Network; and the Wylde Center.

On the Journey Easter Story #3
Betrayed by a friend, Jesus was arrested. He was tried by a court and his death was requested. On that saddest of days, our Savior did die, but within that dark moment, our salvation did lie.

The soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and put a purple robe on him. They twisted thorns together to make a crown and placed it on His head. Then they spit on him, hit him repeatedly on his head, and pretended to worship Him as the king of the Jews. After they had finished mocking Jesus, the soldiers took Jesus to the place called Golgotha and nailed Him to a cross. *[Matthew 27:27-31, 32-56]*

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SITE 4

Jesus is risen

Site #4 Located at Saint Philip AME Church (www.saintphilip.org)
240 Candler Road, Decatur GA 30317

Community Partner
Saint Philip Church was founded in Reynolds town Atlanta, GA in 1875, and moved to its current location in 1977. Saint Philip is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) churches founded by persons of African descent, led by ex-slave, Richard Allen, In Philadelphia, PA. As Methodists we have the primary task to invite people into relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. We also aim to equip believers to serve as the expression of Life in Christ. Through this application and understanding of discipleship, we strive to live accountably in faith and love.

Here at Saint Philip Church we believe "God has a vision for your life that is greater than ANY vision that you can have for yourself or others can have for you". We are exalting Christ, through empowering people!

On the Journey Easter Story #4
Some by think that our story is done, but they would be wrong! It has only begun! For after 3 days, Jesus rose from the dead, to give us New Life forever…just as He said!

On the third day after Jesus' crucifixion, the women brought spices to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. But they saw that the stone in front of Jesus' tomb had been rolled away and the body of Jesus was not there. An angel told them, "Jesus is not here; he has risen from the dead!"

[Matthew 28:1,5-7; Mark 16:1-6; Luke 24:1-6; John 20:1-2]

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Message from Risen Generation Youth Church & BT Kids+Students

Easter is a celebration of relationship and hope. Our relationship with God that was reconnected through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can spend time with God, anytime and anywhere. We can talk to God about anything. Jesus showed us what love is while he lived on earth and in his sacrifice on the cross. Through his resurrection we can have hope in the power of our relationship with God and power over eternal death. Let's share this hope with others: our family, our friends, our neighbors!

As you take The Journey to the Cross, remember to love each other along the way. As you explore our community partners, discuss as a family how you can share God's love by volunteering and/or giving to these organizations that help our communities flourish.

The miracle of the cross doesn't stop on Easter weekend. Every day we should think about Jesus' sacrifice for us and let his action throughout his life be our roadmap. We won't always see the benefit from our sacrifice like Jesus did. But the Bible tells us that obedience to God is better than our willingness to sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22). It is important that we trust God's plan for our lives like the savior did. Jesus lived a life of humility, diligence and focused on the will of God. Our lives can be just as powerful when we invite God's presence through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We challenge you to experience the transformative power of God, as we serve the savior who lived this life, died a sinner's death, and arose with ALL POWER, who now sits at the right hand of the Father, covering us in prayer. The gift is yours to receive, WILL you receive it today?

Salvation Prayer*

Jesus, please forgive me for my sins, all the things I've done wrong. I believe that you died on the cross to pay for my sins, so that I can be friends with God. I believe that you are God's son and that you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I ask that you come into my heart to be my best friend forever, my Lord and Savior. Thank you for answering my prayer and for your Holy Spirit that will guide me through life. In your name I pray. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer for the first time, please stop by the Prayer table at the festival and let us know, so we can rejoice together!

RESOURCES

We have three age-specific Easter videos (Preschool, Elementary Grade School, and Middle/High School) that youth can watch as you travel to the different sites, and one Good News Video for everyone. Prior to the hunt, access these videos from YouTube or Google Drive on your mobile device:

Preschool (videos):
Palm Sunday: https://youtu.be/z72ZQjlmlnk
Easter: https://youtu.be/VtDHoOVEDyM

Elementary Grade School (video):
https://youtu.be/cZ4gQniUVO8

Middle/High School (video):
https://drive.google.com/file/d/19xMrIdQPvBUqmhTIT95tpu2SfO18x_TC/view?usp=sharing

ALL (Good News Video): https://youtu.be/nleiAfrp2kY