CLUE: THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS IS GREAT I Timothy 3:16 Easter Sunday 2014

Intro - We've got questions (clues from an ancient hymn)

- MANIFESTED JESUS IS GOD'S REVEAL (Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:1&14)
- VINDICATED JESUS IS GOD'S RIGHTEOUS POWER (Romans 8:11)
- PROCLAIMED JESUS IS GOD'S MESSAGE (I Corinthians 1:27 & 15:3-4, John 3:16)
- TAKEN UP JESUS IS GOD'S VICTORY (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:2, 9-11, I Thessalonians 4:16&17)

Close - God's got an answer

Prayer for Eastview Christian Church

- Thank God for overcoming sin and death by His death, burial and resurrection. Tell Him in as many ways as you can just how awesome He is for being bigger than your death.
- Pray for God to move in the life of every name written on the flags on our lawn. Ask God by His Spirit to bring them into relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the church all over the world as millions of congregations celebrate eternal life in Jesus: Pastor Shadrack in Kenya, Pastor Ajai in India, Pastor Edward in Dominican Republic, and Pastor Manno in Haiti.
- Pray for baptism Sunday, May 18 that we will witness many outward expressions of spiritual death, burial, and resurrection.

Baptism Testimonies

Jillian Neilson (11:30)

As a young woman, I chose mostly all the wrong roads through the course of life. I gave into many temptations, which brought me to a place of hopelessness. I had finally hit rock bottom when our Father who art in Heaven picked me up and put me back on my feet. By immediately accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, my life has changed drastically. I now know that my life will only continue to get better from here on out. To show our Father my gratitude for saving me, I will continue to encourage others and allow Him to shine His love and beauty through me for the rest of my existence. Praise Jesus!

Kelly Cagle (5:00)

Today, I start a new chapter in my life, publicly accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I have repented for my sins and prayed my light will shine bright for His glory and encourage others to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Father, I pray for strength and obedience to remain committed to seeking an active Christ-centered life. Help me to recognize the doors You open as well as the doors You close so my energy is focused on the opportunities and challenges You desire. May I always be filled with the fruits of the Holy Spirit so I am prepared to pour out Your love on everyone I meet.