

Ladies' Day is here! Please volunteer your time and resources. See Freda Dean or Wendy Campbell to let them know they can count on you!



Ladies' Day
Saturday, April 29, 2017
Speaker, Cindy Colley

Registration at 8:30
Program begins at 9:00

We will be serving muffins and coffee that morning and serving lunch immediately after the program.

Be a Prayer Warrior!

"Pray without ceasing" | Thess. 5:17

Louise Uzzell (Amanda Bush's grandmother) has been diagnosed with leukemia; Ricky Blackwell (brother-in-law to Vivian Kimball) lung cancer; Ernestine Galbreath; Dannie Harvill; Martha Harvill; Will Craig; Joan Graham; Mary Endsley; Lela Victory; Ann Vandiver; Jack Craig; Bruce Kimball; Harvey Victory; Maggie Campbell; Kay Tillman; Lori Kashorek; Amy Bragalia (sister to Barbara Moore); Judy Pitts; Jennifer Roberson; Tyler Lee; Mary Campbell (mother to Tina Campbell); Beth Hollis (daughter to Ann Vandiver); Sheila Grover (cancer); Lura Fitzgerald; Jamie Baker - cancer; Carolyn Duncan; Patsy Watts (friend to Tim Dunkle family); Elizabeth Wood; Larry Hastings; Zelda Robertson; John Campbell - brain cancer; Todd and Cason Neill; Maddox Jackson - 8 yr old at Vandy on heart transplant list; Chester Morton (dad to Tim Morton); Norma Reese - cancer; Betty Rupert - back compound fracture. Shut-ins: Connie Smith; Glenn England; Oakley Slaughter.

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 WMCP (1280 AM) @ 8:00 a.m.



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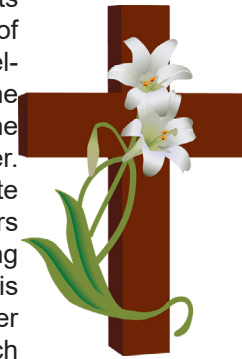
The Cross, the Bunny and the Egg

There are a couple different theories as to where we get the word Easter, but since we don't really know, I'm not going to take you down those rabbit holes right now.

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on the third day after his crucifixion. Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a reminder of the victory we have over sin.

The early Christians began remembering the Resurrection every Sunday following its occurrence. In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea set aside a special day just to celebrate the Resurrection. Many felt that the date should continue to be based on the timing of the Resurrection during Passover. Once Jewish leaders determined the date of Passover each year, Christian leaders could set the date for Easter by figuring three days after Passover. Following this schedule would have meant that Easter would be a different day of the week each year, only falling on a Sunday once in a while.

Since Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, many Christians wanted Easter to be celebrated on the Lord's Day. As the years went by, many were reluctant to base the Christian celebration on the Jewish calendar. Finally, the Council decided Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Since the date of the vernal equinox changed from year to year, calculating the proper date can be difficult. This is still the method used to determine Easter today, which is why some years we have Easter earlier than other years.



Many of you are probably wondering how a rabbit distributing eggs become a part of Easter? There are several reasons for the rabbit, or hare, to be associated with Easter, all of which come through pagan celebrations or beliefs. The hare is also an ancient symbol for the moon. The date of Easter depends on the moon. This may have helped the hare to be absorbed into Easter celebrations. Believers saw the rabbit coming out of its underground home as a symbol for Jesus coming out of the tomb, and therefore relating the rabbit to Easter.

The Easter hare came to America with German immigrants, and the hare's role passed to the common American rabbit. Originally children made nests for the rabbit in hats, bonnets, or fancy paper boxes, rather than the baskets of today. Once the children finished their nests, they put them in a secluded spot to keep from frightening the shy rabbit. The appealing nests full

of colored eggs probably helped the customs to spread. Back in Southern Germany, the first pastry and candy Easter bunnies became popular at the beginning of the nineteenth century. This custom also crossed the Atlantic, and children still eat candy rabbits – particularly chocolate ones – at Easter.

Many Ancient cultures viewed eggs as a symbol of life. Hindus, Egyptians, Persians, and Phoenicians believed the world begun with an enormous egg. The Persians, Greeks, and Chinese gave gifts of eggs during spring festivals in celebration of new life all around them. Other sources say people ate dyed eggs at spring festivals in Egypt, Persia,

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Events

Today Pot Luck after services today!

Easter Egg Hunt immediately after second service.



4/29 Ladies Day at SMCC with Cindy Colley, Speaker
 "He Will Refresh Us Like Rain"

Bible Study...10:00 am Worship...10:45 am & 6:00 pm Mid week Bible Study...6:30 pm
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Cross, Bunny, Egg (Cont'd from front page)

Greece, and Rome. Early Christians looked at the connection eggs had to life and decided eggs could be a part of their celebration of Christ's resurrection. In addition, in some areas, eggs were forbidden during Lent; therefore, they were a delicacy at Easter. Since many of the earlier customs were Eastern in origin, some speculate that early missionaries or knights of the Crusade may have been responsible for bringing the tradition to the West.

Once the custom became accepted, new traditions began to grow up around it. Eggs were dyed red for joy, and in memory of Christ's blood. Egg rolling contests came to America from England, possibly as a reminder of the stone being rolled away. What about the familiar Easter Egg hunt? One source suggested that it grew out of the tradition of German children searching for hidden pretzels during the Easter season. Since children were hiding nests for the Easter Bunny to fill with eggs at the same time they were hunting pretzels, it was only a small leap to begin hiding eggs instead.

Biblically speaking, there is absolutely no connection between the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the common modern traditions related to Easter Sunday. Essentially, what occurred is that in order to make Christianity more attractive to non-Christians, the ancient Roman Catholic Church mixed the celebration of Jesus' resurrection with celebrations that involved spring fertility rituals. These spring fertility rituals are the source of the egg and bunny traditions.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, Sunday (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2,9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19). As a result, many Christians feel strongly that the day on which we celebrate Jesus' resurrection should not be referred to as "Easter Sunday." Rather, something like "Resurrection Sunday" would be far more appropriate and biblical. For the Christian, it is unthinkable that we would allow the silliness of Easter eggs and the Easter bunny to be the focus of the day instead of Jesus' resurrection.

By all means, celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. Christ's resurrection is something that should be celebrated every day, not just once a year. At the same time, if we choose to

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celebrate Easter Sunday, we should not allow the fun and games to distract our attention from what the day should truly be all about—the fact that Jesus was resurrected from the dead, and that His resurrection demonstrates that we can indeed be promised an eternal home in Heaven by receiving Jesus as our Savior.

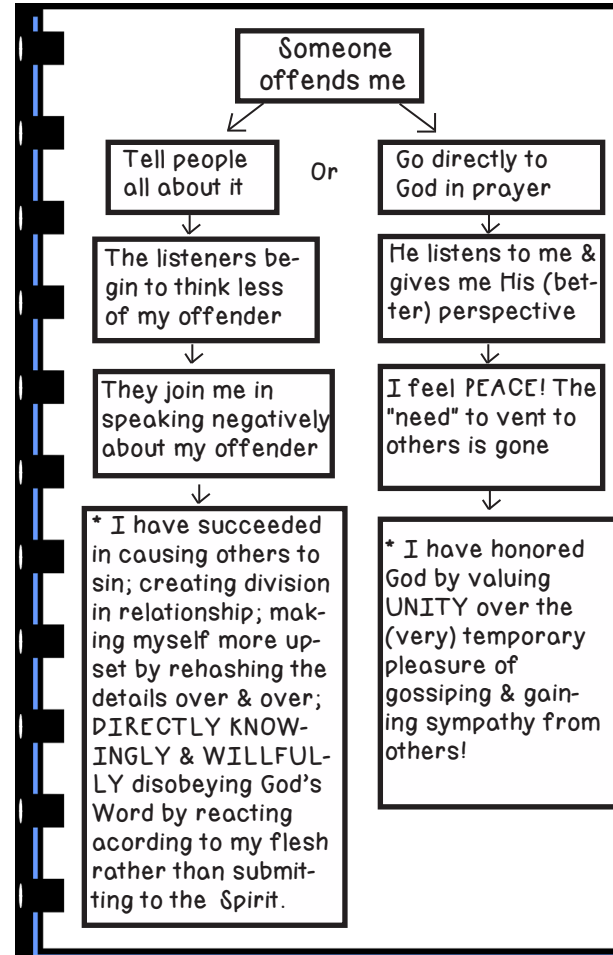
Because of the commercialization and possible pagan origins of Easter, many churches prefer to call it "Resurrection Sunday." The rationale is that, the more we focus on Christ and His work on our behalf, the better. Paul says that without the resurrection of Christ our faith is futile (1 Corinthians 15:17). What more wonderful reason could we have to celebrate! Whether we call it "Easter" or "Resurrection Sunday," what is important is the reason for our celebration, which is that Christ is alive, making it possible for us to have eternal life (Romans 6:4)!

Should we celebrate Easter and allow our children to color and hunt egg? Ultimately, it comes down to a matter of conscience (Romans 14:5). There is nothing essentially evil about painting and hiding eggs and having children search for them. What is important is our focus. If our focus is on Christ, our children can be taught to understand that the eggs are just a fun game. Children should know the true meaning of the day, and parents and the church have a responsibility to teach the true meaning.

— Bryan Basham

Fall Retreat

We are family and love to be with one another! Our Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 6 - 8th at Paris Landing State Park. We eat together, watch sunrises together (well, some of us) and play together. We have devotionals and share wonder at the Lord's creation and the joy we have in being connected. We laugh...a lot. If you haven't considered attending Retreat before, give it some thought. You might be missing out on another opportunity to share with your brothers and sisters. See Angie Basham for more information. We hope to see you at RETREAT!



Easter Egg Hunt

Today after second service!



From A Child's Perspective

A Kindergarten Sunday School class was discussing the subject of "prayer." The children understood that the way one ends a prayer was by saying, "Amen." "Does anyone know what 'amen' means?" the teacher asked.

There was a long silence. Then one little girl piped up, with appropriate computer-age gestures, and said, "Well, I think it means, like, 'SEND!'"



Guest Speakers for 2017

Bill Thrasher will be speaking on the following Sunday mornings:

May 21	July 23
June 25	August 20