



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baagin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- CA Fires - Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes & possessions and the fire fighters & rescue personnel; also the Pasadena church of Christ whose building was destroyed
- Leslie Denbow - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in heart; treatment being evaluated
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma; recently had large tumors surgically removed from his abdomen; prognosis is not favorable
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms
- Tornado Victims - prayers for those affected by more than 100 tornadoes in 8 states; at least 43 lives lost; Cave City Church of Christ building in Arkansas was completely destroyed
- Families of those who perished - in the January plane crashes in Philadelphia /Washington DC
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble."

- Psalm 50:15 -

The Origin of Easter



This is the time of year when those in the denominational and religious world focus on the crucifixion of Christ (Good Friday) and His resurrection (Easter). The name Easter comes from a pagan figure called Eastre (or Eostre), the Saxon goddess of spring among the Germanic people of Northern Europe. The festival Eastre was held during the spring equinox in honor of her. Originally, there were some very idolatrous practices that went along with the celebration. The egg was a symbol of fertility, life and new birth. Easter was the goddess of fertility and her earthly symbol was the rabbit, which is known for its prolific breeding. So, the Easter bunny and Easter eggs are remnants of this goddess worship.

In honor of the goddess Eastre, Saxons would offer sacrifices around the time of the Jewish Passover. Through time, the name Easter came to be given to the early celebration of the resurrection of Christ, which occurred at the time of the Passover. In early English versions, the word Easter was frequently used as the translation of the Greek *pascha* (Passover) — [Tyndale 1534; Coverdale 1535; Matthew's Bible 1537; Great Bible 1540; Bishop's Bible 1568; and King James 1611]. Easter is also a nationally recognized annual holiday celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. While no yearly observance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection is commanded in the Bible, Christians *are* to partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day to commemorate His death and remember His sacrifice (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-32).

The Scriptures attest that the Son of God was crucified in accordance with God's will to redeem sinful man (Is 53:10; Rom 8:32; 1 Pet 1:20), that He was buried in a borrowed tomb (Mt 27:57-60), and then raised to life by Almighty God on the third day — the Lord's Day — Sunday (Acts 2:23-42; 1 Cor 15:1-4). While His death on the cross paid the penalty for our sins (Is 53:5; Mt 26:27-28; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:24), Christ's resurrection gives us hope that we too will be raised again when Christ returns (1 Cor 15:51-57; 1 Thess 4:13-18).

So, the resurrection is at the very heart of the Christian faith (1 Cor 15:17).

To make it even more real and more personal, those who are in Christ have already participated in His death, burial and resurrection in a figurative way, through baptism. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection" (Rom 6:3-5). "And thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess 4:17-18).

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the foundation of the Christian's hope — a confident expectation of everlasting life in the eternal presence of our blessed Lord! — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -



Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us and we want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Also, please fill out one of our visitor's cards before you depart.

† Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat — April 28th



The Empty Tomb

is a cornerstone of Christian faith and holds profound significance for believers because:

— It tells us that the grave could not hold Jesus and

that he bodily rose from the grave.

— It provides solid undeniable evidence to the resurrection of Jesus.

— It represents the ultimate victory over death and the triumph of life.

— It means that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and has conquered death, not only for Himself, but also for those who will obey Him.

— It confirms forgiveness of sins for the faithful, promises a new start, and guarantees immortality.

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,076

This Month: 18,168



SNACKS!

April 20: Jan

April 27: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for April 13, 2025

Attendance — 24

Contribution — \$1769

Order of Worship

April 20, 2025

*"It is good for me to draw near to God;
I have put my trust in the LORD God,
That I may declare all Your works."*

📖 - Psalm 73:28 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—154

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—63

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*
~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-17 ~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee

Song—155

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Greatest Event in History"
(The Resurrection of Jesus Christ)

Song—198

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

Alternates: *George Cuvellier /
Mike Doucette*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

## April 20, 2025

### Meeting on the Lord's Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

*"Let us consider one another in order  
to stir up love and good works, not  
forsaking the assembling of ourselves  
together, as is the manner of some, but  
exhorting one another, and so much the  
more as you see the Day approaching."*

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

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