

"So great a cloud of witnesses... (Hebrews 12:1)

- Consider Moses' Respect for the Pattern set by God -

"[We have] a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord erected, not man...just as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, 'See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain'."

- Hebrews 8:2,5 NKJV

Serving Today

*Please let Allen know if you are unable to serve

Greeters: Elaine Pierce and Bonnie Irvin
(Next Week: Richard and Kathleen)

Announcements and Opening Prayer:
Brandon Jackson

Song Leader: Garrett Jackson

Lead Communion: Randy Jackson

Assist: Jerry Johnson
Richard Carroz
Ryan Young

Scripture Reading: Brice Thompson (Luke 24:1-6)

Speaker: Aaron Baker

Closing Prayer: Mike Thompson
(Sunday pm: Garrett Jackson)

Serving Wednesday

Announcements & Prayer:

Song Leader:

Devotional:

Happy Birthday
in April to...

6th - Jason Vogelsang

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday AM: cancelled - heavy snow

Sunday PM: n/a

Contribution: \$ n/a

Wednesday: 45

Our Meeting Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study - 9:00am

Morning Worship - 10:00am

Evening Worship - 5:00pm

(1st Sunday of the month - 1:00pm)

WEDNESDAY

Dinner served at 6:00pm

Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm

Happy Anniversary
in March to...

Today! - Rod and Leann

For updates or additions to the announcements or prayer list, contact Cindy Baker ---



Welcome TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Loving the Lord with all our soul... (Mark 12:30)

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Celebrating Christ's Resurrection

Easter and Christmas are the most common times when secular man pauses to remember Christ. In the two thousand years since Christ lived on earth, men have devised all kinds of ways to celebrate these two days. Some of these are religious ways and some are secular and commercial. It is great to honor Christ, but it is also imperative that one honor Him in ways which He desires.

Since today is Easter and people are thinking about it, let us do our best to separate fact from fiction about this day and truly honor Christ's resurrection today.

Facts

First, the word **Easter** does not appear in most English versions of the Bible. It appears only in the King James Version and even there the word appears only one time (Acts 12:4). The word *Easter* does not appear in the original text. The word which is translated *Easter* is the Greek word for *Passover* and is translated *Passover* every other time it appears in the Bible.

The word *Easter* comes from a Saxon origin. *Easter* was a goddess of the Saxons whom they honored each spring by offering sacrifices to her. A couple hundred years after Christ's resurrection, Christians began to put special emphasis on the time of the year Christ was resurrected.

Christ's resurrection was in the spring of the year, which was the same time the pagans honored their *Easter* goddess. During this time Christians came to call their feast *Easter* just as these pagans did their feast. This is how Christians came to associate the resurrection of Christ with *Easter*.

Second, the Bible does not teach that the resurrection of Jesus should be honored on just one special day a year. The Bible shows that the significance of the Lord's resurrection is not that it occurred in the spring of the year, but that it happened on the first day of the week (Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-6; Luke 24:1-7; John 20:1-10). Because Christ arose on the first day of the week, it became the most important day of the week. For this reason God commands Christians to gather to worship each first day of the week (Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25).

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God is calling you. But, not on your cell phone.
Don't forget to silence your phone during worship!

The first day of the week is significant to Christians just like the Sabbath (Saturday) was significant to the Jews. The Jews gathered on Saturday (the Sabbath) to worship because it was on the seventh day that God rested after creating all things in six days (Exodus 20:11). The Sabbath was also set aside for the Jews to honor God for delivering them from Egyptian bondage (Deuteronomy 5:15).

Therefore, Christ should be honored every first day of the week, just as the Jews honored God every Sabbath. Christ's resurrection is so important that it needs more recognition than simply having an early morning service on the morning of the resurrection.

How will you honor God in recognition of the resurrection this week?

- adapted from article by Wayne Burger, Conifer church of Christ, Colorado

"Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" - John 20:28-29

On Our Daily Prayer List:

Larry Morrow (traveling for work)
 Tracy Ehlmann (health)
 Kay Shepard (health)
 Harold Fitzjerrell (Alzheimers)
 Carl Wright (health)
 Brandon Holst (recovering from surgery)
 Kim Vogelsang (health)
 Caleb Sams (cancer)
 Judy Wicker (back pain)
 Stacy Hagar and her Mom and Grandparents (health)
 Greg Haney (chemo)
 James Hansel (heart problems)
 Harold Hogard (back surgery)
 Wayne Hogard (prostate cancer)
 Jean Colvett's dad (lung problems)
 Sandy Foster (Jason Vogelsang's mom - broken ankle)

"Be devoted to prayer..."(Romans 12:12)

- * **Stacy Hagar's** Grandfather passed away on Monday of this week. Please keep her and the family in your prayers. Let's support Stacy during this difficult time. Cards can be sent to Stacy at:
- * **Kim Vogelsang** will be having surgery soon to deal with a cyst that was removed in her neck previously. She is also having a lot of pain in her hip. In addition, **Sandy Foster** (Jason Vogelsang's mom) is dealing with some pain related to her broken ankle. Keep both of these women in your prayers, as well as Jason as he cares for their needs at this time. Cards can be sent to:
- * **Connie Ward** is undergoing intense treatments for a disease that she is suffering with. She is in the hospital due to the effects of the disease and its treatment. Please keep her in your prayers.
- * Chris Smith's dad, **Harold Smith**, is having some health problems right now. Please keep him in your prayers this week. Encouragement cards can be sent to:
- * **Caleb Sams**, a friend of Ben Jackson's, has a rare bone cancer and is scheduled to have his foot amputated on April 14th. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. Encouragement cards can be sent to:

Turning Point Women and Children's Shelter Needs: Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

Take Note!

- * **Men's Prayer Devotional at Denny's in LSL. Friday mornings at 6:30am.** "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He [Jesus] went out...and there he prayed." Mark 1:35
- * **Monday night Women's Bible Study** is at 7:00pm at the building. We are doing an Overview of the Old Testament and learning a lot! Join us and grow your faith!
- * **Elias and Kristi Roque** are asking for donations of song books, Bibles, nursery seats, a white board, a bulletin board, and chairs for worship for the Getwell Iglesia de Cristo where they are serving. If anyone has ideas about what we can do to help this good work please see Rod Jackson.
- * **Men**, if you are willing to teach a Bible class during the Summer Quarter, please sign up on the list in the foyer.
- * **Bible Camp!** If you are interested in helping with or being a staff member at GABC there will be a meeting on Friday, April 5th at 6:30pm at the St. Peter's church of Christ building.
- * **VISUALS FOR VANUATU** - On April 21st bring some food and stay after morning worship to help make visual aids for the Christians in Vanuatu. They are in need of good quality teaching materials for their kids Bible classes. Scissors are needed, but all other materials will be provided.
- * **Next month's area-wide singing** will be at St. Peter's on Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm. Hope you can make it!
- * **Ladies**, there will be a **Ladies Day** hosted by the Greenmont Road church of Christ in Belleville, IL on Saturday, May 18th. Let's consider if we can get a group together to go and attend this Ladies Day. The topics are: "How to Handle Stress" and "It's a Wonderful Life".



Highlight on Missions

Vanuatu: Missionary Eric Brandell placed an ad in the local newspaper offering free Bible Correspondence Courses. This was one response that they received, "I believe that this Free Bible Correspondence Course will give me lots of answers to my questions that my church Pastor can't give me and he always says that my questions or arguments about his Bible studies are disturbing." Praise God for those diligently seeking the Truth!

Honduras: Elias Roque Sr. reports that they have had two baptisms: Gloria Gomez and Rocio Betancur. Praise God for this great news! Also, pray for Omar Gomez, who is studying and will soon need to make a decision for Christ.