



Chalice Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

THE SOJOURNER

March 25, 2013

Easter Sunday, March 31st

- 6:30 Sunrise Service in our front Courtyard
- 7:30 Easter Potluck Breakfast—Plan to bring a dish to share
- 8:40 Easter Egg Hunt for Children in our Oasis Patio
- 9:00 Easter Worship



Easter Egg Hunt



8:40 am Easter Sunday
Bring a basket or bag. Fun for everyone.
Childcare will be available at 8:30am.

Though we will not be meeting together for worship during Holy Week, follow the daily devotions on our Facebook page. You don't have to be on Facebook to view the content:

[facebook.com/chalice.church](https://www.facebook.com/chalice.church)



Holy Week

Property Stewardship team would like to thank the following who helped out with our Weed Pull this past Saturday: Maureen and Emma Aguirre, Jim, Pat, James and Kate Barton, Eileen Shea, Noel Stephens, Mylan and Carl Geisert, Sandy Griffin, Bill Carter and Rev Abby. Thanks to all.



Weed Pulling

AZ Disciples Women Ministry
Hosts the
2013 WOMEN'S FAIR
April 27th at East Mesa CC



***Childhood:
A Time for Joy, Hurt
and HOPE***

The focus of the all day conference will be reaching out to the children in our community by exploring our own childhoods and hearing from agencies who deal directly with children and their needs. Registration is \$25 for lunch and childcare and forms are on our website and in the worship center.



Beginning this Sunday, Chalice will begin participating in Fry's Gift Card Program. We have \$5 Gift Cards that you can purchase and use just like money for purchases at any Kroger owned store (like our Fry's Grocery Store) throughout the United States. These cards can be reloaded at the check out before your grocery order and you can use cash, checks or debit and credit cards to accomplish that. So you can put up to \$500 on the card and your balance will appear at the bottom of your latest store receipt. The benefit of this program is that Chalice will receive a rebate of at least 3% and up to 6% on the purchases all card holders make. The rebate is based on the total purchase amount of all cards associated with our account in a six month period. So pick up your Fry's Gift Card this Sunday and shop to benefit Chalice



Chalice is hosting a garage sale on April 20th. We will host the garage sale, advertise, place signs up, and charge for spaces on our property to the community. How can you help? Come to an organizing meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7pm at Starbucks in the shopping center south-east of the 202 & Gilbert Road. (Target shopping center, close to Chipotle) During the meeting, we will put together the logistics. If we "rent" 20 spaces, we come very close to paying off our playground renovation. Please email Mylan Geisert at geisert2@aol.com.



Table Talk

On Sunday, April 7th, you're invited to join an informal study on the patio, focusing on the sermon text for the following week.

Rev. Abigail will lead, but who knows where the conversation might go! Youth and adults are invited to attend. You'll likely appreciate having a Bible with you, but no one will kick you out if you don't have one. It'll happen every Sunday, so come as you like. We'll start at 8:45 and end at 9:30. And I suck at names. If you have an idea, by all means tell me!

peace—a

Have you thought about attending the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Orlando July 13-17th? By registering early—by April 1st—you can save about 20%. It is possible to register electronically now and go back later to add learning tracks and meal events.

www.disciples.org/ga or
generalassembly@disciples.org

You can keep up with latest through Facebook and Twitter.



My oldest memories of Easter are of new dresses and wrapped baskets. There were always Peeps and my mom's Alabama biscuits to eat. Plastic eggs were reserved for the egg tree in my grandparents' yard and real, brightly colored eggs were for hiding and hunting and hiding and hunting some more. The pile of eggs dwindled away as with each round of hiding since my dad enjoyed finding difficult hiding places. More than a few eggs were discovered months later with a lawnmower, by this time well ripened in the summer heat. Church was a part of the festivities, but not a significant part. Easter was a one Sunday blip in the spring, preceded by a Sunday when there were palms in worship. It was two Sundays of activity and celebration with normal life in between. We skipped most of the story. We went straight from waving palms to peeking in the empty tomb. We forgot about everything in between.



Today, we, too, will celebrate with palm fronds and next Sunday, we'll gather early to peek in the empty tomb. But let's not forget about the in between. Most of today's worship is reading the difficult story of the week in between. That week in between is filled with stories of humanity at its worse, stories of betrayal and horrible violence. The week in between is filled with the things that make us cringe and lose hope. Yet, we must tell these stories, too. We must be touched by the brokenness before we can celebrate healing. We must confess that, even in this brokenness, God is present. We confess that these stories, too, are holy.

Continue to read these stories this week. Here's a suggestion of what texts to read each day as we remember these parts of Jesus' life:

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| Monday—John 12:1-11 | Tuesday—John 12:20-36 |
| Wednesday—John 13:21-32 | Thursday—John 13:1-17, 31-38 |
| Friday—John 18:1-19:42 | Saturday—Matthew 27:57-66 |

Read these things. Remember these stories. And don't lose heart. For next Sunday morning, we will gather early, just as dawn is breaking, to celebrate. Next Sunday morning, there will be good food and brightly colored eggs and lots of laughter. But that's next Sunday. We're not there, yet.

peace—Abigail



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**Worship
 Participants**

Look for Worship information in email by
 Thursday of each week.
 Check out March's schedule
 on the Tools Page of the website.

This Week at Chalice

Tuesday

Wednesday

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm
 Alas de Salvacion Worship, 7pm

Thursday

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm
 Oasis Coffee Shop, 7-10pm

Friday

Alas Youth Groups



Sunday

See morning schedule above
 Alas de Salvacion Worship, 1:30

Monday

Leadership Dinner, 7pm

Sunday, March 31, 2013

| | <u>6:30am</u> | <u>9am</u> |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elder. | Sandy Griffin | Carla Ingraham |
| Liturgist | NA | Noel Stephens |
| Diaconate | Kate Barton Pat Barton | Jana Akins Adam Mendoza |

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