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The Pastor's Selection

Birthdays

- 04 Lanier Adams
Paul Volpitto
- 07..... Mark Walters
- 10..... Grace Goodell
John Norkus
- 12.....Richard Frain
- 13..... Lee Self
- 15Martha Folley
Kimberly Rackley
- 16.....Nancy Parks
- 17.....Melanie Jewett
- 19.....Mel Jewett
- 21.....Chris Lammie
Ian Lammie
- 24.....Ora Parish
- 25 Peggy McMillan
Ben Robeson
- 26Margaret Doss
- 27.....Margaret Johnson
- 30Rick Hammond

Four Things to Teach Your Children This Easter

—Christina Fox, *Desiring God*

Spring is upon us. Flowers are beginning to bud, leaves are reappearing on trees, and birds are building their nests. Signs and decorations herald the arrival of our favorite season when we walk into local stores. Bags of plastic eggs and bunny-shaped confections line the shelves.

While we Christians enjoy all the signs of spring, this season is special for us in another way. In a couple [days], we'll celebrate the most important holiday weekend of the year: our Lord's death and resurrection. Beyond jellybeans and warm sunshine, we remember and rejoice in the new life that is ours because of Christ's sacrifice for our sins and triumph over the grave.

And we want our children to know this joy, too. We want our children to know that there is more to this time of year than chocolate bunnies and marshmallow peeps – so much more.

Will you join me in trying to turn the blooming opportunities of this season into a way to teach our children more about Jesus? Let's think toward making the most of this spring to show our kids all that they have because of Christ. Here are four key things to teach our children this Easter.

1. The Story of Redemption

Our family has what we call a "Resurrection Tree." For the month leading up to Easter, we read through the story of redemption. We begin with creation and the Fall. We then go through God's covenant promises in the Old Testament, as well as prophecies about the Messiah such as in Isaiah 53. We study Jesus's birth, baptism, and ministry. During the final week, Holy Week, each day's passage focuses on Jesus's last days. For each story and passage we read, we hang an ornament on our "Resurrection Tree" that we've made to symbolize the passage we read.

2. The Importance of the Resurrection

Jesus's resurrection from the grave is at the heart of our faith. Paul wrote, "If the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." (1 Corinthians 15:16-19)

Go through this passage with your children and teach them how crucial the resurrection is to our salvation. Teach them that Christ rose from the grave because he was the perfect Son of God. The grave could not hold him. He conquered sin and death. Not only that, his resurrection assures our own future bodily resurrection.

Anniversaries

- 05 Ruth & Richard Frain
- 30 ... Jennifer & Charles Kimbrell
Cathy & Ken Moody

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3. Christ Is the Passover Lamb

It is no coincidence that Jesus suffered and died during the Passover. Teach your children the significance of this. Read the story of the original Passover. Show them how the Passover in Exodus points to Jesus, and how because of Jesus we are freed from God's righteous judgment.

4. Cross Truths

Easter is also a great time to teach your children central themes such as substitutionary atonement, justification, imputation, and redemption. Discuss how Jesus perfectly obeyed his Father in all things. Teach your children that Jesus's perfect life has been credited to us in union with him by faith. In Christ, God now looks at us and sees Christ's perfect life. Talk about the sacrifices made in the Old Testament and why they were not sufficient to atone for our sins. Discuss why Jesus was a perfect sacrifice for us at the cross and that it was sufficient for all time. Talk about what it means to redeem or buy back something. How does Jesus redeem us?

Allegories can be a helpful aid in teaching these wonderful truths, including R.C. Sproul's *The Princes Poison Cup* and *The Priest With the Dirty Clothes*, and of course, C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. As we teach our children about the cross, let us also remember those wonderful words from Aslan,

that though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward.

Holy Week

We live because the sinless Lamb of God willingly suffered and died in our place and was raised—never to die again—that we might have life abundant and everlasting. Reserve Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday for devotional services honoring our precious Savior and benefitting your own soul.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m.
Christ Church Choir music, Holy Communion and message by the Rev. Jones

Good Friday Noonday Service on April 3
Dr. Oliver preaching

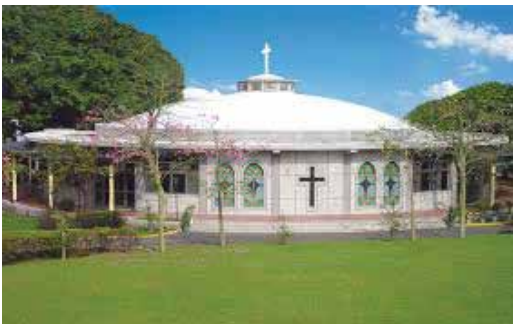
Good Friday Evening Service, April 3
Music and message by the Rev. Tim Foster, Associate Minister from Independent Presbyterian, focused on Calvary beginning at 7 p.m.

Resurrection Sunday Worship, April 5
The Rev. Jones preaching at 11 a.m.

Resurrection Festival Service at 6 p.m.
Christ Church Orchestra
Homily by the Rev. Jones

Please note that there will be nurseries for all of these services except Good Friday Noonday.

Taiwan Bound for Christ



From Christ Church to Christ's College: Ruling Elder Mark Walters, his wife Susan and their daughter Rachel leave on May 12 to travel to Taiwan for a month-long mission opportunity through Mission to the World. Christ's College has extended an invitation to visit with the goal for Mark to teach in the college and for Susan to minister in the areas of hospitality, tutoring and women's Bible studies. Rachel will provide an opportunity to share the gospel with her Taiwanese care givers.

Dr. James R. Graham, an independent Presbyterian missionary, established Christ's College as a four-year Christian liberal arts college in Taiwan in 1959. The college, which gives classroom instruction in English, is located on a two-acre plot of land on a hilltop near Tanshui, a suburb of Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan.

In 1975, Christ's College became a ministry of Mission to the World and a team of missionary teachers has been working at the college continuously since that time. The current enrollment is about 850 students.

Headed to Taipei, Taiwan, Mark and Susan are responding to God's call to the mission field in Taiwan. They are looking forward to sharing the gospel with young men and women (the next generation) in a country that claims only 3% of their population as evangelical Christians. Please pray for them as they make final preparations, seek prayer partners as well as funding for what they refer to as, "burning out for Christ rather than rusting out" in their senior years. Psalm 71:18, "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare Your power to the next generation, Your mighty acts to all who are to come."

To sign up for their prayer letters, send an email to: markowalters@gmail.com. You may designate financial gifts for their support through the church office. We look forward to hearing their report of God's grace when they return on June 9.



Women of Christ Church

The Women of Christ Church, Presbyterian share the abundant love of the Lord by bringing encouragement, practical help and beauty to our congregation in our many ministries of compassion, hospitality and nurturing. Our goals are to serve Christ where we're planted, to grow in our walk with Him and to promote fellowship between Christian sisters.

This month we give special thanks to the ladies who serve in the many children's ministries of CCP. On Sundays, you'll find them caring for the children in our two nurseries, educating hearts and minds in Sunday School, instilling doctrine in catechism and training young voices in the children's choir. Their efforts aren't limited to Sundays, though: our children were recently introduced to missions work at their own missions conference; they enjoyed special Resurrection festivities, and now anticipate Vacation Bible School in June. Several of our ladies also hold a weekly Good News Club for students at River Ridge Elementary School, bringing the gospel to the children of our community.

We thank these ladies for their loving contributions to the lives of our little ones and for their unflinching efforts to nurture them spiritually, mentally and physically.

Christ Church is also blessed to have many hospitable ladies who open their homes for Bible studies, Bread Breakers dinners and youth gatherings, enabling us all to grow in both discipleship and community. In March, we enjoyed a delightful ladies' luncheon, and our thanks go to Natalie Parish for hosting this refreshing time of fellowship. Our ministries of prayer, visitation, meals, flowers and bread-making continue to be very active, and we welcome additional volunteers. Join us as we minister together for the glory of our Lord!

Missionaries Prayer

Please remember the missionaries below in your prayers throughout the month as they labor for the Lord, "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart" (2 Corinthians 4:1).

Unnamed for security, Mission to the World (PCA), France

- Pray for their son to lead a local couple through the Christianity Explored Bible Study.
- Pray for wisdom as they manage many details concerned with their move to the US for a year of home ministry.

Kurt & Pat Nelson, East-West Ministries Intl., Albania, Kazakhstan, Spain, Cuba

- Pray for Kurt's upcoming shoulder surgery on April 2.
- Pray for their short-term mission trip to Cuba: April 14 thru the 21.

Children's Chatter: Let's Talk About...



Resurrection Celebration

What a great time at our Resurrection Celebration! Not only were eggs hunted and found, food plentiful and delicious, but the Good News that we have a Savior that loved us and saved us by giving Himself up for us was shared. Thank you to the many who came and hid eggs, prepared food, and showed the love of Jesus to His precious little lambs.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: THE KING IS COMING!

A great thank you to all who responded to the call to come and be a part of VBS. There are still places available for service. Those who have signed up please be aware that you will be placed on committees and letters will be sent with meeting dates and times. The Children's registration cards will be sent out and will be available here by April 26th. Please be in prayer for God to prepare hearts and draw many children to hear about our coming King. Please mark the week of June 22-26th as a time of celebration for The King Is Coming!

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 100).



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Each Sunday's Schedule: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble	7 p.m. Maundy Thursday	12 p.m. Good Friday Noonday Service 7 p.m. Good Friday Evening Service	7 a.m. Easter Orchestra Rehearsal #1
EASTER SUNDAY 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45 a.m. Communicant's Class for Youth 4 p.m. Easter Orchestra Rehearsal #2 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting 6 p.m. Resurrection Festival Service						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7 p.m. Trail Life	7 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble	6 p.m. Young Families Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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