

He is risen!

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The Meaning of Easter

Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem by a large crowd singing praises to Him, carrying palm branches and hailing Him as the King of Israel - the Messiah. They were gathering to celebrate Passover and such an outpouring of adoration made the Pharisees seethe with anger and disgust. They did not believe Jesus was their long-awaited King.

Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me." John 12:23-26, NLT

Grains of wheat haven't changed and never will; a kernel must be planted in the soil and die to produce a harvest of wheat. Jesus had to die and be "planted" in a tomb to rise up and produce a harvest of life everlasting to those who believed in Him. Jesus knew that He was going to be killed and how He was going to be killed; and He knew the time was approaching. He told his disciples how he'd like his death on the cross to be remembered.

When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you. (Luke 22:14-20, NLT)

Without a doubt, Jesus wants us to remember his great love and sacrifice for us by taking communion. He was getting ready to be betrayed by one of the disciples, publicly humiliated and mocked, beaten beyond recognition, and hung on a cross to die, when he made his special request for us to remember that He gave his body for us and poured out his blood as a sacrifice for us. The heart of Easter lies in his words, **"the new covenant between God and his people."**

What is the real meaning of Easter? Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we have been given victory over death and eternal separation from God, a covenant promise of forgiveness and grace:

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3b-4, KJV)

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9, NLT)

Please Pray For:

For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor.

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

Jim Miller (Donnie Miller's brother in Titusville, FL) had his double bypass surgery last week, improving slowly.

Henry Mason (Esther Crisp's son) in SOMC being tested for a mass in his lungs. Prayers for healing and for the soul.

Mike Cason (Cathy Coriell's brother in Springfield) had surgical removal of a cancerous tumor and one kidney this week. Home now recuperating, doing well. Close monitoring going forward.

Megan Coriell (Cathy Coriell's daughter-in-law) had her specialist appointment in Chicago for connective tissue disorder; A treatment plan of physical therapy and medicine has been laid out for her.

Praise Report: Ellen Lemon is officially cancer-free. She had her 5 year post treatment check-up. No sign of cancer anywhere. PTL!

Penny Ball scheduled for cataract removal April 3. Has had a recurrence of shingles.

Dee Bradshaw had her surgery on Wednesday and should now be home.

Bible Curriculum

3/31	Youth Service 4/3	Family 101
4/7	Home Groups 4/10	Family 101
4/14	Home Groups 4/17	Family 101
4/21	Home Groups 4/24	Family 101
4/28	Home Groups 5/1	Family 101

Our Sympathy is Extended To

- The family of **Kim Collier** (niece of Hayes and Eloise Hayward) who passed last week and was buried in a private ceremony.
- The family of **Alma Jane Hayes** who passed last Tuesday. Her funeral was Saturday in Minford.

Memorial Service for Estelle Coriell

A few weeks ago, Estelle Coriell, the oldest living member of our congregation, passed at her home on Coriell Road. There will be a memorial service for her at the church building on Saturday, April 6, at 5 pm, with a dinner in the annex starting around 6 pm. All are invited to come and participate in the memorial service and the dinner.

Memorial Dinner for Estelle

A pad has been laid out on the table in the foyer for our cooks to sign up to supply certain items for the dinner which will be served following the memorial service. Please stop at the table and sign up to help with the food.

Looking Ahead

4/1	Sweet Monday
4/6	Estelle Coriell Memorial Service
4/7-28	Home Groups
4/19-21	Youth Rally—Fort Hill
5/6	Mothers Day Dinner
5/11	Adoption Seminar
5/17-18	Men's Retreat—Fort Hill
6/15-21	Strawberry Point Camp Trip
6/24-28	VBS at Sunshine

Sew You Care

Meeting on Mondays 9 am to 2pm at the church to sew, making quilts to take to the orphans in China. Everyone welcome. See Karren Griffith for details.

No Song Leaders Class Tonight

Our song leading class is cancelled for tonight but continues next week.

Home Group Hosts and Leaders

A big thank you to all those who have volunteered their homes for the home groups. Tonight an information sheet will be available for Hosts and Leaders giving instruction about how to run the groups. Communion supplies and DVD's will be available next Sunday morning on the table in the foyer for you to pick up. Hosts, if you need to limit the size of your group to something less than 15-20, please note that on your pad. Likewise, if you can handle more than 20, please indicate on your pad.

Home Group Sign Up

Sign Up Pads for Home Groups are laid out on the table in the foyer. Sign up for the group that you want to be a part of. Try to go to a home where you have never been before. More homes will be available next week. **Deacons and Elders, please make sure that each group is covered with a leader before you sign your name.**

Youth Service Tonight

Classes from grade 4 through adult will remain in the auditorium tonight for a special youth service being conducted by the teens in the congregation. Two of our young men will be speaking.

Youth Rally News

The Sunshine Youth Rally is coming up April 19 - 21. The rally will be at Fort Hill. Any adults interested in helping out can sign up in the foyer. Teens who are planning to attend should sign up as well.

Jr. Youth Group Devo

Friday, April 5, 6-8 pm at Alex Cram's house.

Stork Delivery

Jase Daniel Parker was born last Sunday evening (3/24) around 8:30 pm to Ashley and Daniel Parker, weighing 6 lbs, 8 oz. Mother and child both doing well, able to come home Tuesday. Congratulations to the Haywards, the Gampps and the Parkers as they have received a healthy little bundle from heaven.

Added to the Body of Christ

In case you were not here last Sunday morning, **Owen Fitch** confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized in the name of Christ at the beginning of services. We welcome Owen into the fellowship of believers. We will have a phone number and address later. Owen is the 10 year old son of Dan and Amy Fitch whom many of you know.

Adoption Seminar

On Saturday, May 11th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, America World Adoption will be hosting a free adoption seminar entitled "Adopted by Design". The seminar will be here at **Sunshine Church of Christ**. This program will address what God's word says about adoption. If you are struggling with infertility or are wondering if adoption is right for you and your family, this seminar will be a blessing. You will hear families share their personal adoption experience and see the love that defines what it means to be a mother and father. For more information about AWAA, please visit their web site at: www.awaa.org or call 800-429-3369 to register.

Area Events

- Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders (speaker for the TV Program "In Search of the Lord's Way," at the Flatwoods church of Christ, April 7-10. Details posted.
- Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard from the Bear Valley Bible Institute, at the Sunrush church of Christ, April 14-17. Details posted.

Men's Retreat at Fort Hill

May 17 and 18 a men's retreat is planned at Fort Hill featuring Matthew Morine from Castle Rock, Colorado. Details are posted.

April Sweet Monday

April Sweet Monday will be April 1 at 7:30 with a demonstration on candle making by Joan Coriell (since we missed this one in Feb.). Please plan to attend!

Mothers Day Dinner

Save the Date: May 6, 2013 at 6:30 PM we will be having our annual Mother's Day Dinner in place of Sweet Monday. Please plan to attend with moms and daughters of all ages! I will have the sign up sheet out soon so I can plan for the number of guests. This is a free event, so please plan to attend! More details to follow. Heather

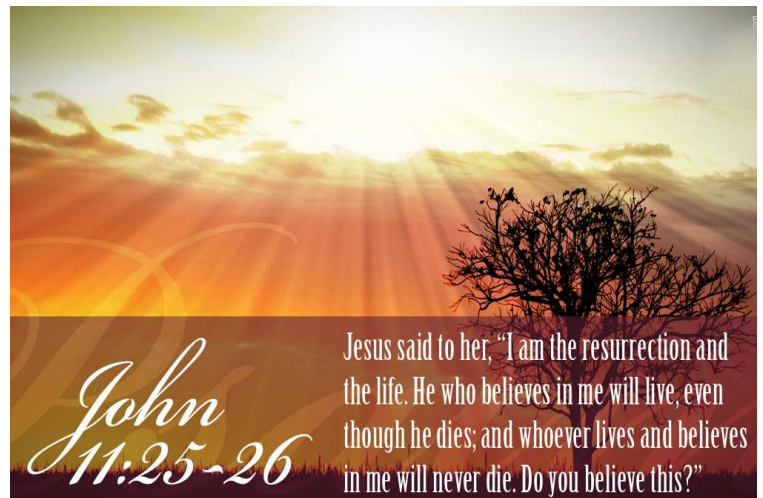
Baby Shower

It's a boy! Please join us here on Saturday, April 13 at 4 pm in the annex to celebrate the upcoming arrival of Baby **Elias Coriell**. Josh and Christian are registered at Wal-Mart. Please help us with our planning by letting us know if you're planning to attend. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. Contact Mary Beth, Cindy or Cathy Coriell for details.



In the News

- **Annie Coriell** was part of a cheer squad which won Midwest National Champion status on March 23 and 24 in Columbus. Congratulations, Annie, on this achievement.
- **Kayleigh Coriell** placed 9th in her division in the Pepsi Bowling Tournament and has qualified to compete in the next stage of the tournament in Columbus this May. Congratulations, Kayleigh.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

March 31

Don Coriell
Aaron McCray
Dale Kuhn
Jamie Veach
Steve Miller

April 7

Jon Coriell
Ralph Gampp
Tim Gampp
Tyler Jones
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Youth Service

Home Groups

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jacob Miller
Aaron Kallner
Family 101

Zach Coriell
Troy Gahm
Family 101

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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ACROSS

3. The place of a skull
4. They were crucified on each side of Jesus.
6. And He was numbered with the ____.
7. Jesus was anointed for His ____.
11. Torn from top to bottom.
15. There was ____ over the whole land.
18. He said "Truly this was the Son of God."
19. The high priest who said it was expedient.
21. The ____ of blood was purchased with silver.
22. The disciple who took Mary as his mother.
23. He appeared first unto Mary ____.
26. Father, ____ them"
27. His blood was shed so our ____ would be forgiven.
28. The Last Supper was a celebration of this holiday.
30. The ruler of Galilee
31. Sent to strengthen Jesus in the garden.
32. He denied Jesus three times.
33. A wealthy man from Arimathea.
37. The doubtful apostle.
38. "A spirit has not ____ and bones as ye see me have."
40. They put on him a scarlet ____.
42. They gave Him this to drink on the cross.

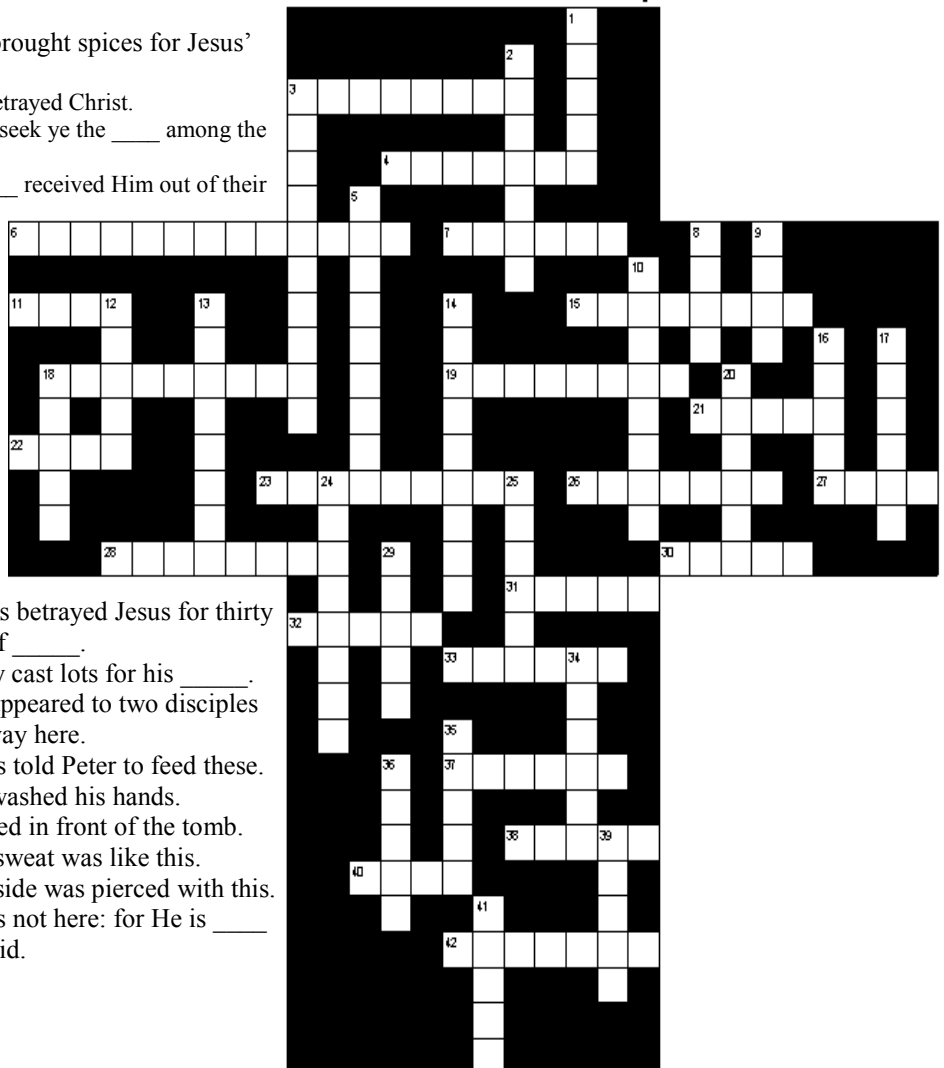
DOWN

1. Father-in-law of the high priest.
2. Another name for the place of crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed.
5. And it was the third hour, and they ____ him.
8. "____ of the Jews."
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with one.
10. "Preach the gospel to every ____."
12. His body was wrapped in fine ____.
13. He was released instead of Jesus.

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14. He brought spices for Jesus' burial.
16. He betrayed Christ.
17. Why seek ye the ____ among the dead?
18. A ____ received Him out of their sight.

20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of ____.
24. They cast lots for his ____.
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way here.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed these.
34. He washed his hands.
35. Rolled in front of the tomb.
36. His sweat was like this.
39. His side was pierced with this.
41. He is not here: for He is ____ as He said.



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Crossword Solution

