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What Easter Means To Us Today

When we think about what Easter means to us, we often think in terms of the future. It means there is life for us beyond the grave. It means we can live forever with God. But have you ever thought about what Easter should mean to us in terms of our daily lives? The Bible teaches that Jesus' resurrection should actually change or impact the way we live each day.

In 2 Corinthians 5:15 we read, "He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." This passage teaches us that Easter means we should spend our lives living for Jesus. We are inspired to live for Him as we consider the depth of suffering that He endured on our behalf. We are inspired to live for Him when we recognize Him as the risen Lord of lords and King of kings. We are inspired to live for Him as we realize living for any other thing is both empty and vanity as the writer of Ecclesiastes points out.

Living for Jesus is the most satisfying way to live life. The Apostle Paul believed this to be true and subsequently lived for Jesus in all that he did. "Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake, I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:7-9).

Not only is living for Jesus the most satisfying way to live, it is also the only way to glorify Him. Jesus is glorified in our lives to the extent that we are satisfied in Him. We often think about Jesus' death and resurrection in terms of how they benefit us, but ultimately they should lead us to glorify Him with praise, thanksgiving, worship, and holy living.

So what does Easter mean to us today? It means that there is life after death, it means that we can have our sins forgiven, it means that we can live forever with God, and it means that we can and should live for Jesus here and now! May He be glorified in us as we live for Him and find our satisfaction in Him.

**HE IS
Risen**
Easter Sunday, April 21

7:30 am: Sunrise Service in the Church Cemetery

8:00 am: Full Breakfast in the Senior Adult Building
(by reservation)

9:00 am: Bible Study for All Ages

10:15 am: Easter Morning Worship Service

No Evening Service or Activities

The Living Cross

Remember to bring flowers to church this Sunday and cover the cross with life and beauty. This is a beautiful act of celebration to share with our children. The Living Cross is a beautiful background for Easter family pictures.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 11:00am
Home of Willa Faye Dacus, 461 Hester Store Road, Easley
Egg Hunt * Hotdogs * Candy * Games * Sno Cones
Babies through grade 5 and their families are invited.

NEW Connecting Class

Beginning May 5, we will offer a four-week class teaching simple ways to effectively connect with others and share a simple gospel presentation. The class will take place during the Sunday School hour and will meet on May 5, May 12, May 19, and May 26. Please sign up for this class in the Welcome Center or call the office.

American Bandstand Dinner Theater

On Sunday, **May 5th**, the Berea Students will be hosting a Dinner Theater event in the Crosswalk. Doors will open at 5:30pm. This year, we will be presenting American Bandstand! You can sit back and enjoy the show as the students serve you a delicious spaghetti dinner while listening to America's classic hits from student and adult ensembles and soloists! This event is also an opportunity to raise support for Student Missions. Tickets are \$10 and are available in the Church office or Welcome Center.

Welcome New Member



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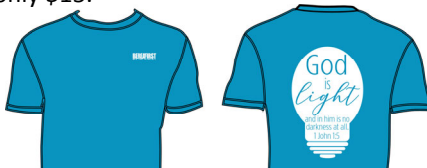
Easter Holiday

The church office will be closed
Monday, April 22.



Berea College Students are heading on mission to Latvia in May. On Sunday, April 28, you will have the opportunity to partner with them in this mission simply by eating breakfast. That's right. They will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts for \$1 each (\$10 for a dozen) in the Welcome Center before Sunday School and before the worship service.

And if you're looking for a nice addition to your wardrobe, they will also be selling this sweet missions t-shirt on April 28 for only \$15.



UPCOMING EVENTS, GRADES 6-12

Girls Night In

Friday, April 26

\$15. Register by April 21

Outdoor Adventure of Manliness

Saturday, April 27

\$15. Register by April 21

April Mission Action

Hawk's Landing Summer Ministry

Items needed: Bottled Water (16 oz.)

Wednesday Supper Menus

April 24: Baked Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, New Red Potatoes, Green Beans

May 1: Beef Stew, Rice Pinto Beans, Fried Okra, Cornbread

or Chick-fil-a Sandwich or nuggets

Reservations required by Monday, 11am

Easter Lilies

In Honor or Memory of:

Dr. A.M. Alderman
Nancy Alderman
Ruth Alderman
Rick Arnold
Michael Lee Aiken
Richard Babb
Douglas Baker
Dr. Doug Baker
Dean Batson
Dean Batson
Pat and Harold Batson
Grace Belcher
Marty Campbell
Marty Campbell
Marty Campbell
Guy Carter, Jr.
Phoebe Chadwick & Bonita Whitmire
Teresa Clayton
Teresa Clayton
Teresa Clayton
Teresa Clayton
Dot Coleman
Ed Cooley
Agnes Cox
Church Staff
Guy and Julia Davis
Eastburn Family
Rupert Elliott
Rupert Elliott
Gladys Elrod
Doug Emory
Edith Evans
Woodrow and Edith Evans
Woodrow and Edith Evans
James Herman
Terry Holliday
Harold Huffman
Mike Jewell
Marie Johnson
Charles Jones
Paul Justice, Jr.
Ann and Jr. Kay
Wanda and Alan Kay
Ralph H. Kay, Jr.
Olin Laws
John Leidy
Pete, Evelyn and Mark Linder
Papa (David Lunsford)
David Lunsford
Judy Lutz
Charles, Bart and Dede Mace
Judi and Wallace Mann
Angel Miller
George Pettit
Eddie Porter
Eddie Porter
Cheryl Sedgley
Spear Sedgley
James and Lillian Spencer
Bill and Charles Stowe
Becky Tatum
Bill Tatum
Floyd Thornton
Bruce Turner
Martha Woodruff
Jesus Christ

Given By:

Jean Clarke
Jean Clarke
Jean Clarke
Richard and Alexa and Family
Mike and Faye Aiken
Lib Babb
Harriet Baker
John and Doris Vinskus
Pat and Harold Batson
Mark and Lisa Smith
Mark and Lisa Smith
Ronnie and Beverly Pettit
Missy and Sarah Campbell
john and Clarene Coleman
Mark and Lisa Smith
Gail and Guy Carter
Dede and Emory Jones
Gary Clayton
Robin, Alex and Sophia Sea
Samuel Clayton
Rebekah, Tyler and Azalea Burdine
Ronnie and Beverly Pettit
Randy and Robin Elliott
Felton Cox
Mark and Lisa Smith
Guy and Betty Davis
Joyce Eastburn
Jean Elliott
Randy and Robin Elliott
Ronnie and Beverly Pettit
Linda, Gena, Rob, David
Ronnie and Beverly Pettit
Benny Evans
Danny and Louise Evans
Susan Herman
Grace Holliday and Family
Josephine, Harold and Dena
Wanda Jewell
Mike and Faye Aiken
Dede and Emory Jones
Gloria Justice and Family
Patrick and Shelley Haddon and Children
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Barry and Gina Tatum
Shirley Laws
Jack and Tammy Koziac
Anne Linder
Raylan and Peyton
Maegan, Jarad, Rebekah, Zach, Julie
Jack and Tammy Koziac
Nancy Mace
Jim and Diane Harrill, Andrea, Blake, Kayla Abercrombie
Rashaun and Ekatarina Barksdale
Ronnie and Beverly Pettit
Tammie Laws Porter and Children
Shirley Laws
Mark and Lisa Smith
Mark and Lisa Smith
Terri Waldrop and Dean Spencer
Barbara Stowe
Barry and Gina Tatum
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Patsy Cannon
Margaruite Turner
Frank and Cynthia Woodruff
John and Sunny Stroud