



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Current Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship
~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal
~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal
Current Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

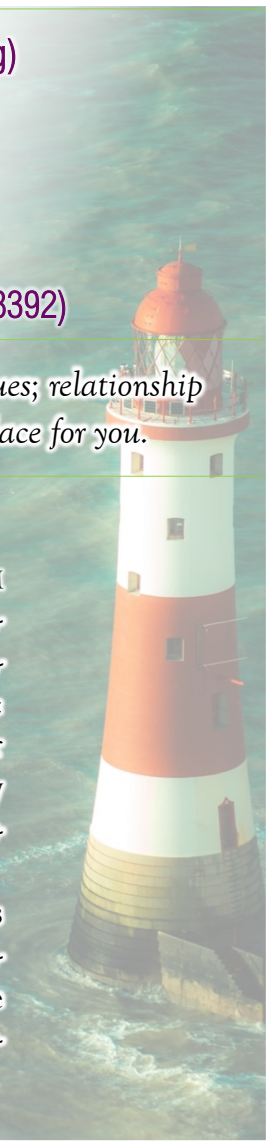
WHY IS EASTER CALLED... WELL, EASTER?

— BY CHRISTOPHER HUNT, TODAYDEVOTIONAL.COM

Easter is the name of, for most of Christendom, the most important Christian holiday, the day that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead after his crucifixion. We know that the resurrection of Jesus resides at the very heart of the gospel: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). But, why is this holiday called Easter? Where did the name Easter come from? Let's shed some light on those questions.

Easter is actually an English word. The etymology of the English word Easter indicates that it descends from Old German – likely from the root words for dawn, or east, or sunrise. English is a western Germanic language named for the Angles who, along with the Saxons (another Germanic tribe), settled Britain in the 5th century. In fact, the Old Ger-

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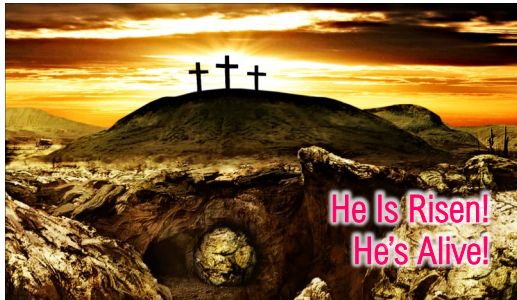
WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 59—Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Song No. 142—Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 143—Low In The Grave He Lay

Song No. 150—We Saw Thee Not

- LORD'S SUPPER • 

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 150—Into The Heart Of Jesus

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 103—I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19

- *SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES* •

1 Corinthians 15:12-19; Matthew 28:10,16-17; Acts 22:6-10; Matthew 28:9,10; Acts 1:14; Acts 9:1-2; Acts 26:9-11; Acts 10:41; Luke 24:52-53; 1 Corinthians 4:9-13

- *SERMON OUTLINE* •

— REVIEW —

INTRODUCTION — (1) Virgin Birth | (2) Resurrection | (3) If Jesus Is Not Raised, What?

- II. Number Of Witnesses
 - A. It Is Important
 - B. Many Resurrection Witnesses
- II. Character Of Witnesses
 - A. Not All Believed In Jesus
 - B. Skeptics After His Death
 - C. Former Enemy
- III. Strength Demonstrated By:
 - A. Empirical Testimony
 - B. Transformation
 - C. Their Moral Standards
 - D. Their Sacrifices

CONCLUSION — (1) Witness Credibility | (2) If Jesus Is Not Raised, What?

— INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

April 3 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Corinthians 12:8-13 —



— APRIL 28 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— JUNE 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

CHIPS & DIPS & SANDWICHES OH MY! PLUS DESSERTS!

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man for Easter was Oster (Ostern in the modern). English and German speakers have been using variations of the term Easter for over a millennium. However, most of the countries surrounding Britain and the German principalities of Europe have long used variants of the Latin Pascha (from the Greek for Passover, a transliteration of the Hebrew pesach) as the name of the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Today, in many non-English speaking countries, Easter is still called by a name derived from the term Pashca. A number of other languages use a term that means Resurrection Feast or Great Day. Only English and German speaking countries use the terms Easter or Ostern.

Does the name Easter really have pagan roots? That's a common question. Modern etymologies do trace easter to the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn, called Eostre. An English monk known as Venerable Bede (d. 735 AD) recorded the name of this goddess in his book *The Reckoning of Time*. Bede described a relationship between the name Eostre and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, which provides the strongest evidence that the name Easter may have pagan roots:

"Eosturmanath [April] has a name which is now translated 'Paschal month,' and which was once called after a goddess of theirs named Eostre, in whose honour feasts were celebrated in that month. Now they designate that Paschal season by her name, calling the joys of the new rite by the time-honoured name of the old observance."

Historians consider Bede a reliable primary source in Anglo-Saxon history. However, Bede's mention of Eostre is the single instance of that name in the entire written record. Some have wondered if Bede was mistaken about the goddess. German historian, Jacob Grimm, writing in 1835 about German mythology, seemed to confirm Eostre of the Anglo-Saxons by linking her to an even older Germanic goddess named Ostra –

for whom there existed even less direct evidence than Eostre – whose mythology he was trying to linguistically reconstruct:

"Ostarmānoth [April] is found as early as...[c. 800]. The great christian festival...bears in the oldest of [Old High German] remains [of] the name ôstarâ...This Ostrâ, like the [Anglo Saxon] Eāstre, must in the heathen religion have denoted a higher being, whose worship was so firmly rooted, that the christian teachers tolerated the name, and applied it to one of their own grandest anniversaries."

In any case, if we assume Eostre and Ostra are the same mythological goddess, as Grimm suggested, she was ultimately named by a human. (Only the one, true God named himself; see Exodus 3:14.) So what came first, her name or the root words for her name? It is most likely that the root words for dawn, east, and sunrise existed before the name Eostre did, since it would be people, who possessed language, who would give the goddess a name and attribute to her the phenomena of the dawn and sunrise in the east. Interestingly, we mostly remember the name Eostre today primarily because of its apparent association with Easter. Yet, the name Easter has come to overwhelmingly signify the most important annual celebration of most of the Christian faith.

Perhaps there is a more elemental explanation for the English word, Easter. A scholar named Christian F. Cruse (1794-1865), best known for his translation of Eusebius' *Ecclesiastical History*, which contains perhaps the earliest known reference to a Christian celebration of the resurrection, argued that Easter has etymological roots in the German word for resurrection. In a note concerning Easter, he wrote: "Our word Easter is of Saxon origin, and of precisely the same import with its German cognate Ostern. The latter is derived from the old Teutonic form of *auferstehn*, *Auferstehung*, i.e. Resurrection."

How did Easter come to be used in early German and English Bible translations? How did the

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mer. Per her doctor, she'll have to have cervical plates/rods implanted. It's likely to be much more involved than originally thought. ^[1]

- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She saw her doctor about her continuing dizzy spells and other issues. He/She ran some tests but couldn't track the symptoms she's been having. ^[1]

MARCH 17

- ◇ Burris, Joyce – To determine the cause of her pain, she, after having an MRI on March 5, received her test results: arthritis and pinched nerves along C4 and T1 so, she'll be receiving about 6 weeks of therapy. She will also be seeing her doctor on March 20 about her enlarged thyroid that some lab tests from March 13 revealed ^[2].

MARCH 10

- ◇ None Or Moved To A More Recent Date

MARCH 3

- ◇ Flatequals, Fletcher, Evan, Lauryn (Evan's girlfriend), and Isabel [Pam Flatequal's family members plus one] – All have the A1 Flu. ^[4]
- ◇ Lopez, Emily [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] – She recently gave birth to a healthy, **Praise God!**, baby boy named Bryson Paul making him Tom's 12th great grandchild. ^[4]
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She's been under the weather. ^[4]
- ◇ Smoot, Randy [Roger Smoot's brother] – His Parkinsons is really taking a toll on him. ^[4]
- ◇ Villarreal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] – He's now on a trial drug for 18 months for his stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasized to several areas of his body (lymph nodes and bones). ^[4]
- ◇ YWAM Kids Killed or Injured [Youth With A Mission – Where Bailey & Dan'iel, Smoots' granddaughters are attending] – On a mission trip to Tansania, Africa, 8 kids were killed and 3 injured when they were hit by a truck. The injured remain in the hospital. ^[4]

FEBRUARY 25

- ◇ Burris, Gloria [Joyce Burris's sister-in-law, married to Ken] – She's been diagnosed with a large tumor on her brain. An eight to ten hour surgery is scheduled at St David's Hospital in Austin. ^[5]
- ◇ Wife's Name Unknown – Pam Flatequal's Chucky Cheese Encounter – Man's wife revealed he was in S.A. for his wife's cancer surgery. ^[5]
- ◇ Para, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] – He had developed blisters in his eyes, possibly from the medication(s) he's taking. He also needs knee surgery desperately but he can't until some time in June. ^[5]
- ◇ Smoot, Cody [Smoots' grandson] – He and his fiancée Emily were wed yesterday, February 24. Congratulations! ^[5]

ONGOING

NOTE: If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Bippert, Cheryl ^[17]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[17]; Boldt, Sandy ^[17]; Brown, Hunter ^[7]; Brown, Scott ^[24]; Brown, Stephanie ^[10]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[25]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[12]; Corren, Jan ^[12]; Davis, Randy Family ^[19]; Davis, Preston ^[7]; Davis, Preston Family ^[25]; Delaney, Sophie ^[13]; Dye, Joyce ^[20]; Evans, Steve ^[13]; Fintel, Pam ^[20]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[10]; Green, Marvin ^[14]; Green, Sonia ^[10]; Halverson, Rich Family ^[26]; LeFluer, Miranda ^[9]; Mays, Alice Family ^[12]; McLay, Carla ^[7]; McLay, Gary ^[7]; McMeans, Velma ^[9]; Montalvo, Louie ^[21]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[19]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[19]; Neal, Larry ^[7]; Noble, David Family ^[23]; Norris, David Family ^[12]; Parra, Rudy ^[25]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[7]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[11]; Sensat, Miriam ^[26]; Shaw, Nancy ^[12]; Slaughter, Ron ^[25]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[9]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[11]; Smoot, Bailey ^[6]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[6]; Torres, Donna ^[17]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[15]; Turnbow, Gary ^[15]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[9]; Welsby, Chris ^[9]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[15]

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early Church handle the word Easter? Scholar Roger Patterson notes how early Bible translators like Martin Luther and William Tyndale went about translating Pascha (passover) into German and English, using forms of oster and ester respectively, most likely because of a root meaning of resurrection, just as Cruse noted. In his New Testament, Tyndale translated Luke 2:41 ester for passover, "And his father and mother went to Hierusalem every yeare at the feeste of ester." Luther did likewise when he translated Luke 2:41 into German; he used the word "Osterfest." Similarly, Tyndale translated passover lamb in a portion of 1 Corinthians 5:7: "For Christ oure esterlambe is offered up for us." Luther used "Osterlamm." Patterson observes:

"It would seem from the translations of Luther and Tyndale that by 1500, the word oster/ester simply referred to the time of the Passover feast...Even if the word had an origin in [the name Eostre], the usage had changed to such a degree that Luther was comfortable referring to Christ as the Osterlamm."

It's interesting to note that by 1611 the English ester had gained an a: the King James used the word Easter in Acts 12:4 to describe Passover after the resurrection of Christ. What's clear is that these usages of the word ester/oster/Easter perceived no connection to pagan worship.

So, our English word Easter possibly descends from the name of a pagan goddess. It is also quite possible that Easter evolved from Germanic words meaning dawn, east, and sunrise: words that may have had their own roots in the Old German word for resurrection. Luther's and Tyndale's use of Easter reinforce a long established affiliation of the term, not with pagan practices, but with the resurrection of Jesus, as our Passover lamb. Some Christians today feel more comfortable giving the holiday a different name, such as Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday. They are completely free to do that, just as others are free to go on call-

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

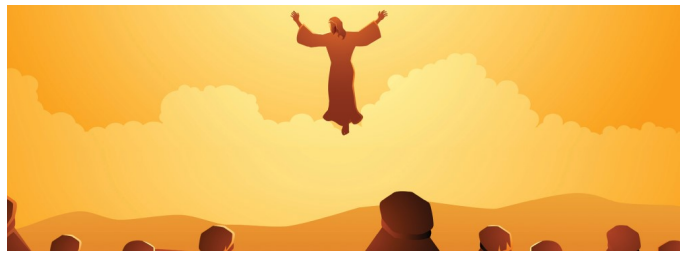
SCRIPTURE

Psalms 68:18 - 18 You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell there.

Luke 24:51 - 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

Ephesians 4:8 - 8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."

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ing the day Easter. What truly matters is that on what is to most of Christendom that most significant of days, Christ is celebrated as the risen Savior! He is risen indeed!

Of course, it is also perfectly acceptable to do as the Church of Christ has done since its inception - celebrated Christ Jesus' sacrifice for our sins every first day of the week! **E**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS








Darrell Ranne	April 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	April 16	Birthday
Cris Street	April 27	Birthday
Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And May 22, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>“Table” Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</p>
Every Thursday	 <p>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun–Apr 7	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Know I Am Loved</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 14	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Have A New Life</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 21	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Can Know The Answer</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 28	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Have Hope For Heaven</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Mar 31	 <p>Easter Sunday</p>
Mon–Apr 1	April Fools' Day Lupus Alert Day National Egg Salad Sandwich Day
Wed–Apr 3	Fish Sticks & Custard Day National Chocolate Mousse Day Global Day Of The Engineer Pony Express Day National Day Of Hope For The Children
Fri–Apr 5	International Carrot Cake Day National ¹Burrito ²Cordon Bleu Days
Sun–Apr 7	National ¹Deep Dish Pizza ²Caramel Apple ³Raisin & Spice Bar Days

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

**ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!**

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order —

Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Mar 31 - Judg 3-5
MON	Apr 1 - Judg 6-7
TUE	Apr 2 - Judg 8-9
WED	Apr 3 - Judg 10-12
THU	Apr 4 - Judg 13-15
FRI	Apr 5 - Judg 16-18
SAT	Apr 6 - Judg 19-21

Judg = Judges

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM VARIOUS BOOKS

Psalm 45:6-7

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. ⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Luke 1:31-33

³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Hebrews 1:8-9

⁸But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

