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VBS will be here soon

Are your kids ready to launch into hyperdrive this summer?

They won't want to miss a minute at *Time Lab*, the most welcoming place around! At *Time Lab*, kids will discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity future as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies, and dramas.

Vacation Bible School at *Time Lab* will be a quantum leap of fun and excitement, so contact us today! We're calling all time travelers to join us for an amazing adventure!

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
12:15 Bible Study
6:00 Bible Studies
Impact Youth
6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study— G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer



When: July 23-27

Time: 6:00-8:30

Where: Country Christian EFC

Scotts Parade: July 21

“Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God”

The recent passing of former First Lady Barbara Bush was met with the celebration of her life and many television networks replaying videos of her and interviews of the former first lady. A 2013 interview conducted as part of a First Ladies of the United States series was aired. As part of the interview, Mrs. Bush was asked about her faith and the afterlife. Her response was, "I'm a huge believer in a loving God," she said. "And I have no fear of death, which is a huge comfort because we're getting darned close. And I don't have a fear of death for my precious George or for myself because I know that there is a great God." To that I have to agree, there is a great God. But I do hope that the faith of the Bush family goes deeper than that.

It is not enough to simply believe in God, or to know about God. James tells us that even the demons believe (2:19). Our assurance of eternal life relies in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12 states "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Some may study about God, but never put their faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). The message of the gospel is summed up in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." Later in the chapter, Paul explains that the resurrection of Christ is our only hope of resurrection. It is only when we can be found in Jesus Christ that we have hope of eternal life. It is not based on our good works, church attendance or how much money we give.

If you were asked about your hope of eternity, what would your answer be? Would it be simply that you have faith in God? Or that you have surrendered your life to Jesus Christ and your sins are covered by His blood? Are you looking forward to heaven as Mrs. Bush seemed to indicate? Some may have an indication that their life is drawing to a close; others have no indication that when they get up in the morning it is the last time they will be getting out of bed. We have no promise of another day, another hour, another moment. If you have not put your faith in Jesus, what are you waiting for?

Jim Hawkins—editor

Walk the walk

Do you rush, push, shout and become generally unpleasant on Sunday mornings? Do you complain about church? Are you irregular in your attendance? Are you over-conscientious about matters that are not really important?

Do you always criticize the pastor, the music, the length of services and the ushers? Then don't be surprised if your children grow up to look at Sundays as the worst day of the week.

—Karen Burton Mains, author of *Making Sunday Special*

?? Bible Quiz ??

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?

- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



Answer: E (See Acts 2:9-11.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)
 at the church. Potluck. Phone
 649-0656 (every other week)

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Dana and Terrie Schwartz – 6:00 –
 8:00 PM at their house -13643
 East R Ave., call – 929-6242
 (every other week)

Mondays:

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
 – 626-9764.



**Birthdays &
 Anniversaries
 This Month!**

5-Al Johnson
 5-Andy Wedel
 7-Abbey Colvin
 7-Andrea Truax
 10-Win & Margaret Larsen
 11-Pat Colvin
 11-Marcia Duffin
 15-Trenton Steele
 16-Brad Gibbs
 16-Bert VanDellen
 21-Vicky Dunlap
 22-Don & Ruth Hiskes
 22-Dick & Betty Williams
 26-Barb Smith
 26-Ron VanDyken
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 31-Tom Kuiper

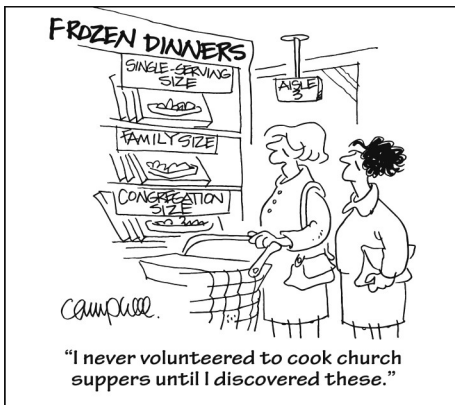
**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.



Fire in the Woods

Sunday, May 6, Fire in the Woods will be at 5 PM. There will be no noon potluck that day, but please bring a dish to share for this event. Hot dogs and buns will be provided by the church. We will sing songs together around the fire and then join together in prayer - especially for our nation - as our National Day of Prayer. Please bring your own table service, beverages, and your own lawn or camp chairs.



Nursery Help

<i>April</i>	
29	Kim Smith & Lyndsay Juday
<i>May</i>	
6	Abbey Colvin and Raezi Colvin & Lisa Gibbs
13	Andrea Truax & Charlize Gibbs
20	Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp
27	Dawn Drallette & Jamie Morrison

Brendan Clarey and Katie Scheu

Brendan and Katie are going to be married July 7 near Detroit, but an open house for the church family is planned May 19th from 1-4 PM at the church. A Roasted Pork meal will be served. For those choosing to bring gifts, Brendan and Katie are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond; Target; and Amazon.



Thanks, Mom!

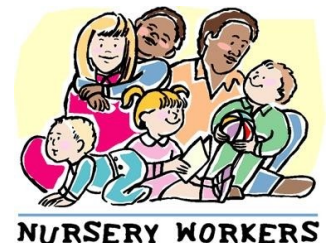
At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

The Giver

It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

—Charles Spurgeon



Pat Answers

Where Did the Term Easter come from and what does it mean?

We just celebrated Easter on April 1st, but I was asked recently "Where did the word 'EASTER' come from? Isn't what we refer to as Easter better said to be RESURRECTION DAY?" Yes, Amen! It is clear that we use the term Easter today as a reference to the rising of Jesus Christ from the dead. Praise God! But the origins of the word Easter are debated along two main lines, pagan and Christian. The modern English term *Easter*, cognate with modern Dutch *ooster* and German *Ostern*, developed from an Old English word that usually appears in the form *Ēastrun*. Some say the original meaning came from a pagan goddess who was the goddess of the sunrise and the spring. The direction of the sunrise, East, or German "Ost" is named for her. In Norse mythology, the name is spelled *Eostare*. *Eastre* then is believed to be an ancient word for spring, mentioned by the English monk Bede in the 700's, saying that April was the month of Eostre. If this is the case, Christians took the old word for the spring and its festival but gave it a new Christian meaning – the life-giving resurrection of Jesus.

Another idea involves the history of the Frankish church (Germans who settled in Rome during the fifth century). Their celebration of Christ's resurrection included the word *alba*, which means white (the color of the robes worn during the resurrection festival). *Alba* also meant sunrise. So when the name of the festival

was translated into German, the sunrise meaning, *ostern*, was selected, likely in error. One theory is that *Ostern* is the origin of the word Easter.

The Answers in Genesis website gives another Christian origin of the word Easter: "Contrary to suggesting a connection to a Saxon goddess, some have suggested Easter finds its root in the German word for resurrection—*auferstehung*...*Oster* comes from the old Teutonic form of *auferstehen* / *auferstehung*, which means *resurrection*, which in the older Teutonic form comes from two words, *Ester* meaning *first*, and *stehen* meaning *to stand*. These two words combine to form *erstehen* which is an old German form of *auferstehen*, the modern day German word for *resurrection*."

So the bottomline is we may not know for sure the exact origins of the word Easter. But I agree with my questioner, RESURRECTION DAY is a better term for followers of Christ to use than Easter. But the main thing is that now we know the real meaning of Easter is all about the resurrection of Jesus. It is not about the bunny, it is about the Lamb. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." – 1 Corinthians 15:20. Let us daily be thankful for a Living Risen Savior,

Pastor Pat

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