

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Alpha House "Baby Shower" Month		1	2 10:30am Worship at SNH 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	3	4	5
					WMU "Missions Celebration" 2014 Annual Meeting Second Baptist Church, Springfield MO	
6 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 12:00 pm Trustees Meeting 5:00pm WMU Meeting 5:00pm Youth, Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Children	7	8 7:00pm MLBA Executive Board Meeting - Pleasant Hope Baptist	9 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children 8:00pm Finance Committee Mtg	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Children 7:00pm Business Meeting	14	15	16 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	17	18 Good Friday Office Closed	19
	Meals On Wheels—April 14th thru 18th					
20 Easter Sunday 6:45am Sunrise Service 8:30am Breakfast at Church 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Lord's Supper/Worship No Evening Activities	21	22	23 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	24	25	26 Alpha House 2-Mile Walk / 5K Run for Life—SBU Campus
27 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 10:45am Benevolence Offering 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Children 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	28	29	30 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children			

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Birthdays of the Month

4. Kenny Turner
6. Brian Ewing
9. Norma Jefferson
10. Sid Kinyon
Raelyn Henderson
11. Ellen Ewing
15. Tom Ewing
19. Dorothy Mantonya
Josh Ewing
20. Cahill Creek
22. Gary Raynor
26. Sarrah Hottes
Al Saathoff
27. Rachel Noblett
30. Mindy Pelfry

Anniversaries of the Month

6. Terry & Sno Benson
7. Ken & Stacie Spurgeon
9. Brad & Sharon Belcher
10. Richard & Myrna Chism
30. Casey & Afton Graham



With the coming of spring, my heart turns to Easter or Resurrection Sunday. I think about putting on a pastel colored shirt and tie, dying and decorating hardboiled eggs, and a tasty ham lunch with family. The weather is always a cool windy March day, or is it a rainy April morning. Have you ever wondered about why we do these things and why Easter is never on the same day, or even in the same month?

Let's start with the date of Easter. Easter is based around the Jewish holiday of Passover or The Feast of Unleavened Bread. The night Jesus was arrested was Passover. The Last Supper that we celebrate every quarter was the Passover meal called a Seder. Passover is a holiday to remember God's deliverance of Israel from their captivity in Egypt. The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar meaning their months are based on the phases of the moon. Passover is on the first full moon after the spring equinox (first day of spring). This means that Passover is not tied to a specific day of the week. So why is Easter always on a Sunday? The gospels of Mark, Luke, and John tell us that Jesus died in the afternoon of the day of preparation (Friday) and was buried before the beginning of the Sabbath (Friday evening). He then was in the tomb that evening (first day), Saturday (second day), and rose on the morning of the third day which was Sunday. In 325AD, the Council of Nicea ruled that Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after spring equinox. While the spring equinox is always March 20, the first moon moves through the five weeks after, thus Easter moves throughout the end of March and April.

Easter eggs have an interesting history. Eggs were important to many ancient Middle Eastern cultures like the Babylonians and Egyptians because they symbolized new life and fertility. The view of eggs as symbols of fertility and new life can also be found in barbarian Europe amongst pagan Germanic people. Though Catholics officially adopted Easter eggs in 1610, early eastern Mediterranean Christians were dyeing eggs red to represent the blood Jesus shed on the cross. I'm not saying we should or shouldn't dye eggs. If your family does, be sure to also talk to your kids about why we really celebrate this time of year. Talk about the love that God has for them. That He sent his

Son to die for sin. Talk to them about what sin is. Talk about the cross, and most importantly, that great miracle that happened on the third day. About the hope we have for eternal life because of Christ's resurrection.

Kids love object lessons, and there is a really great hands-on lesson about the resurrection that you can do the night before Easter, or even Easter morning for breakfast. The project is called Resurrection Rolls. These easy to make rolls tell the story of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. As you put them together read from Luke 23:50-24:12. Preheat your oven to the temperature on the tube of crescent rolls. Take a piece of crescent roll dough, representing the linen they wrapped Jesus with, and lay it on a flat surface. Take a large marshmallow, representing the body of Jesus, and roll it in a bowl of melted butter, representing the oil they poured on His body. Then take the marshmallow and role it in a blend of cinnamon and sugar, representing the spices they poured on his body. Then place the marshmallow on the dough and wrap it up with the dough taking care to completely seal the marshmallow. Otherwise you will end up with a marshmallow mess. You can put the rolls into a muffin tin or cookie sheet. Place the pan in the oven symbolizing the tomb Jesus was placed in and close the door (stone). Follow the heat and time directions for the crescent rolls. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 5-10 minutes. When the kids bite, tear, or cut into the rolls they will find that the marshmallow has melted and an empty cavern is left inside. This symbolizes the empty tomb found by the women and the apostles. This is a really cool little project you can do after you dye eggs or in lieu of.

Ingredients:

- 1 can Grands crescent rolls (the smaller ones don't seal up as well)
- 8 Marshmallows
- 2 Tbsp butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp of sugar mixed with 1 Tbsp of sugar

I'm looking forward to our first Easter service here in Stockton, and can't wait to see all of you that morning and together proclaim that our God is not dead, He has risen!

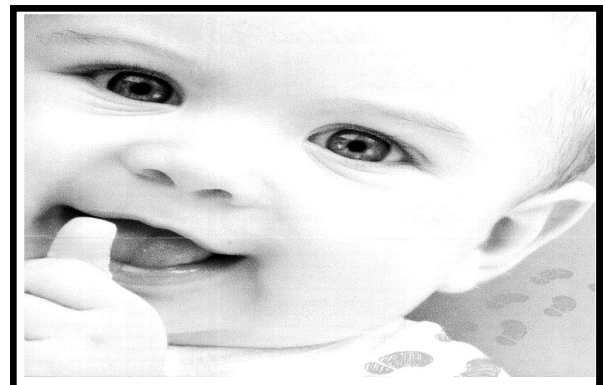
In Christ,
Pastor Jason Mabry

**We invite you to celebrate the
Resurrection of our Lord and Savior
this Easter Sunday**

April 20, 2014

6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at First Beach
8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the CLC
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship/Lord's Supper
 ----- **No Evening Activities** -----

Please call Stacie Spurgeon (276-5047) or the church office if you or someone you know would like to ride the church van to services on Sunday mornings.



Alpha House Run/Walk for Life
Saturday, April 26th
On the SBU Campus

Runner Registration begins at 7:15a.m.
5K Run begins at 8:00a.m.
Runner Award Ceremony at 9:15a.m.

Walker Registration begins at 8:15a.m.
2-Mile Walk begins at 9:30a.m.

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