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baptism

April 8, 2012

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Of Popes & Rabbits

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How did painted eggs, rabbits, and the Resurrection of Christ end up together? They are at the very least an odd combination! The Catholic Encyclopedia informs us on Easter eggs that “because the use of eggs was forbidden during Lent, they were brought to the table on Easter Day ...” Well, did the eggs represent something to early Christians? “The symbolic meaning of a new creation of mankind by Jesus risen from the dead was probably an invention of later times.” Well, did the egg tradition at least originate with Christians? “The custom may have its origin in paganism, for a great many pagan customs, celebrating the return of spring, gravitated to Easter. The egg is the emblem of the germinating life of early spring.” Then why even bother with the eggs?! “Easter eggs the children are told, come from Rome with the bells which on Thursday go to Rome and return Saturday morning.” So the eggs come from the Pope?!?!

What about the Easter bunny? From the Catholic Encyclopedia: “The Easter Rabbit lays the eggs, for which reason they are hidden in a nest or in the garden.” The rabbit LAYS the eggs?! Did THIS idea come from early Christians? “The rabbit is a pagan symbol and has always been an emblem of fertility.” So the eggs that are pagan are laid by a bunny that is pagan?! What about other Easter traditions? Can we find anything that sounds like a Christian activity? “On Easter Monday the women had a right to strike their husbands, on Tuesday the men struck their wives ...” “In the northern parts of England the men parade the streets on Easter Sunday and claim the privilege of lifting every woman three times from the ground, receiving in payment a kiss or a silver sixpence. The same is done by the women to the men on the next day.” “In [Germany] on Easter Day the menservants whip the maid servants with switches; on Monday the maids whip the men. They secure their release with Easter eggs. These customs are probably of pre-Christian origin.”

When men take God’s things and start to tinker with them, the result is a confusing mess. With Easter, there is very little harm done in the grand scheme of things ... I do like my chocolate rabbit after all. But what if this same kind of careless mixing of human and divine ideas was performed in important areas? Don’t let your salvation be confused by human ideas.

by Benjamin J. Williams

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Adult Class (Fall/Spring) 10:00 am
Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

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WORK DAY AT FROG ROAD CAMP

We will be taking a few small scouting trips to make plans for repairs in the very near future. All of the men are invited to come out on the morning of April 14th to help on our first major work day. We will have more details of what specific projects need attention by next week, but of course plenty of lawn work and wood working is expected. Make plans to help out!

LOOKING AHEAD TO VBS

It is still a long ways off, but go ahead and mark your calendars for VBS on July 18-20. The event will begin each evening at 7 PM and will include a Bible class for the adults. The teachers and helpers for the VBS had a great meeting last Sunday and are excited about their theme: Joseph in Egypt. For more details, please speak with Selene.

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties
meetings

Sunday, April 8th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:30

Saturday, April 14th

Work Day at Frog Road Camp; see Jeff Bullinger for details.

Area-Wide Singing at Cleveland

Ladies Day at North Sheridan

Sunday thru Wednesday, April 15th-18th

Ben will be speaking at Cleveland on "In the Beginning God Created ..."

Sunday, April 15th

John Shafer will be our guest speaker

Sunday, April 22nd

Teacher Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, April 29th

5th Sunday fellowship meal with early evening service (group Byers)

Sunday, May 6th

Youth Rally at Cleveland congregation

Sunday thru Monday, May 6th-7th

"Retooled & Refueled: Essential Christian Life Skills Seminar" with Steve Diggs at the 29th & Yale congregation.

Sunday, May 13th

Mother's Day ... the perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends to worship with us!

June 10th-16th

Faith Week at Frog Road Camp (applications due by May 13th)

Wednesday thru Friday, July 18th-20th

Vacation Bible School

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
Revelation 5:12, ESV

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- John Mulkey has been moved to Clarehouse in Tulsa, under the care of Hospice. The address for Clarehouse is posted on the bulletin board.
- Jeanne Thomas is having severe pain in her back.
- Rosalie O'Neal's niece, Cindy Hearn, has multiple Melanoma .
- Jerry and Janice O'Shields' son, Terry, went home from the hospital Thursday evening. It will be a long, slow road to recovery.
- Wes Wadkins' grandmother after her stroke and seizures.
- Susie O'Neal's parents, Dale & Mary Calvert.
- Our friends and family: John Mulkey (cancer); Dan & Edna Jones; Billie English (cancer); Chris Anderson (heart); Matt Green's grandmother (Alzheimer's); Shirley Hood's brother Charles Bell and g-nephew Carter; Bruce Rothell's friend, Jason Brown (cancer); Sally Henderson (Nola's sister); Bill Hainey (Jennifer McCafferty's father); Eula Shope (Cancer); Marlene Wadkins (Wes' grandmother/stroke); many others.
- Brian and Amber Hunt; Cory Stead; Ronnie Wilson; Jason Caldwell; Cameron Hill; Shasta Hammons; Mike Fitzpatrick; Adam & Amanda White (nephew of Lonnie).

MEETING

Elder's & Deacon's meeting today at 3:30.

LADIES DAY

North Sheridan will host a Ladies Day on Saturday, April 14th beginning at 8:45 until noon. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more details.



YOUTH DEVO

Youth Devo after evening services on Sunday April 15th

YOUTH RALLY

A Youth Rally has been planned for Sunday, May 6th at the Cleveland congregation. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board with more information, or ask the Bullingers.

CAMP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Faith Week at Frog Road Christian Camp are available in the foyer and online. Visit www.frogroad.com (due May 13th)

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory pages for the Estep family and the Rucquoy family are on the small table under the window in the foyer.

CHURCH SIGN SAYINGS:

- Keep the faith ... but not from others!
- 2 things you can count on: Death and Taxes. Are you ready for both?
- 7 days without prayer makes 1 weak
- Coming soon: Manufacturers recall. Are you ready?
- If God is your Co-pilot, you better switch seats.
- Can't sleep?? Don't count sheep... talk to the shepherd!
- Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water!
- Be ye fishers of men ... You catch them, He'll clean them!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Coleman McVay, April 8
Debbie Whitchurch, April 11
Daniel Byers, April 12
Nola Buller, April 19
Temper Jenkins, April 20

Colton Treat, April 21
Barbara Girod, April 21
Buffy & Mike Burton, April 22
Nyla Nunley, April 23
Stephanie Bullinger, April 25

Susan Kress, April 25
April Rothell, April 29
Jake Yeager, April 30
Paula Hamilton, April 30

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

Contribution

127 Sunday Contribution \$3,940.75
153 Budget \$3,559.00
84 Over Budget \$7,335.80
79 Building Fund \$73,606.39

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer Keith Riggs
Closing Prayer Jacob Littlebear
Scripture Reading Jeff Bullinger
Lord's Table Topper Causby
Bob Simmons
Johnny Riggs
Chris Patterson

Ushers

Dakota Perry
Larry Potter

Lock Building

Matt Caldwell & Scott Lack

Sunday Evening

Song Leader James Hamilton
Opening Prayer Bruce Rothell
Closing Prayer Ryan McCafferty
Scripture Reading Steve Estep

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer Carl Burrus
Closing Prayer Randy Crawford
Song Leader Matt Caldwell
Invitation Jacob Littlebear

Communion Preparation

4/1 Marilyn Pulliam
4/8 Stephanie Bullinger
4/15 Janice O'Shields
4/22 Shirley Hill
4/29 Tracy Patterson
5/6 Donna White
5/13 Renee Whitchurch
5/20 Susan Yeager
5/27 Barbara Girod

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Thursday May 31st
6:30 PM



"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Search Programs:

April 8—The Second Coming
April 15—The Resurrection
April 22—The Judgment
April 29—Heaven

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Sunday Morning Sermon

Four Passovers
Deuteronomy 16:2-8

Sunday Evening Sermon

Can History Prove That Jesus of Nazareth
Was Raised From The Dead?
1 Corinthians 15:3-7