

Easter Every Sunday

Jim Suddeath (with comments following by John Jones)

Church attendance across the nation will be greater this Sunday; the number of early morning risers will also be more numerous; and the wearing of new spring finery will be at its peak. It’s Easter Sunday!

Some may wonder why the church here does not have a sunrise service or “appropriate” music or sermons, or even a Thursday night communion service. Such wonderers may be visitors to our services, those new to the Lord’s church of perhaps even our children. Some may question, “Don’t you people believe in Christ’s resurrection?”

Most certainly we do! And we do observe his resurrection. But first, let us look at this day called Easter. It originated as a pagan festival honouring *Eastra or Ostra, the Teutonic goddess of light and spring. Not until several centuries after Christ was it applied by the Anglo-Saxons to the Lord’s resurrection. As for its use in Acts 12:4 (KJV), the original word there is pascha, the Greek word for the Jewish Passover. It is rightly translated in such versions as the American Standard Version. Our Lord did not institute the communion on a Thursday night, but his command to remember Him in this, and the early church’s example of observing the Lord’s Supper, always related to Sunday.*

Our Lord arose on the first day of the week (**Mark 16:2**). His church began on Pentecost which always fell on the first day, our Sunday (**Acts 2**). The first century church assembled for worship, including communion, each first day of the week (**Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2**). Thus, faithful Christians today meet each Lord’s day to worship and serve and celebrate a RESURRECTED Savior as they await his return. In a sense, every Sunday is “Easter” Sunday. Following the pattern is always a safe course. We have no authority for any other special observance of the Lord’s resurrection.

As for the wearing of that spring clothing—isn’t it a welcome and pretty sight?

What a great reminder by Brother Jim that every Sunday is a time to remember the Lord’s resurrection! The Lord’s Day (every first day of the week) is the reminder that the grave was empty and that we have new life in Christ in this life as well as a realized hope for spending eternity with our Lord. Historically speaking, a couple hundred years after Christ, the early church began arguing over which day Jesus was crucified and then raised. Some were even celebrating it as a special day. Biblically speaking, however, the apostles leave no instructions regarding anything other than the first day of EACH week. In fact, **Romans 6:5** says: “If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” In this sense, **every day** we wake up after having been baptized into Christ’s death is, in a sense, an Easter! We have new life in the One who makes us new through His death. Thank you Lord for Jesus. Thank you Lord for new life. Thank you Lord for the resurrection of which Jesus was the first-fruits, but that all who are faithful to Him will participate in. —John

On Our Prayer List...

Jesse Kilpatrick-broken collar bone Betty Rumsey-biopsy results on the 23rd Martha Durham-home
Jimmy & Retha Raye Mullinicks-been sick @ home Kathy Martin Betty Suddeath
Al & Vicki Peek W. R. Long Jim Tyler Marvin England

SURGERIES: Diane Curtis-surg on 4/15 for a detached retina Hattie Tate-procedure end of this mth/Danny Dotson-surg rescheduled

*Shane Cobb-(Louise’s son) foot/part of leg removed.
*Bob Thomason-recuperating at home from a fall.
*Terry England-(Marvin’s nephew) stroke-on life support.
*Gary Street-(Kenny Fleming’s cousin) In Centennial hospital
*Mike Gunn-home recovering from neck surg.
*Steve Peyton-(Peyton family requesting prayers)been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant.In Washington State
*Carolyn Wilson-(Madison’s grandmother) requesting prayers.
*Odell Nichols (Ruby Dell’s brother-in-law) in hospice care *Claude Hurt
*Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments
*Mark Long-(Jane Riding’s nephew) now home-@ follow-up Doctor appts.
*Dick Acuff-(Joan Long Acuff’s husb/Dwight&Connie’s cousin) crushed vertebrae
*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington’s sister) having problems from lupus
*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek’s family) having problems from lupus
*Suzanne Boyd-(John& Erin’s friends) baby –now home @ feeding tube.
*Ralph Simpson- back in the hosp *Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England’s brothers)
*Whitney(Bullion)Sager -home recovering
*Stephanie Greene-(Mike’s sister)needs prayers
*Charles Miles-recovering fr a fall + heart issues
*Marcia Simpson-(Mike Burn’s aunt) now home.*John Henry & Carlene Davis
*Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor’s niece) in need of prayers *Margie Gunn
*Faye Marshall-Traci Adams mom / Victor Mandeville(BC student) needs prayers

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER

*KENNY FLEMING-cancer meds
*JIMMY PHY-CA treatments
*ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy’s son) pancreatic cancer
*HUDSON JONES-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia)
*KAY LEE-breast & colon cancer
*DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder
*DONNA BURNS-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN’S NIECE)-CA
*WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler’s)terminal CA
*JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart’s mom
*ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA
*RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy’s neighbor)CA treatments
*CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan’s son)also has cancer
*JOHN PIRTLE -frd of Roy Deloach) Lung CA-age 53
*LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo
*MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo
*BARBARA BUCCIARELLI-CA-from Tennessee Ridge
*ALAN JONES-Stage 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME: Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad

NHC–812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- JoAnn Haley Doris Stokes-R127

AT HOME: JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70E

Address needs to have everything listed for Eric to receive: Dickson County Jail/James Eric Warden-ID102618/ POBox 76550/Highland Heights, KY 41076

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please be bringing candy & leave downstairs for our easter egg hunt on 4/19 Starts @ 10:00 am with baskets

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!
*April 26th - Our “Ladies Day” Ashley Defenbaugh will be our speaker with the topic of “Unshaken”. If you did not sign up to order a t-shirt, you can still order on your own from “The Ruffled Mango thur Etsy. “It is the Unshaken shirt in light blue”. Also check out the foyer bulletin board for the food sign-up sheet. Will have work days on Wednesday the16th & the 23rd @ 5:00 PM.

Camp Leatherwood for 2025 June 22nd-28th
Camp Applications are on the back table in the auditorium, if you have not filled out & re-turned please be sure and do so “today” before there are no more spots left!

The Bible... GOD’S WORD Teachers & students our upcoming Summer Quarter, will begin on May 4th thur July 30th

INFO.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

We had a couple of youth activities last weekend that started on Saturday with our trip to Makin Music at Freed Hardeman. We had a group of 28 in that went. As always, the social clubs and university put on a great performance. It is obvious that a lot of time and hard work goes into this great event. It was great to hear that Brayden’s social club, PKA, won the overall performance! Our final activity for the weekend was our youth devotional Sunday night after service. We had a group of 12 youth and 9 adults in attendance. We enjoyed a devotional period together, a meal, and great time of fellowship. As always, I appreciate all the youth that came as well as the adults.

Please keep all our youth in your prayers as they start TCAP testing and EOC testing this week. The end of another school year is just around the corner!
In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, April 20th 2025

<i>Welcome</i>	Mike Burns
<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>1st Prayer</i>	Keith Grigsby
<i>Sermon</i>	John Jones
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Mike Tyler

Mike Robertson	Andrew Peyton
Terry Parchman	Matthew Dotson
Wayne Vaughn	Gerald Curtis

<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Wayne Berryman
<i>Collect Cards</i>	Slate Berryman & Stirling Hurt
<i>Greeters</i>	Not at this time
<i>Nursery</i>	Not at this time
<i>Collect Cups</i>	Youth
<i>Security</i>	Team #1

Sunday 6PM, April 20th 2025

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>Prayer</i>	John Potter
<i>Sermon</i>	John Jones
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Barry Phy Calvin Buckner
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Jack Grigsby (for Jesse Kilpatrick)

Wednesday 6:30 PM, April 23rd 2025

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Jacen Robertson
<i>Prayer</i>	Caleb Coates
<i>Adult Class</i>	John Jones

**If you are unable to serve...please contact Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)*

**If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact*

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