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at a certain time of the year instinctively feel a loss and a sorrow as the anniversary returns, all Christians think of Jesus when Jews begin to celebrate Passover. For me, I think of certain people at certain times. Mid-December causes me to think of a little boy named Todd who shaped a portion of my life. As high school graduations approach, I am reminded of my friend Jeff, who died shortly after becoming God's child. You have those people or others whom you are reminded of seasonally.

Today we come to a period of time in history that changed everything. Today we are reminded that this world with all of its sorrows and inequities is not the end. A grave without a body, a tomb without a corpse rattles the world. An angelic announcement, "He is risen."

Life will never look the same. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will raise those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, those who will enter a grave for but a little while. It gives me hope as nothing else could.

Do we remember this day? How could we not?

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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I remember eating the ears off of these large chocolate bunnies only to find out they were hollow. I always thought I was getting ripped off because it was hollow, but I really can't imagine eating that much solid chocolate. I am sure we colored eggs, probably there were baskets and the like. I don't really remember.

Because we weren't really a religious family, we didn't really connect Easter as a holiday to anything religious. It was like Valentine's Day for kids to my way of thinking. So get the chocolate and enjoy dinner out at a restaurant.

Then I became a Christian. I learned about lots of things, a Savior who entered the world, a brutal death and a glorious resurrection. We spoke of it each week, were reminded at a communion service of the pivotal nature of the event. I learned of the surrounding Jewish features, the Passover followed by Pentecost and the times of the year for the events.

As best as we can determine, early Christians did not celebrate a special day of the resurrection. They, as we do, spoke of it around the Lord's Supper. That is not to say that no one remembered. Far from it.

In the same way that those who lose a loved one

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
 Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
 Worship Service—10:45 am
 Afternoon Service—1:15 pm

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
 Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Feril's)

ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Brensing

Worship Order for April 20, 2014

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
 GATHERING SONG: No. 578—We Will Glorify (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:11-22
 SONGS: No. 380—Jesus Sacrifice Medley
 —No. 381—Years I Spent in Vanity (vs 1, 4)
 —No. 382—Why Did My Savior Come to Earth (vs 1, 3)
 —No. 383—Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (vs 1, 3)
 No. 312 Cross Medley
 —No. 313—Old Rugged Cross (vs 1,2)
 —No. 314—Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs 1,2)
 —No. 315—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs 1,4)
 No. 800—What a Friend We Have in Jesus (vs 1)

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
 SONG: No. 361—Nailed to the Cross
 COMMUNION: Tom Turner
 Ned Marks
 Chris Mansel
 Teddy Gingrich

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 344—Low in the Grave He Lay
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
 PRAYER: George Shelton

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Welcome Visitors

We are pleased you have joined us in worship—please come again!

NO Pot-Luck Lunch Today

Due to the Easter holiday, we will not share pot-luck lunch together here today.

High School Senior Celebration Date Changed to May 25th



Please note the date has been changed for our celebration for our high school seniors, **Kade Kinnamon** and **Maddy Lippoldt**. It will be Sunday afternoon, May 25th, at 1:30 pm. Please save this date on your calendar and plan to be here to share in this special time with Kade and Maddy.

Vacation Bible School

Planned for Tuesday, May 27th through
 Thursday, May 29th—with a picnic on
 Friday, May 30th.

Times for Tuesday—Thursday:
 6:30—8:15 pm.

Time for picnic on Friday:
 6:00—8:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for the float to be in the Jubilee Parade on
 May 24th. Riders and candy-throwers!



Crocodile Dock

NEW MEMORY WORK—MARK 4:41

Church Website - www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

Prayer Requests

Sarah (Messick) Ballard—delivered a little boy on April 15th; Colton Samuel, 6 lbs 13 oz. We are thankful for his arrival!

Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne—Leukemia that was in remission is now back and worse. Her treatments are increasing and are difficult. Your prayers are requested.

Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother) - viral infection in ear that is causing hearing loss

Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife) - health concerns; improving

Pete Witt-deteriorating health

Brenda Mansel Reno—back pain

Serena Neidig (Teddy & Carol's daughter)-health concerns

Nick & Kara Neidig—expecting a baby in May

Carol Gingrich—health concerns

Diane Manilla (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer

Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns

Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - improving

Vic Staub—Kenwood Plaza

Phyllis Staub—Kenwood Plaza

Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza

Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Kenwood Plaza

Dorothy McIntire—Pratt Care Center

Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead—Stafford

Theo Birkett—Tara's mother

Margaret Marks (Ned's mother) - declining health

Rebecca Hunley—cancer

Barbara Schuette—Marla's half-sister

Jim Sorensen—Tara's brother-in-law; brain tumor

Jim Soukup—Gingrich's son-in-law (Shari's husband)

Eunice Rice—long term care in Stafford Hospital

Bauer family—please continue to remember Darrell and his family as they cope with the loss of Harold.

There will be a **preschool screening** here on Thursday, April 25th.