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Easter Time!

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This month people will be celebrating Easter: the most important day for all Christians. This is the day that the door was opened for all mankind giving us direct access to our God and our Creator.

Knowing what God did for us through Jesus, who willingly came and fulfilled His God-purpose, makes Easter an exciting time for us as we recall that first Easter Sunday morning. What a shock to the human flesh who thought all hope was gone, and they felt defeated and lost. **But God . . .** showed Himself faithful! What He had been speaking for a long, long time truly came to pass. I can only imagine that many of the people of that day (and maybe even some of the disciples) thought, "Why did I doubt God? Why did I feel so upset and disappointed? I knew what God said. I knew what Jesus said, but yet I doubted! Why didn't I believe?" **But God . . .** did not get nervous! He did not change His mind!

Some people get excited because it means a day off work/school or maybe they go shopping to prepare for celebrating Easter. There is nothing wrong with that; however, if we put material possessions as our main focus . . . that is wrong. **God needs** to be our main focus. That is the only way we really prove to Him that we love Him. When we are found living every day like Jesus lived every day, we are making our Father beam! Jesus not only sacrificed His life for us upon the cross; Jesus also sacrificed His life every day so that God's purpose would be performed in His earthly life. That is what we must do every day.

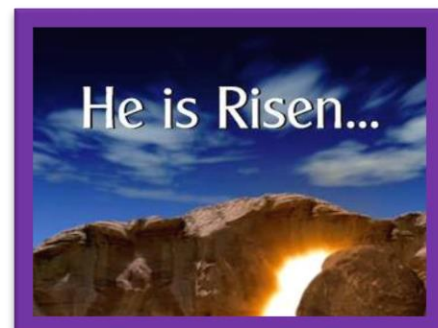
I just read in Luke 1:32-33 "*He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*" These are some of the words the angel

shared with Mary. It was prophesied that God would give him the throne of David, Jesus would reign for ever, and his kingdom would have no end. When we accept what Jesus did for us by asking Him to forgive us and become the Lord of our individual life, we have entered that same kingdom that has no end!

This is why Easter is important to born-again Christians! When we identify with Jesus, His resurrection has also become ours! Jesus entered into the spirit world of no end when He was resurrected. We, as well, entered the same spirit world of no end when we identified with Him. What happened on that first Easter day is to be celebrated every day by Christians.

Let us remember every day the privilege we have available to us: "*Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*" – Hebrews 4:14-16

Rejoice this Easter! Rejoice everyday as you celebrate your new birth in God! Your new birth means . . . you have direct access to our Father, you have entered the spirit world of no end, and you can boldly come to the throne of grace and find mercy. Yes, mercy is only a prayer away. Oh, the great love God extended to us on that first Easter day!



Youth Korner

YOUTH FUND RAISERS



Have you seen our pop bottle? The children are having a **DIME Fund Raiser**. Every Sunday after church Brother Brock, Sister Envy, or Sister Essence will be in the Common Area with the pop bottle. Our youth are raising money for their summer activities.



**Youth Bake Sale
at Rural King
on Saturday, April 8
10 to 3 p.m.**

We will have ingredient slips to complete so that people will know if something they cannot eat has been used in our baked goods.

We are in need of cakes, pies, cheese cakes, cookies, breads, etc. Thank you for helping our Youth to make this a success.



Donations Needed!

Our Youth Department would like **donations** of **boiled eggs** as well as **individually wrapped candy** for our Easter Party. Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, April 9**, so that we will be able to color them for our Easter Egg Hunt.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Youth will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt on **Wednesday, April 12**. They will be going to a park for their fun time. Be sure our youth are at the church by 6:30 p.m.

EASTER PROGRAM

Our Annual Easter Program will be on **Sunday, April 16**, at **10 a.m.** Invite others to come and celebrate this glorious day of our **Savior's Resurrection!** OH, what a wonderful day!!



April Events at a glance . . .

- April 8 – Bake Sale at Rural King 10-3 pm
- April 9 – Executive Council at 2 pm
Boiled Eggs & Candy Donation
- April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt at 6:30 pm
- April 15 – Brothers in Christ at 10 am
- April 16 – **Easter Program** at 10 am
- April 17 – Submit May Channel News
- April 21 – Excel Class from 6-8 pm
- April 22 – **Church Cleaning** at 9 am
- April 23 – **Book Club** at 6 pm
- April 28 – Ministers Pre-Summit Meeting
- April 29 – Ministerial Summit at 8:30 am
- April 30 – Post-Summit Service at 10 am



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

- Sunday**
10 a.m. – Morning Worship
- Wednesday**
11 a.m. – Morning Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation
6:30 p.m. – Youth Services



Feed **your** Soul
every week.

- Thursday**
6 – 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.

- Saturday**
6 – 7 p.m. – Prayer



Executive Council

Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at the church.

BOOK CLUB

Our book club will meet on **Sunday, April 23**, at **6 p.m.** at the church. Our study discussion will continue with Chapter 8 of The Battle Plan for Prayer. Feel free to bring a refreshment or beverage with you.



COMPUTER SAVVY

For those who would like to learn more computer skills, Sister Theresa Eishen will be hosting an Excel training class on **Friday, April 21**, at the church from 6-8 p.m. We will be learning how to create formulas in an Excel Worksheet. If there is another program you would like to see offered in the future, please contact her.



ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING

It is that time of year again! Every house needs a good cleaning. Our annual church cleaning has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22, beginning at 9 a.m.

Thanks to the dedicated men in our church, the baptismal is in. Now we need to do a good cleaning before our visitors come to visit. We would appreciate all who can help to bring cleaning supplies, dust clothes, buckets, and rags. If you have any questions or are able to come at a different time, please contact Sister Dell Kinsey.



BROTHERS IN CHRIST

The men will have a meeting on **Saturday, April 15**, at **10 a.m.** We will be meeting at **Arby's**. Please invite someone to fellowship with us.



PRE-SUMMIT "MEET, GREET, & EAT"

This time of fellowship will be at Bishop & Lady Jones' home, 3020 Hayes Ave., for all licensed or ordained ministers under Rivers of Living Water and our invited guests. It begins at 5:30 p.m.

2017 MINISTERIAL SUMMIT Saturday, April 29

TIME	SPEAKER
8:30 AM to 9 AM	Continental Breakfast & Registration
9 AM to 9:45 AM	WELCOME Dr. Robert L. Jones, Archbishop & Primate <i>"Sharing the Heart of RLWMI"</i>
9:50 AM to 11:10 AM	Rev. John Jones, Toledo, Ohio <i>"Understanding Multi-culturalism and Generational Differences"</i>
11:15 AM to 11:30 AM	Rev. Cruz A. Botello, Rio Rancho, New Mexico <i>"Ministry Overview"</i>
11:30 AM to 1 PM	Lunch Served in Common Area
1 PM to 2:25 PM	Rev. Justus & Jerimah Musyoka, Kenya, Africa <i>"God Speaks to America"</i>
2:30 PM to 2:45 PM	Rev. James Barnes, Steger, Illinois <i>"Ministry Overview"</i>
2:45 PM to 3 PM	<i>"Time of Sharing"</i>
3:15 PM to 4:45 PM	Supper Served in Common Area
5 PM to 7 PM	Kathie Jenkins, Covenant Consulting <i>"What You Should Know & Understand by Law"</i> (Question & Answer Period)

Sunday, April 30

We will consecrate Bishop-Elect Eliezer Reyes and add Bishop O. Bruce Perry under RLWMI. Bishop Robert Jones will also be presented with a Doctorate in Divinity by Bishop Richard Johnson.