



Easter Half Off?

I was walking through a grocery store the other day and happened upon a sign that read “Easter items, half off!” Inside the sales bins, there were chocolate bunnies and various and assorted candies. Everything was marked “for sale.” Naturally, the theologian in me almost exploded. I thought about the many times that I raced towards Easter having endured the obstacle course known as Lent. It was as if Easter was the official day of celebration and the race was over. The victory has gone to the winner, and everything else was a let down.

For those of us who worship in liturgical churches, Easter Sunday only marked the beginning of the Easter season. Our themes focus on the triumph of the Spirit and how humanity has received the most incredible gift that could ever be given. We celebrate God and the incredible workings of the Divine. Christ has risen indeed.

The early church fathers looked forward to each Sunday as being a mini-Easter. They celebrated the victory of the risen Christ and emphasized the wonder of the resurrection and the power of God every week. Their praises to God were for a lifetime and not limited to one day or even one season. Their lives and understanding of the mystery of God’s gift of love empower us to keep the faith by telling the story of our God throughout the year. We share our journey, like the early church fathers who have gone before us, that is forever intertwined with the story of how Divine love has changed us.

Easter is not just a day filled with Easter Bunnies and great chocolate. There is no such thing as Easter being “half off.” Our full-time joy in God’s wonderful and radical love for us is about a total commitment and not simply backing off after a national holiday. Our wishes for a happy Easter are not limited to one day, but are a living testimony to the glory of God! It is with great joy and gratitude that I wish you a very “Happy Easter!”

*Peace and Great Blessings to All,
Pastor Joe*

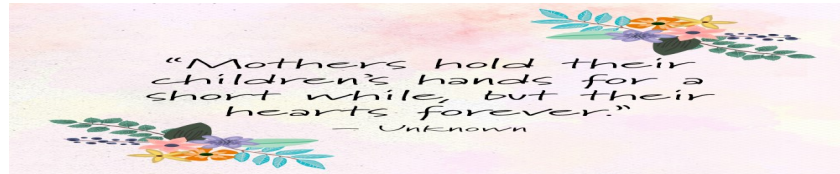


May 05 Katy Mahaney, Charley Oborny, Lane Terry
May 12 Elizabeth Mahaney, Cooper Nichols, Madison Osborn
May 19 Rory Pomper, Maryn Terry, Brody White
May 26 Alec Actkinson, Zeke Kasel, Caeleb MacDonald
HEAD USHER Floyd Cherry



May 5 2019 Alice Doshier
May 12 2019 Lynne Mahaney
May 19 2019 Mitch & Kathy Terry
May 26 2019 Jared & Mckenize Hettinga

May 12th Mother's



May 26, 2019 Graduation in Austin
Pastor Joe —with
Doctorate in Ministry Degree
Congratulations!!!



May 27, 2019



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

May 27 Memorial Day
Office will be closed

Bible Study



May	1 st	2 Chronicles 25-27
	2 nd	2 Ch. 28-30
	3 rd	2 Ch. 31-34
	4 th	2 Ch. 35-36 Ezera 1
	5 th	Ez. 2-4
	6 th	Ez. 5-7
	7 th	Ez. 8-10 Nehemiah 1
	8 th	Neh. 2-4
	9 th	Neh. 5-7
	10 th	Neh. 8-10
	11 th	Neh. 11-13 Esther 1
	12 th	Es. 2-4
	13 th	Es. 5-7
	14 th	Es. 8-10
	15 th	Job 1-4
	16 th	Job 5-7
	17 th	Job 8-10
	18 th	Job 11-13
	19 th	Job 14-17
	20 th	Job 18-20
	21 st	Job 21-23
	22 nd	Job 24-26
	23 rd	Job 27-30
	24 th	Job 31-33
	25 th	Job 34-36
	26 th	Job 37-39
	27 th	Job 40-42 Psalm 1
	28 th	Ps 2-4
	29 th	Ps. 5-7
	30 th	Ps. 8-10
	31 st	Ps. 11--14



- May 17th: Alan and Sandra Warren
- May 23rd: Josh and Kristy Hettinga
- May 25th Mack and Bonnie Heald
- May 27th: Jeff and Robbi Actkinson
- May 27th Charles and Sheryl Christian



- May 2nd: Dana Foote
- May 5th: Rob Pomper
- May 5th: Ella Ruth Williams
- May 5th: Bailey Windham
- May 6th: Gloria Hutchins
- May 8th: Tiffani Tolleson
- May 10th: Beverly Obenshain
- May 10th: Edie White
- May 11th: Dalton Wren
- May 13th: Brody White
- May 16th: Jaycee Ware
- May 18th: Larry Gregory
- May 19th: Harlin Obenshain
- May 21st: Gerri Bowers
- May 22nd: Scott Terry
- May 26th: Floyd Cherry

Annual Conference 2019

June 14-15

Crown Plaza Hotel,

Albuquerque, NM



The Holy Spirit has been described in many ways.

He is like a breath that blows away the dust and makes everything clean.

He is like refreshing cool water to a parched throat.

He is like a cleansing brush fire that burns away all the thick undergrowth so that something new can rise out of the ashes.

He is like a potter who starts with an odd-shaped lump and molds and shapes it into something beautiful.

He is like a renovator who uses what is already there and strengthens, refreshes and revitalizes what's there.

He is like a loving spouse whispering reassurances of love and support.

He is like a parent guiding and helping a confused child.

He is like a tour guide who points us in the right direction to see things that we would otherwise have missed.

He is that gentle tap on the shoulder that makes us realize, "Hey, that's me that needs a new beginning and new direction."

He is that fierce shaking that wakes us up; reminds us that there is more to life than earning money, relentlessly pushing ourselves until we are tired, stressed and depressed.

That is what the Holy Spirit does -- he revitalizes, renews, refreshes, empowers, creates, he reminds, he guides, he comforts the church, those in the church and those whom he touches outside the church.

--Vince Gerhardy, "Come, Holy Spirit," gerhardy.id.au. May 19, 2002.

In Memory of:

Johnny Actkinson

David Bock

Roger & Royce Menning

Bob Stovall

Donald & Dot Christian

Vane Doshier

Pat Howard

Gonzaloe & Lydia Campos

Ruby Jensen

Rance Williams

Gerald Norton

Justin & Libby Collier

Joel & Katherine White

In Honor of:

Rita Larson, Joan Boar

Anne Norton

Order by:

Diane Actkinson

Wanna Bock

Roger, Sharon Menning

Charles & Sheryl Christian

Charles & Sheryl Christian

Alice Doshier

Bonnie Howard

Joe & Cazandra MacDonald

Joe & Cazandra MacDonald

James & Dolores Williams

Anne Norton

Anne Norton

Rick & Joyce Ketcherside

Tim & Kristin Kasel

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Wouldn't you like to help children learn about God, grow up knowing Jesus, and become loving, strong, and faithful followers of Jesus?

Help send them to church camp!!

King's Kids Camp (entering grades 2-4): **June 7-9**

Promise Seekers Camp (entering grades 4-6): **July 8-12**

SYC (entering grades 7-12): **June 17-21**

Music Camp (grades 7-12): **July 7-12**



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