

Spring Hill Church

PRAYER REQUEST

- TERRY & SHANNON
- SHARON
- CAROLYN
- TRACEY
- JESSE & FRAN
- TOMMY & ANGIE
- JAMIE, LACEY & KIDS
- FREDDY
- ANN
- CODY, LAURA & KIDS
- KENNY
- DALE & DONNA
- LAWRENCE & JAN
- CAROL
- JESSE & CAROL
- ASIAN MINISTRY
- OUR CHURCH
- ALL ON PRAYER BOARD
- BRUCE & PATSY
- PATSY'S MOM & FAMILY
- THE LOST
- DON
- MIKE & MARY

LOSE THE BUNNY; USE THE EGGS

The most significant holiday on the Christian calendar is upon us. This special day however is clouded by cultural tradition, that many church attendees have forgotten what they are to celebrate.

The bunny

Let's start with the bunny. What does the bunny do to point anyone to the empty tomb? Some parents say, "Oh, I don't want to deny my children the fun of the Easter Bunny." First, let's admit to ourselves that any child living in this great country is not being denied, when compared to the rest of the world. Secondly, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday are the focal points of all we believe about our only hope. It is not about a myth, it is about a wonderful miracle wrought by God. The bunny is a distraction!

The eggs

But we can use the eggs!

Eggs can help parents give a visual aid in explaining the Gospel to little children. to start, begin by boiling eggs. While the eggs are boiling, prepare the colors for coloring the eggs in individual cups. Talk to the children about what an eggs represents. Then, guide them toward the thought of "new life" in Christ. Help your children imagine the chick breaking out of the shell, just as a person confined too a life of sin, or even religion, finally breaks free and receives new life in Jesus Christ. Talk to them about the fact that the chick gets out of the shell by itself, but we cannot possibly get out of the penalty of sin through our own effort. Only Jesus can crack open the unbreakable shell of death, and free us from the restraints of sin (Romans 6:23). This is a great discussion while waiting on the eggs to boil!

While coloring the eggs talk about what each color represents. But don't do all the work for them. Let them come up with their own thoughts. The goal is to make them "think" and "find" the Gospel in God's creation (Psalm 19) rather than give them words to repeat.

It will help children to understand if you tell them the words you are looking to link with various colors. For example, "Let's pick out colors for each part of the Easter story. We need a dark color for sin and a color for the blood of Christ" Talk about what happens after a person receives Jesus Christ as their savior... as the payment for their sins. Continue with, "We need to choose a color that shows the new life a person receives after he/she accepts Christ (yellow). Then choose a color for..."

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purity (white) to help them see what Christ has done." Open up the door and let them become creative. Allow them to assign colors for anything they can think of that represents Jesus.

On Easter morning, line up the colored eggs in the order that tells the Gospel story—the sin of man, the blood of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, and the new life one receives in Christ because of what God has done for us

through Christ.

What are your traditions?

Easter is all about Christ, not new clothes and a bunny. For children, Easter must be a time for parents to come into the world of a child and use whatever tools are available to tell the greatest story ever told. But everything must be focused on Christ.

Look at your family's Easter traditions. Do your traditions point to the real Easter story, or are they

just nice events that distract the eyes of the child

from the greatest event in history? It is time for parents to become focused on the true meaning of Easter. It is time for us to do our homework, become creative and get rid of whatever distracts from Jesus Christ. By doing this in our own homes, each of us will prepare our children to do the same thing in their homes.

Remember, the old thought provoking joke,

"Which came first the chicken or the egg?" In this case we have the answer. The Creator of the chicken and the egg came first, then He humbled Himself and became man, and willingly died a criminal's death on the cross (Phil. 2: 5-9). That is what we must choose to teach this Easter. Our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST cracked open the way to eternal life for us. Unfortunately, there are so many still living confined in that old shell called "religion."



Never regret a day in your life.

Good days

Give you happiness,

Bad days

Give you experience,

Worst days

Give you lessons,

And best days

Give you memories.

*Happy
Easter*

Be Kind

Be fair. Be honest. Be true.

**And all these things will
come back to you.**

always

remember. .

What goes

around,

comes

around.

When GOD wanted to create fish, He spoke to the sea.

When god wanted to create trees, He spoke to the earth.

But when GOD wanted to create man, He turned to HIMSELF.

So GOD said: "Let us make man in our image and likeness."

Note:

If you take a fish out of the water , it will die; and when you remove a tree from the ground, it also dies.

Similarly, when man disconnects from GOD, he dies.

GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence. We have to be connected with HIM because only with HIM life exists.

Let's stay connected with GOD.

Remember that water without fish is still water, but fish without water is nothing

The soil without the tree is still soil, but the tree without soil is nothing. . .

GOD without man is still GOD, but man without GOD is nothing .

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SUNDAY SCHOOL10:00AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP11:00AM
SUNDAY NIGHT6:00PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT7:30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

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People are not beautiful for the way they look, walk or talk.

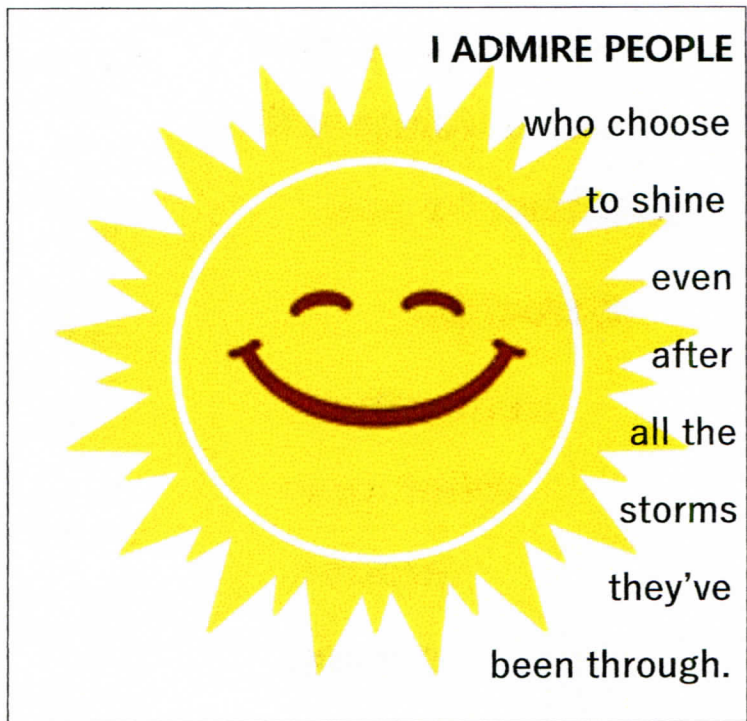
They are beautiful by the way they love, care and treat others.



SMILE, it will make you look better.

PRAY, it will keep you strong.

LOVE, it will make you enjoy life more.



I ADMIRE PEOPLE

who choose to shine

even

after

all the

storms

they've

been through.

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 CONFERENCE	3	4	5	6	7	8 WORK DAY ANGEL
9 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE KENDON	10	11	12	13 CARLEIGH	14	15
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23 HOMECOMING	24	25	26	27	28 FLOYD	29
30 SANDWICH NIGHT						