March 21, 2024

A.M. Worship 123 \$5,507.00 Contribution Weekly Budget \$5,884.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

March 31 April 7

LOCK BUILDING

Gerry Austin Gerry Austin

PROJECTOR AM

Shane Young Joel Sarabia John Trammel Jeff King

SCRIPTURE READING

David Johnson **Brian Casey**

FIRST PRAYER

Larry Timaeus James Henry

LORD'S SUPPER

Joe Maywald Gerry Austin Carl Barrow Darrin Griffith Stephen Bailey D.D. Lindsey **Taylor Rieck Brian Casey Quincey Trammel** Caleb Griffith Randy Wilkinson William Stidman **Curtis Sanford** Drew Stidman Gary Faycosh James Carr Lucas Byrd Justin Alsobrook Sean Alsobrook Rick Arnold

CLOSING COMMENTS

Curtis Sanford Jeff King

CLOSING PRAYER

Larry Timaeus Joe Davis

> **EVENING PROJECTOR PM**

Joe Davis Caleb Griffith Gary Faycosh Drew Stidman

SCRIPTURE READING

Drew Stidman Gerry Austin

FIRST PRAYER

Scott Ratcliff Jeff King

LORD'S SUPPER

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CLOSING PRAYER

David Johnson Scott Ratcliff

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your love and support ouer the past 18 years. I really appreciate the retirement celebration, your kind words, the potluck fellowship, ánd especially for the aift of love. I'm hopina it heals all my ails on the golf course.

Love, Carol King

GREETERS

March 31 D.D. & Francene Lindsey April 7 James & Christina Henry Curtis & Tammy Sanford

MONITORS

MEN TO COUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

William Stidman & Rick Arnold

SPECIAL SERVICE

31 Richard Thompson

April:

March 31, 2024

Gerry & Sharon Austin

Larry & Jean Timaeus

Dan Talbot

March 31 Rick Arnold April 7 Kyle Teat

March 31 James Henry & Joe Maywald April 7

Communion Preparation/Clean Barrows

SONG LEADERS

March:

7 Scott Ratcliff 14 David Olmos 21 Stan Murray 28 Scott Ratcliff

Curtis Sanford ELDERS

Jeff King

Scott Ratcliff

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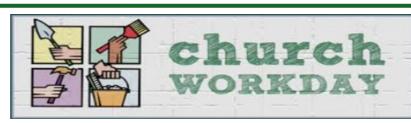
OF THE CHURCH "

Wednesday Night with The Master

March 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your brown bag meal and join us for fellowship!





Please mark your calendar for our next Work Day which will be April 6, 2024.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH MASTER **ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY**

9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.

6:30, 7:00 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

BY: DAVID OLMOS

I was recently asked, as often happens near a holiday, "Can Christians celebrate Easter?" My immediate answer was a question itself: "Are you celebrating it religiously?"

As children, we associate Easter with baskets full of candy and toys. But as we grow up, we question if that's all there is to the holiday just commercialism and sweets. The religious community reminds us that Easter is a celebration of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, giving us hope for eternal life. However, does the Bible limit this remembrance to a single day each year? According to Luke 22:19, during the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me." Luke also explains in Acts 20:7 that the disciples came together to break bread on the first day of the week, every week, as a way of remembering Christ.

Just as the disciples did in the first century, we must remember the Lord's death every first day of the week, not just on one specific weekend of the year. By constantly acknowledging Christ's sacrifice, a Christian can attain excellent blessings. When our hearts and minds are constantly focused on the sacrifices Jesus made to save mankind, our efforts to be like Christ become quite easier. So, does that make celebrating the holiday of Easter wrong? That is a topic worth discussing, especially since the word is not mentioned in the Bible text. What about Acts 12:4, said all those who read from the King James Version? It's true, if you read Acts 12:4 in the KJV it says, "And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people."

However, the word "Easter" is better translated as Passover. The modern word, "Easter" was mistakenly translated due to the cultural influence in the 17th century.

Willie Hamblen sheds light on subject of Easter's origins in his article "Do You Believe in Easter." According to him, several hundred years after the death of Jesus and the Apostles, men decided to pick one particular day of the year to celebrate the resurrection. They named it "Easter," a word derived from a Latin phrase that meant "dawn" or "new life." It's part of the reason eggs are a symbol of the secular holiday, as they represent rebirth. Since the Jews were already celebrating Passover, and the pagan world was worshipping the goddess Astarte, the church felt it should also be included in the celebrations.

In my opinion, it's perfectly fine to enjoy the family gatherings, delicious food, and fun activities that come with the secular celebration of Easter. These activities help build strong bonds within families and foster a sense of community among the followers of God. However, it's important to remember that Easter is not a religious holiday. In making it one, we pull our focus and attention on one single day, when the death of Christ is something that should always be on our minds. Christ commanded that we gather together as Christians to commemorate His death every Sunday. While we can certainly enjoy the positive aspects of Easter, let's make a conscious effort to remember Christ's death, burial, and resurrection every Sunday rather than just on Easter. Let's actively distinguish between Christ's death and what is simply a man -made holiday that often involves chocolate bunnies. I hope you and your family have a happy holiday. If you have any needs, please don't hesitate to reach out. God bless!

YOUTH GROUP



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A
YOUTH DEVO, THERE IS A SIGN UP
SHEET IN THE FOYER.

Youth Minister update:

On April 7th & April 14th, we have invited 2 potential youth minister candidates to come interview with our congregation.

Camp Bandina

June 2-8 for 6th-12th graders.

Camper fee: \$180

Additional camper (same family): \$160

Pre-camper fee: \$50

If you have any questions contact Curtis or

Tammy Sanford.
Register at:

www.bandina-cecilhutsonsession.com

Camp Awesome

July 31-August 4 for 3rd–6th graders

Camper fee: \$160 Volunteer fee: 125

Ladies Day

April 27, 2024 starting at 8:30 a.m. hosted at the Graeber Road Church of Christ.



New Elders & Deacons:

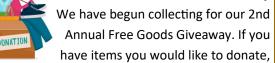
The following men received enough votes, and have agreed to have their names put forward for new leadership positions.

Elder- Scott Ratcliff

Deacons- Darrin Griffith and Stephen Bailey

If you have any scriptural objections regarding their abilities to serve, you have until next Sunday, March 31, 2024 to address those concerns with these 3 men.

Free Goods Giveaway



please put them on the lady's side of the baptistry.

There will be a Men's Bible Study this Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. We will



Please Pray

Lucille Hudgins is continuing to recover... Mary Miller is having eye surgery on both eyes 4/19/24... Tammy Sanford fractured her arm... Karla Curtis, sister of Jeff King, passed away Sunday, 3/24... Curtis Knox, brother of Stephen Bailey, passed away.