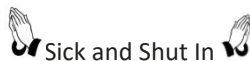


April Birthdays

- 04/01 Bianca Clawson Richardson, Talisha McArthur
- 04/02 Arayah Baxter
- 04/04 Haruna Opoku, +Betty Sanders, April Tyndall
- 04/05 Vivian Breedon
- 04/06 Lynette Oliver
- 04/07 +George Leazer, +Horace Blount Sr., Brianna Opoku, Dannielle Moore
- 04/08 Andrew McCallum, Brefni O'Rourke, Jerry Stephens Jr.
- 04/09 Sherman Thompson Jr., Linda Mitchell
- 04/10 Joanie Underwood, +Mamie Patrick
- 04/13 Asa King Burnette, Senai Baker, +Charles Berry Sr.
- 04/14 Lillian McLean, Maurice Coleman, Gwen McKiver
- 04/15 Kisha Alston, +Gary Kennedy, +J. C. McMillan
- 04/16 Isaiah Kennedy, Kyra Matthews, +Deacon Albert Baldwin
- 04/17 John Southerland, Lisa Southerland, Cory McKoy, Patricia McDougald
- 04/18 Janiece Morant, +Greg Matthews, +Hiawatha Berry III
- 04/19 Serilda Goodwin, +Ruby Peterson
- 04/20 Stephanie Berry, William Evans Sr., Donnie Stockton
- 04/22 Verlie Haynes, Madge Hayes
- 04/23 Jayden Smith, Tamia Stackhouse, +Deacon James Mosby
- 04/24 Vinnis Parnell
- 04/25 Kenia McLaurin, Jada Coleman
- 04/27 Allena Opoku, +Rev. Arthur Foy Jr., Berthel Thompson
- 04/30 Arthur Foy III

Upcoming Events

- **April 6th - Pastor and choir will render service at Star of Bethlehem 7pm**
- **April 9th – Laymen League Clean up 9am Contact Bro. Thomas McKee for any questions or concerns**
 - **April 10th – Palm Sunday**
 - **April 10th - Laymen League breakfast at 8am**
 - **April 15th – Good Friday Service @6:30pm**
 - **April 17th – Easter Sunday**



- Sick and Shut In**
- Sis. Melissa Stephens
 - Bro. Willie Hall
 - Sis. Laura Cade
 - Sis. Shirley Blount
 - Sis. Betty McNeill
 - Sis. Alma Dawson
 - Bro. Tony Bridgett

- Sis. Lela Crawford
- Bro. Joe Hall
- Bro. James Dockery
- Sis. Linda Blackmon

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What is Easter?



Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the New Testament of the Bible, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died in roughly 30 A.D. The holiday concludes the “Passion of Christ,” a series of events and holidays that begins with Lent—a 40-day period of fasting, prayer and sacrifice—and ends with Holy Week, which includes Holy Thursday (the celebration of Jesus’ Last Supper with his 12 Apostles, also known as “Maundy Thursday”), Good Friday (on which Jesus’ crucifixion is observed) and Easter Sunday.

Although a holiday of high religious significance in the Christian faith, many traditions associated with Easter date back to pre-Christian, pagan times. Easter Sunday and related celebrations, such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, are considered “moveable feasts,” although, in western Christianity, which follows the Gregorian calendar, Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter typically falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox.

A Moment in Black History

April 15, 1959 – African Freedom Day is declared at the All-African People's Conference in Accra, Ghana.

April 3, 1944 -The US Supreme Court, in an 8-1 ruling declared that Blacks could not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The high court repudiated the contention that political parties are private associations and held that discrimination against Blacks violated the 15th Amendment.

April 16, 1973 - Lelia Smith Foley becomes the first African American woman to be elected mayor of a U.S. city (Taft, OK)

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Preparing For Easter

By Pastor Paul Matthews

As Easter approaches this month, we may need to be reminded of the importance of the season and this victorious day. Many people in the world and even in the church tend to give greater emphasis to Christmas because of the commercial “gift-giving” that comes along with the day. Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is a significant day to reflect **on how the Saviour came** but Easter has a greater weight of importance because it focuses **on why the Saviour came**.

The Apostle Paul shared to the Corinthians the importance of the resurrection of Christ. He says, “*And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: who he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.*” (1 Cor. 15:14-15). As children of God, we believe and confess with our heart and mouth that Jesus is Lord and that God has raised him from the dead. That’s the faith that we live by.

Easter or Resurrection Sunday is the most celebrated day by the Church because “He Arose”. Whether individuals were new clothes in awareness of a new life or out of a commercial tradition, the worship should be celebratory of God’s love and grace shown to His children.

As the day approaches, let this time be a time of reflection, repentance and rededication. **Reflection** of what was done and how Jesus responds during the Passion Week; **Repentance**; as God shows us our sins, let us confess and be cleansed through our confession; **Rededication** of our commitment to God, to ministry and one another.

As the hymn writer declares, “*And life is worth the living, just because He lives.*”

Coming Soon...



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