

Building/Communion Schedule	
Gomez	Apr. 24
Lee	Apr. 24
Children's Bible Time	
Sheldon	Month of April
Peyton	Month of May

Preacher
Cecil Belk

Ministers (Servants)
Every Member

Times Of Assembly

Sunday
Bible Class & Nursery... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Assembly..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Assembly..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST Weekly Messenger



“ By Him
(Jesus Christ)
all things were
created; things
in heaven and
on earth, visible
and invisible..”
Colossians 1:16

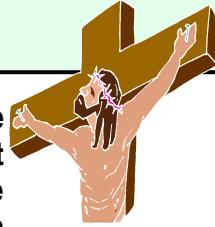
National TV & Radio Programs
In Search Of the Lord's Way
DirTV channel 364 — Sundays at 7:30 a.m. EST
INSP Network: Galaxy 1R — Transponder 17 — Orbit Position 133 West
Sundays-7:30 a.m. EST — Dish Channel 259, Sunday 7:30 a.m., EST
Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) Sun. 7:00 p.m. EST
Mon. 2:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. EST Thurs. 5:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. EST
Daily Program Streaming & Printable Bible Studies
Web Sites: www.thegospelofchrist.com—www.searchtv.org
Gospel Broadcast Network (GBN) Satellite Dish Broadcasts
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See their web site www.gbntv.org for details.
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Glorystar Ch. 117, & SkyAngel ch. 136



Behold the Lamb of God!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is mentioned emphatically in the book of Acts, and in every letter the Holy Spirit had the apostle Paul write. You see – the early church emphasized Jesus’ resurrection clearly and continually. It means the Lord Jesus Christ arose and ascended back into heaven as Lord and Savior over God’s kingdom on earth. The church.

said there is a man in the glory but the church has lost sight of Him. ... We have **ONLY** one Easter a year.” In this statement the problem of religious man’s worship is exposed. You see, the truth of God’s word is – the church, the body of Christ, has no annual “Easter” at all as part of its worship!



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“And having been perfected, He (Jesus Christ) became the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him!”
Hebrews 5:9

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Earlier, John the Baptist had declared, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) The Pharisees did not want to acknowledge Jesus’ teachings from God. They said in Matthew 12:38, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you!” They wanted to worship God as they saw fit. In John 6:53-61 and 6:66-67 we learn many of Jesus’ disciples quit following Him! **They saw God’s message through Jesus as too unreasonable about what constitutes acceptable worship!** They wanted eternal life -- but only on terms pleasing to their ear!

How do you see Jesus? Annually on “Easter Sunday” more people are in a religious assembly than perhaps at any other time of year. A denominational preacher once wrote “Some one

Please let me explain. The word of God makes no mention of Christians being commanded to observing an annual resurrection celebration called **Easter** – not in the whole Bible! The fact is --- Christians in the early church met every Lord’s Day (first day of the week) to partake of the Lord’s supper. Thus they observed Jesus’ death, resurrection, and shedding of His blood on the cross which established the New Covenant. (Acts 2:24; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-26) His disciples met weekly on the Lord’s Day to remember His sacrifice in a way pleasing to God, because they were following the direction of the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit as He worked through the apostles to teach the church how to worship Him acceptably and fruitfully. The religious teaching of an annual remembrance was totally foreign to the disciples. They were not taught by Holy Spirit nor

Thought for the week: It is far better to know God’s plan for saving man than to know a man’s plan for saving man.

Behold the Lamb of God! (continued)

the apostles to do such a thing.

If you have the "Authorized Version" (AV), (the King James Bible), you might be thinking, "I've read the word "Easter" in my Bible somewhere. Yes, you read the word "Easter" in Acts 12:4 which says, "... intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people." This is a very unfortunate rendering from the Greek to English. Here the word translated "Easter" is the Greek word "Pascha." "Pascha" is correctly translated "Passover" a total of twenty-eight times in the New Testament. One time (in Acts 12:4) it is inaccurately and mistakenly translated "Easter," which isn't a translation of "Pascha" at all. The New King James (NKJV) Bible translators corrected this error, translating the word, "Passover." As W.E. Vine pointed out centuries ago, the Roman Catholic church instituted an annual "Easter" celebration during its departure from the word and commandments of God. That rebellion towards God's word has continued to this day.

W. E. Vine was a Greek Bible scholar whose work in the Greek text of the Bible is still known and esteemed around the world. His dictionary of Greek Bible words has been used by Bible students and preachers for over a 100 years. Here's what he reported on the origin and meaning of Easter: "**Pascha,**" **mistranslated Easter in Acts 4:12 by the A. V. denotes the Passover. ... The term Easter is not of Christian origin. It is another form of "Astarte", one of the titles of the Chaldean goddess, the queen of heaven. ... the Pagan festival of Easter was quite distinct and was introduced into the apostate (fallen away) Western religion (referring to the Roman Catholic church), as part**

of an attempt to adapt Pagan festivals into Christianity." (Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, p. 344-345)

Easter as established by the Roman Catholic Church is held on the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon that occurs on or after March 21st. This pagan "moon-established-observance" jumps around from March 21st to late April from year to year. As a result, religious people go once a year to an "Easter Service," or have a big "family celebration" and meal. What a vast difference from the church of Christ of the first century who met weekly on each Lord's Day to observe His death and resurrection by partaking of the communion. This "first day of the week" was and is a worship act which the Lord Jesus Christ established, and taught through His apostles to all believers. (Matthew 26:26-29; Acts 2:41-42)

Regarding man's devised approaches to the worship of God, Jesus said: "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying, 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me, and **in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men.**'" (Matthew 15:7-9)

Now you know about Easter. Man may mold worship of God to "the way they want it," but God will not accept that kind of worship. Seek out the church of Christ in your community. They have a remembrance of Christ every Lord's Day, around the Lord's Table, just as the first century Christians did. Remember, what was pleasing worship to Him then is pleasing to Him now. What was unacceptable to Him then is unacceptable now.

Cecil Belk, Preacher

FAMILY NEWS



A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR VISITORS.
YOU ARE
HONORED GUESTS!

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS



Pray earnestly for more souls to be saved, and more Christians to be involved in the work!

Our Military: Prayers for **Doug Wilson** and **Zac Donaldson** and their families as they serve in the mid-east for several months.

We pray to our God for:

Cathy Laird, who had surgery last week, prayers.
Jack Mullins, undergoing cancer treatment, prayers.
Ben Cisneros, Eddie Harris, Dottie Buchala, Audrey Otto, Sherri Belk, Jane Powers, Billy and Betty Clepper, health, prayers.
Sarah Gomez, Bruce Bishopric, Vickie Bishopric, Deloris Peyton, Catherine Stewart, guidance, strength, and blessings.
Rebecka Baker, carrying twin boys, prayers.
Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle),
Bob Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother) and **Jim Sheldon** (Skip Sheldon's brother), who is caring for his wife **Marilyn**, prayers.
Bobby Lingly, (chemotherapy). **Franklin King**, (Deloris' Peyton's father),prayers.
Estelle Drisco: (June Curran's grandmother), and **Lorraine Blackstone** (June's mother), prayers.

Congratulations to **Amaya Harris** who tested in Taekwondo recently and was awarded 3 stars towards her next Black Belt Degree. She has progressed half way towards that next degree.

April Birthdays

1st Billy Lee **11th Eric Phillips**
23rd Bonnie McIntosh **24 Dan Curran**

May Events

First Sunday Potluck Fellowship
Sunday, May 1st, 12 noon

Feed on the blessing of fellowship while enjoying great food.

Women's Bible Study,
Friday, May 6th, 10.00 a.m.

At the church building

Quarterly Church Planning Meeting
Sunday, May 8th, 5:00p.m.

Men's Work Projects
Saturday, May 14th, 9:00a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Exterior and interior projects, contact Cecil for coordination (226-3770, or 651-2403)

Jackson Community Rd. Church of Christ
Homecoming & Gospel Meeting

Theme: "The Knowledge of Salvation is Given"

Speaker: Nathan Bernard Potter,

Red Bay church of Christ

Sunday, May 1st, 10:00a.m.—3:30 p.m.

(Lunch provided 12:45-2:20 p.m.)

Mon.-Wed., May 2nd-4th, Preaching 7:30p.m.