

him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.” Passover was an annual Jewish religious observance instituted by God (*Leviticus 23:5*). It dates from the time of Moses when God delivered the Israelites from bondage and spared their first-borns when all first-borns in Egypt died (*Exodus 12:11f; Numbers 9:2f; Deuteronomy 16:1f; 2 Kings 23:21f*). Jesus was observing the Passover meal when he instituted what we call the Lord’s supper (*Matthew 26:17-19*). However, the Jewish Passover and the “Easter” holiday have nothing in common, nor was the Jewish Passover the origin of our modern “Easter” celebration. When you look at the practice of the early church, both in scripture and history, the word “Easter” was not in their vocabulary. The first century Christians remembered the death and resurrection of Christ in the Lord’s supper and so should we and the Aussies!

By the way, wonder what a chocolate Cadbury Bilby tastes like? Dark or milk chocolate?

Rick Bright

It’s God’s Plan for Man

Believe: Hebrews 11:6, Mark 16:16, Acts 8:36-37, Acts 16:31

Repent: Matthew 4:17, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30

Confess: Romans 10:9-10, Acts 8:37

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21, Galatians 3:26-29, Acts 8:36-38, Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-4

Live Faithfully: Romans 6:4, Matthew 7:21, Matthew 28:20

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning

Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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BULLETIN

What About the Word “Easter”?

Acts 12:4 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. (AKJV)

If you traveled to Australia this time of year, surprise! — It is autumn and not spring. And, surprise, the “Easter” bunny is not at all welcomed in Australia! In fact, you would not want to connect the word “Easter” with the word bunny! A discussion about a bunny rabbit would best be left out of any conversation. Why? Australian bunny rabbits do a significant



amount of damage destroying valuable crops. But this is no worry for the kids, because in Australia no “Easter” holiday is complete without Bilby or the Rabbit-Eared Bandicoot. For Aussies, the holiday is a fun time with the Bilby which is presumed to deliver chocolate eggs and chocolate Bilbys to the kids. “Easter” egg hunters search for delicious chocolate eggs rather than candy eggs.

Many Australians do observe the traditional once-a-year “religious” holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. “Easter” as a religious holiday has its roots traced to the Roman Emperor Constantine, the council of Nicea in 325 A.D. and Catholicism. However, when we look back to the first century, the memorial to Christ’s death, burial and resurrection was the weekly communion (I Cor. 11:23-26). As stated in Acts 20:7, the Lord’s church assembled on the first day of the week to break bread and drink of the fruit of the vine as instituted by Jesus (Luke 22:17-22). The word “Easter” was not used in connection to this memorial nor was it a holiday instituted in the first century.

It might be a great surprise to some folks, but the word “Easter” is not even in the original Scriptures. However, the King James Version translates Acts 12:4 like this: *“And when he [Herod Agrippa, the King] had apprehended him [Peter], 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.”* The book of Acts was originally written in the Greek language by the christian physician Luke. The Greek word that the King James Version translates as “Easter” is actually the word “Pascha” (Hebrew: —פסחPesach) which means “Passover”—and this is how most all other translations show it. For example, the New King James Version says, *“So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep*

Privileged to Serve

Worship

Coordinator: Ron Peck
Announcements: John Marchand

Sunday AM

Before Service Greeters:

John & Christina Hopkins

After Services Greeters:

Daylon & Justin Kanengieter

Songleader: Eddie Watkins

Lord's Table

*Larry Chafin, Tim Brashears
 Leon Moon, Wyatt Greer

Opening Prayer: Steve Crews

Closing Prayer: Robert Comer

Sermon: Rick Bright

Sunday PM

Before & After Services

Greeters: Mary Domby and
 Jennifer Watkins

Songleader: Jerry Branstetter

Lord's Table: Jim Cruise

Opening Prayer: Elvis Heistand

Closing Prayer: Roy Phillips

Sermon: Rick Bright

Wed. Night

Before & After Services

Greeters: John & Tiffany
 Sanders

Devotional: Travis Hampton

Songleader: Jerry Cruise

Prayer: Larry Chafin

News and Announcements:

Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



Gospel Meetings: A number of spring area gospel meetings are scheduled. Flyers are posted in the foyer. Please support and pray for these outreach efforts.

Big Sarge, long time faithful gospel preacher in Panama is seriously ill and looking forward to a home in heaven. Please pray for Sarge and his family.

Thank You to all the willing helpers who proofread the upcoming directory. You are greatly appreciated! An almost final copy is available in the foyer for one last review.

Ladies: Plans are being made to go antiquing Friday, May 3, in Mansfield and Ava with lunch at Ruby Garden (Chinese restaurant) in Ava. If you are interested or have questions, contact Jan Sanders.

Remember to pray for our kids and grandkids and our Bible classes!

On your Agenda!

Kid Sing starts at 6 p.m. this evening.



April 28—Youth Focus

May 3— Ladies day out.

May 5— “All Out “ **Friends and Family Day**

Flyers are available in the foyer to mail and hand out for our “All Out” Friends and Family Day!

Please pray every day for each person you have invited !



Questions and Answers:

- We are to be rooted and built up in _____. (Colossians 2:6-7)
- Paul prayed that the church would be rooted and established in _____. (Ephesians 3:14-19)

Remember in Prayer:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

** indicates local members at Marshfield*

Brian Bell, nephew of Connie Isis, has a bad heart and family issues.

Chris (last name not given), friend of Lorrie Chafin, has serious life issues.

Ken Cooksey has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

Belinda Crews, sister-in-law of Wanda Crews, has cancer that has returned.

Erma Good, Pat Cruise's aunt, is back in the hospital.

Karen Ramsey Helms, friend of Lorrie Chafin, has cancer and is starting chemo and radiation prior to surgery.

Cecil Jones, brother-in-law of the Cruises, is undergoing chemotherapy for melanoma.

***Dena Kanengieter** is struggling to deal with her hives caused by extreme allergies.

Calvin Lamb, Alan's brother, is recovering from surgery for a detached retina.

Doris Letterman, Connie Isis's sister, is suffering from migraine and pain in her legs.

Mike Lillard, friend of Lorrie Chafin, has heart issues.

Julie Matney has upcoming brain surgery.

Linda McGlawn, friend of Norma Nash, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Keith McHenry continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

Tye McMasters is doing better and able to walk short distances with a walker.



Birthdays

Angel Hamilton
 Jan Sanders
 John Hopkins
 John Sanders

Wyatt Greer
 Bobby Lewis
 Betty Sheppard

Anniversaries

David & Janet Haffner
 Thad & Patsy Layne
 Terry & Ruth McMasters
 Jason & Angel Hamilton

Donna Plummer's blood work showed she does not need chemo.

Kimberly Potter, neighbor of the Brams, has a brain tumor.

Micaiah Sedlacek, JoAnne's nephew, is having severe hip pain.

Issie Tabor (13), has reoccurring cancer and it is now growing again.

James Taylor, a friend of the Hyders, is battling cancer.

Liz Barrows Taylor, friend of Leon Moon and daughter Patty, is confined to a walker with rheumatoid arthritis in her knees.

Dan Wampler, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.

Ron Webb, Pat Cruise's cousin, is unable to continue dialysis.

Remember The Homebound

- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Ronnie Cantrell** (Buffalo)
- **Mary Jo Dodson** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



Daily Prayer List Additions

1. That God provides an Eldership
2. That God will bless the congregation with continued growth
3. That our “All Out Day” is successful

It is all about LOST SOULS

Record for April 14

Sunday AM	120
Sunday PM	68
Wed. PM	80
Total Contribution:	\$2728

