

Easter Observance

It is common knowledge among Bible students that there is no vestige of authority in the Bible for the special observance of the particular first day of the week, commonly called "Easter Sunday." *Easter* does appear one time in the Authorized Version in Acts 12:4. It is a translation of the Greek word *pascha*. This word is found twenty-nine times in the Greek New Testament. Twenty-eight times it is translated as *Passover*. It should be translated as *Passover* here. In the Revised Version, it is rendered *Passover*. There is no authority on textual grounds whatever for rendering it *Easter*. Adam Clarke (1762-1832) said: "Perhaps there never was a more unhappy, not to say absurd, translation than that in our text."

Further, out of respect to the *Passover* season, Herod deferred bringing Peter forth from prison to the people—that is, to be tried and executed. Herod was on the side of the opposition to the church. If the *pascha* of this verse had been a peculiarly "holy day" among Christians, he would have had no respect for it. The translation of *pascha* by *Easter* in this verse is absurd. As it is now regarded by the denominational world and a few poorly informed members of the church, *Easter* is a mixture of paganism, Judaism, and Christianity. *Easter* derives from an Anglo-Saxon goddess; the other elements' origin is obvious.

God has prescribed that all worship acceptable to Him be in spirit and in truth. Since He has made no provisions for any kind of special observance of so-called "Easter Sunday," it cannot be in truth. It cannot, therefore, be pleasing to Him. It is not a great surprise if denominational preachers do not know any better. Still, it is surprising that some professed preachers of the Gospel do not know better than to join hands with denominationalism to celebrate "Easter Sunday" in performances unknown to the New Testament. To this extent, such men are not sound in the faith. All loyal Christians will condemn their actions.

-Author Unknown

- via *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

OUR PLEA

*No book but the Bible
No creed but Christ
No name but the Divine
No plea but the Gospel
No aim but to save,*

*In Christ — Unity
In opinion — Liberty
In all things — Charity*

Search the Bible with ...

Seriousness (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15).
Earrestness (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:11).
Anxiousness (John 20:31; Psalm 119:9).
Regularity (Acts 17:11; Psalm 1:2).
Carefulness (Luke 24:27; 2 Timothy 3:16,17).
Humility (Luke 24:45; James 1:22).

The Bible always points the believer in the right direction.

News Notes

NO COVERED DISH DINNER TODAY.

ADDRESS: For Nancy Hadley, 2995 Clay Pond Drive, Oakland, TN 38060.

CARE & SHARE BEARS RESUME: This Tuesday, April 7th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All our ladies are invited to help make little stuffed bears for kids.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, April 11th, 8:30 a.m. at Columbiana Church of Christ.

BIRTHDAY PARTY: For Gibson Call, age 4 (grandson of Andy & Linda Parkes), Saturday, April 11th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Bldg. RSVP to Cindy Miskimen.

SENIOR DAY: Chester, April 18th, 10 a.m.-Noon. Speakers: Brandon Foresha & Paolo DiLuca. Lunch provided.

LADIES DAYS: Steelton Church of Christ (N. Martinsville) April 25th, "Bloom Where You Are Planted" Speaker: Amantha Cole. Additional details on the Bulletin Board.

CHESTER: Saturday, May 9th. Registration & refreshments: 9:00 a.m. Program: 9:45 a.m. "Roots Before Fruits". Speaker: Latisha Brown. Lunch to follow.

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS: May 8th, 7:00 p.m., Struthers Church of Christ. Refreshments after the singing.

May 22, 7:00 p.m., Bridge Street Church of Christ, New Martinsville. Refreshments after the singing.

PANTRY: Spam.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Donna Stevens, Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Isaiah Robinson (Rich & Emily's baby), Ron Miller (Bill's brother), Connor Wilson (Margie Martin's nephew), Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father), Steve Soltesz (Tim Martin's brother-in-law). *Serra Manor, Weirton:* Jean Haught (Skip's mother). *Fox, Chester:* Mary Johnson, Marlene Evans. *Elsewhere:* Sue Baumgardner (the McKitrick's daughter), 245 Mark Drive, Paducah, KY 42001. Christy Claypool, 204 Rio Pinar Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Jackie Brown (Rico's mother), 4227 Prince Hall Blvd., Orlando, FL 32811. Herman McHan, 29 Jenny Lane, Columbiana, OH 44408.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m. on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

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| Steelton | -----April 5- 9 | -----Tim Canup |
| Bridge Street, N. Martinsville | -----April 12-15 | -----Ron Thomas |
| Hanoverton | -----April 12-16 | -----Will Montgomery |
| Weirton Heights | -----April 12-16 | -----Rick Tincher |
| Salem (Glen Easton) | -----April 12-17 | -----Terry Jones |
| CHESTER | -----April 26-30 | -----Will Montgomery |
| McKinleyville | -----May 3- 7 | -----Different Speakers |