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March 27, 2005

This Week's Agenda

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The Lord's Day

8:30AM & 10:15AM

Sermon: David Posey

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5:30pm: Classes for all ages from 18 months and up

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Sunday - David Carrozza, Various Topics.
- Room 6: Bible Essentials – Dennis Wade)
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Marriage– David Posey

Wednesday

10 AM Wednesday: OT History class resumes April 6th.

7:30 PM - Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Discipleship – Dan Hamilton
- Room 6: Bible Essentials – Dennis Wade
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Marriage – David Posey



Bible Reading This Week

Sunday – Deuteronomy 20-22; Psalm 46

Monday – Deuteronomy 23-26; Psalm 47

Tuesday – Reflection

Wednesday– Catch-up

Thursday – Catch-up

Friday – Deuteronomy 27-30; Psalm 48

Saturday – Deuteronomy 31-34; Psalm 49

News and Prayers. . .

Carly Cain

As most of you know, Carly has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Obviously, this is cause for serious concern and prayer. Carly's address is: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Placerville, CA 95667. Here is the latest update from Debbie Cain:

Carly and her parents met with the Pediatric Oncologist yesterday to set a course of treatment. Next Monday Carly will have an echocardiogram to be sure her heart can handle the chemo treatments. On Thursday she will have the chemo shunt put in and the following week she will start her treatments. She will be hospitalized for 2-3 days each week for 3 weeks and then be off the chemo for 2 weeks to renew her white cells. This will be repeated for 5 more weeks and then the doctor will do surgery to remove

whatever tumor is left. Another set of chemo treatments will follow surgery.

She is being very strong. This is a very aggressive treatment plan. We know the power of prayer in getting Carly and her family through this difficult time. Jeff, Lori and Carly appreciate the cards and prayers on their behalf, as do Hank and I.

I will try to keep everyone updated as we get new information.

Debbie

Other Prayer Concerns

Continue to pray for Kathy Wilson (Parkinson's disease) and Hank; Jamie Cole, Kristen Sanderson's sister; cancer victims: Dave Fulton's mother, Monica (Monroe, WA); Tom

Royston; Ken McClelland; Margaret Everett; Cheryl Wilson; Laurie Ann Reagan; Chris Hamilton (friend of Justin Ivie); Phil Roberts, Oliver Sasse.

Others to keep in your prayers: Karen Gorden; Sharon Jones; Becky Woolpert. And



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continue to keep Vivi Mowrer in your prayers as she grows.

New Quarter

The new teaching quarter begins next Lord's Day. All the teachers should have their material and be ready to go. If there are any questions, please see me (David Posey) and I will direct you to the right person. The adult class will meet in the auditorium and be taught by Randy Clark and Dennis Reagan. The Young Adult class will continue through this quarter for those around 30 and under. We are currently studying marriage. David Posey, Sr. is teaching.

The Bible Essentials class will continue this quarter and Dennis Wade will continue to teach it. The class is now meeting in Room 6 and can accommodate 5-7 more students. You may want to take this opportunity to attend a class that will refresh your knowledge of basic Bible doctrines. Dennis is a fine teacher, with a great grasp of the Bible, so take advantage of this opportunity if it sounds like something you need.

Christians Serving in Iraq

Jeremy Allen, Philip Cain, Steve Reis, Titus Cain, Travis Dusenberry. Keep these good men in your prayers each day.

Expectant Mothers

Sally Deschler, Kristen Sanderson, Melissa Fields, Michelle Caisse, Janelle Thorp. Keep these ladies in your prayers.

Out of Town

Tom and Boots Royston are in Africa for three weeks. I'm not aware of others who are out of town.

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Do You Know Who I Am?

The following story is told about a United Airlines gate agent in Denver, Colorado who was confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo:

During the final days at Denver's old Stapleton airport, a crowded United flight was canceled. A single agent was rebooking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight AND it has to be FIRST CLASS."

The agent replied, "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out." The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear,

"Do you have any idea WHO I AM?"

Without hesitating, the gate agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention please?" she began, her voice bellowing throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at the gate WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to gate 17."

I would like to ask you a similar question that the angry passenger asked that is much more important:

Do YOU have any idea who God wants you to be?

The answer: God wants YOU to be His child!

He wants to adopt you into His family (Galatians 4:4-7). He wants to take care of you (Matthew 6:25-34) and give you an inheritance that is "out of this world" (Romans 8:14-17).

In order for God to adopt us, a great price had to be paid. At just the right time, God sent His Son to redeem us, that we might receive the adoption as children (Galatians 4:4-5). The price of redemption was the death of God's Son, Jesus, who died as payment for our sins and for our admission into God's family. "How GREAT is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1).

The provision for your adoption into God's family has been made through Christ. The FINAL decision is yours! You can accept God's offer by believing in and trusting Christ (Acts 16:31), repenting of your sins (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, God wants His children to continue to be obedient to Him. Jesus said, "Not everyone who SAYS to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who DOES the will of My Father in heaven."

Confused about your identity? Realize who God wants YOU to be: His child.

The Origin of Easter

EARLIEST OBSERVANCE, SECOND CENTURY C.E.

WHEN OBSERVED: ON THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST FULL MOON AFTER THE VERNIL EQUINOX, FALLING BETWEEN MARCH 22 AND APRIL 25.

COMMEMORATES: JESUS CHRIST'S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.

In the Christian faith, Easter is the most sacred of holy days because it commemorates the cornerstone miracle of the faith—had Christ not risen, Christianity could never have flourished, since the man Jesus would not have been proved to be the Son-of-God Jesus. But the holy day's name derives from an ancient pagan festival and is the name of the Saxon goddess of spring and offspring, *Eastre*.

Second-century Christian missionaries, spreading out among Teutonic tribes north of Rome, encountered numerous "heathen" religious observances. Whenever possible, the missionaries tried not to interfere too strongly with entrenched and popular customs. Rather, quietly—and often ingeniously—they attempted to transform pagan practices into ceremonies that harmonized with Christian doctrine.

There was a very special reason for this. Converts publicly partaking in a Christian ceremony, and on a day when no one else of their clan was celebrating, stood out like the proverbial sore thumb, easy targets for persecution. But if a Christian rite was staged on the same day as a long-observed pagan celebration, and if the two modes of worship were not glaringly different, then the new converts might live to make other converts.

The Christian missionaries astutely observed that the centuries—old festival to *Eastre*, commemorated at the start of spring, coincided with the time of year of their own observance of the miracle of Christ's Resurrection. Thus, the Resurrection was subsumed under the protective rubric *Eastre*—later spelled Easter—saving the lives of countless Christians.

It just so happened that *Eastre*, a fertility goddess (the ancient word *eastre* means "spring"), had as her earthly symbol the prolific hare, or rabbit. Hence, the origin of the Easter bunny.

At the feast to *Eastre*, an ox was sacrificed and the image of his horns carved into ritual bread—which evolved into the twice-scored Easter bis-cuits we call hot cross buns. In fact, the word "bun" derives from the Saxon for "sacred ox," boun.

For several decades, Easter was variously celebrated on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Finally, in 325, the Council of Nicea, convened by the emperor Constantine, issued the so-called Easter Rule: Easter should be celebrated on "the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox." Consequently, Easter is astronomically bound never to fall earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

At this same council, Constantine decreed that the cross be adopted as the official symbol of the young faith.

The high significance of Easter as the feast of Christ's Resurrection led early Christians to believe that the celebration could not be undertaken without spiritual preparation. Their souls needed conditioning through clays—eventually, forty days—of fasting, penance, and prayer. That became the function of Lent.

It is interesting that the holiest day of the liturgical Christian year, Easter Sunday, bears the name of the pagan sex goddess *Eastre* and the pagan sun god Solis.

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8:30AM & 10:15AM
Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

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