

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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APRIL 2023



For many,

Easter

is the greatest holiday on the calendar and the greatest event in world history. Count me in with that crowd.

Nothing satisfies a Christian more than reflecting on the greatness of God's plans and how Jesus' sacrifice atoned for our sins and justified us before the Creator of the universe.

I anticipate a lot of worshippers on Easter Sunday. This is often the biggest attendance day for many churches. I look forward to it.

What I don't look forward to is the exodus of our winter families. I am already seeing it happen, as some needed to be home for the holiday. We miss you already! Godspeed and safe travels. We will keep the candle in the window in expectation of your return (God willing).

Hopefully, I am not the only one who feels like the days and seasons galloped past so fast; that I scarcely had a chance to enjoy them, much less savor them. This is how I am feeling now. I didn't get to savor each of you like I wanted to.

Let's make it a goal to maximize our every encounter with each other. Time is too short. Tomorrow is not guaranteed.

I am convinced that each person is a treasure who has been placed by God into our church family. Is it a stretch to think that "treasures" should feel treasured? Let's do our best to make them feel that way.

By the way—God loves you and so do !!!!

Pastor Rick



April 3, 2023,
marks the
one year
anniversary of
Pastor Rick's
ordination at
Crossroads
Baptist Church!

GOD
LOVES
YOU

And so
do we!

Happy
Anniversary



community

BULLETIN BOARD

March Average
Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship: 87
 Sunday School: 44
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 25
Ladies' Bible Study:..... 6

Ministries/Other
Events Actual
Attendance

Barry Ward Concert 89
 Paint Class 8
Ladies' Breakfast Attendance: 9
 Game Day 3



If you would like to have, or know of a church member who would like, a visit &/or

the Lord's Supper taken to them, contact the office, Lynne Basch, or one of the deacons.



If you or someone you know needs prayer immediately, contact our Prayer Chain Chair, Martha Finton.

Can you help? Or know someone who might?

Our brother in Christ, Frank, is in need of a place to call his own home. If you have, or know of someone who has, a small place where Frank and his dog, Ember, could land, please contact the office or Pastor Rick in order to follow up on the possibility. Ideas have included a small casita, a small trailer, a room with its own entry and bathroom. You get the idea. Frank lives on a fixed income, so nothing expensive please.

Also, be in prayer that God will provide the right place for him that is close enough that he can still be a part of our church fellowship and services.



- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts 9:00 am.
- **Bible Study** at 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** at 10:45 am.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study** at 3:00 pm.
- **The Ladies' Breakfast—Monthly:** third Friday at 8:30 am.
- **Game Day—Monthly:** Third Tuesday at 1:00 pm
- The **Men's IMPACT** is on hiatus. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and here.
- **Volunteering Your Time:** The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow? Contact the office.

Paul's Prison Letters

The apostle Paul wrote the largest number of letters in the New Testament. Of the 13 he wrote, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon are called his 'prison' letters. In addition those four, 2 Timothy was also written while Paul was in prison, or under house arrest.



✦ THE BIBLE'S AUTHENTICITY COMPARED WITH THE AUTHENTICITY OF OTHER ANCIENT WRITINGS

AUTHOR	DATE WRITTEN	EARLIEST COPY KNOWN	NUMBER OF COPIES
Caesar's Gallic Wars	100-44 BC	AD 900	10
Plato's Tetralogies	427-347 BC	AD 900	7
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 1100	20
Pliny the Younger	AD 61-113	AD 850	7
Thucydides	460-400 BC	AD 900	8
Sophocles	496-406 BC	AD 1000	100
Catullus	54 BC	AD 1550	3
Euripedes	480-406 BC	AD 1100	9
Aristotle	384-322 BC	AD 1100	5
The Bible	1500 BC - AD 95	AD 125	13,000

REFERENCE OUTSIDE THE BIBLE

Recorded by Josephus, Suetonius, Tacitus, Thallus, Pliny the Younger, the Talmud, and Lucian

Josephus Josephus, a Jewish soldier and historian, who lived from AD 37 to about AD 100, wrote: 'At that time lived Jesus, a wise man, if he may be called a man, for he performed many wonderful works. He was a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him many Jews and Gentiles. This was the Christ; and when Pilate, at the instigation of the chief men among us, had condemned him to the cross, they who before had conceived an affection for him, did not cease to adhere to him; for, on the third day, he appeared to them alive again, the divine prophets having foretold these and many wonderful things concerning him. And the sect of the Christians, so called from him, has not yet died out.'

Tacitus Tacitus, a 2nd-century Roman historian wrote: 'Nero punished with the utmost refinement of cruelty, a class hated for their abominations, who were commonly called Christians. Chrestus, from whom their name derived, was executed at the hands of the Procurator Pontius Pilate in the reign of Tiberius.'



Easter—Did you know....?

Easter is the annual Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. The earliest mention of Easter occurs in correspondence between the bishops of Rome and Smyrna, dating to AD 154. It is clear from these letters that a holy day to celebrate Jesus' resurrection was widely observed at that time. Unlike Christmas Day, the date for Easter Day changes each year. It is now celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon, following the spring equinox. It falls between March 22 and April 23.

IN THE BIBLE: The word "Easter" is never mentioned in the original Scriptures. However, the *King James Version* translates Acts 12:4 as follows: 'And when he [Herod 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 Greek word which the *King James Version* translates as 'Easter' is actually the word *Pascha* which means 'Passover.' 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 him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.'

DATE OF EASTER: The Council of Nicea in 325, fixed the date of Easter so that it would supersede an old pagan festival. It stated that it should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. —Excerpted from "Christian Book of Records, Hendrickson Publishers, copyright © 2002 John Hunt Publishing, Text copyright © 2002 Mark Water

Although many churches and those in popular culture may view Easter as just one day, the holiday is also the beginning of a whole 50-day season, sometimes called Eastertide or Paschal Tide.

The Easter season goes from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, a holiday observed in remembrance of the church being founded, as well as a common day for confirming new Christians. Holy Week <https://www.christianpost.com/news/4-interesting-things-about-easter-sunday.html?page=3>

We celebrate Easter because it is a part of the redemptive plan of mankind. It is cause for celebration because the rising of Jesus proves to man that He is the Son of God. The power of the Holy Ghost caused Jesus to rise, and the Comforter or Holy Ghost is now here to assist us.

So, we take confidence because we have the same power working in us that raised Jesus from the dead.

Since Jesus was crucified, He became the sacrificial Lamb for mankind. That is why we can plead the blood to the devil whenever we are in trouble, sick, or in need of rescue. The enemy is afraid of the blood because he knows it is the blood of Christ and the only way mankind can avoid hell. The crucifixion is significant because God sent His Son as a ransom for our sins. The enemy is quite familiar with the Son of God who is a part of the Trinity. The devil was once in Heaven until he was kicked out.

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-easter-sunday-and-why-is-it-the-most-important-christian-holiday.html>



Double Positive

An MIT linguistics professor was lecturing his class the other day. "In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. However, in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative."

A voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

how are unicorns fake but giraffes are real like what's more believable a horse with a horn or a leopard-moose-camel with a 40 foot neck



I just read a list titled "100 Things to Do Before You Die.:"

I'm pretty surprised "yell for help" wasn't one of them!



Nothing is worse than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

I think I may need professional help...
A chef, a butler, and a maid should do it.

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Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?
"Mary Had a Little Lamb."



2023 Monthly Bible Reading Plan

Start Now! It's never too late!

TURNING POINT'S

365 - DAY

BIBLE READING PLAN



One of the best ways to know God is to become acquainted with the full counsel of His written Word. This reading plan will guide you through all 66 books of the Bible in the coming year.

APRIL

1 2 Samuel 1 - 3	11 1 Kings 6 - 7	21 2 Kings 9 - 10
2 2 Samuel 4 - 7	12 1 Kings 8 - 9	22 2 Kings 11 - 13
3 2 Samuel 8 - 11	13 1 Kings 10 - 12	23 2 Kings 14 - 16
4 2 Samuel 12 - 13	14 1 Kings 13 - 15	24 2 Kings 17 - 18
5 2 Samuel 14 - 16	15 1 Kings 16 - 18	25 2 Kings 19 - 21
6 2 Samuel 17 - 19	16 1 Kings 19 - 20	26 2 Kings 22 - 23
7 2 Samuel 20 - 22	17 1 Kings 21 - 22	27 2 Kings 24 - 25
8 2 Samuel 23 - 24	18 2 Kings 1 - 3	28 1 Chronicles 1 - 2
9 1 Kings 1 - 2	19 2 Kings 4 - 5	29 1 Chronicles 3 - 4
10 1 Kings 3 - 5	20 2 Kings 6 - 8	30 1 Chronicles 5 - 6



Scriptures for the Month

April

Power of the Cross

- Day 1: Ephesians 1:7
- Day 2: John 6:53-56
- Day 3: 1 John 1:7
- Day 4: Galatians 3:13
- Day 5: Ephesians 2:12-13
- Day 6: Leviticus 17:11
- Day 7: Colossians 2:14-15
- Day 8: 1 John 5:6
- Day 9: Romans 3:24-25
- Day 10: 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Day 11: Exodus 12:13
- Day 12: Luke 22:19-20
- Day 13: Galatians 5:1
- Day 14: Hebrews 10:19-22
- Day 15: Romans 8:1
- Day 16: Galatians 2:20
- Day 17: Hebrews 1:3
- Day 18: Hebrews 9:14
- Day 19: Matthew 26:26-28
- Day 20: Hebrews 13:12
- Day 21: 1 John 2:2
- Day 22: 1 John 3:8
- Day 23: Colossians 1:20-22
- Day 24: Revelation 1:5-6
- Day 25: Joel 3:20-21
- Day 26: Romans 5:9
- Day 27: Ephesians 1:4-5
- Day 28: Revelation 12:11
- Day 29: Isaiah 53:4-5
- Day 30: 1 Peter 2:24



Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

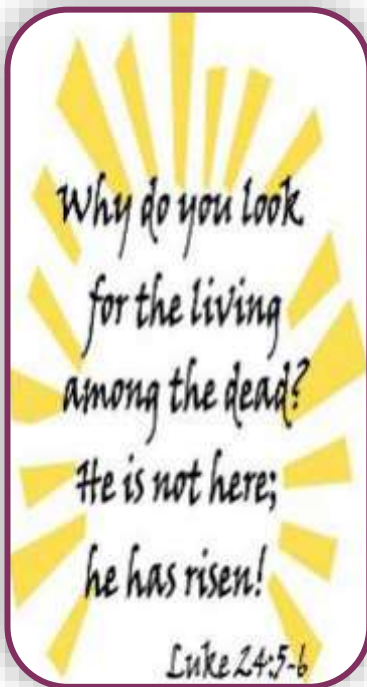
Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away—
'Tis all that I can do.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)



WE NEVER KNOW how deeply our actions affect the lives of others. This hymn by Isaac Watts has certainly touched the hearts of millions through the centuries. After drawing the stark contrasts between the sacrificial death of the mighty Maker and the unworthiness of the sinful creature, he concludes with the consecration, “Here, Lord, I give myself away—’Tis all that I can do.”

A thirty-year-old blind woman heard a revival choir sing this simple hymn. Stanza after stanza stirred her heart, but when the choir came to the final line, “Here, Lord, I give myself away,” she gave herself away to the Lord as well. That blind woman was Fanny Crosby, who went on to become the greatest writer of gospel songs in the past century. We never know how deeply our lives will touch the lives of others.

APRIL

is known for beautiful spring weather, the start of warmer weather, and right about the time when the Easter bunny will make an appearance! Learn all about the origins of this beautiful spring month and even some knowledgeable history facts!

- 1) We know it is the fourth month of the year, but that's only by the Gregorian calendar that we adhere to now. It was previously the fifth month in the earlier Julian calendar.
- 2) April also only had 29 days, but a 30th day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.
- 3) In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the seasonal equivalent of October.
- 4) No one is sure how the month ended up with its name, but we do know the Romans named it "Aprillis."
- 5) The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to "open" or bloom.
- 6) Those who were born in April have a diamond as their birthstone, which represents innocence. Their birth flower is either a Daisy or a Sweet Pea.
- 7) April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16th to April 26th each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21st.
- 8) There are quite a few notable historical people born in April, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth II.
- 9) On April 14, 1912, the famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage.
- 10) George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789.
- 11) Back in the time of the Ancient Romans, April was sacred to the goddess Venus.
- 12) One of the most well-known dates of the month is April Fools' Day on the 1st of the month. No one is sure where this originated from, but some believe it to be inspired by Geoffrey Chaucer's story in "Canterbury Tales" called "Nun's Priest's Tale."
- 13) On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said, and is today usually misquoted.
- 14) After a 1,500-year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6, 1896, in Athens.
- 15) The explosion of the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine occurred on April 26, 1986, which forced everyone within a 300-mile radius to be evacuated.
- 16) The smaller animals that hibernate for the winter in the Northern Hemisphere usually start coming out of their burrows in April.
- 17) April is also the month that the birds migrate north and settle down for the summer to mate.
- 18) For all the car enthusiasts out there, Ford unveiled their first Mustang on April 17, 1964, costing \$2,368.
- 19) The first battle of the Revolutionary War, Lexington, and Concord, broke out on April 19, 1775.

As you can see, there's more to April than just April Fool's Day, although that is definitely one of the most fun days of the month!

And, of course, as we all know, "April showers bring May flowers," so if the rain of April ever gets you down, never forget the silver lining!

<https://www.thefactsite.com/april-facts/>

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><i>Start your monthly Bible reading plan <u>Deuteronomy 25 thru 1 Samuel 31</u> (The plan is in the monthly newsletter)</i></p>				1
<p>2 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship & The Lord's Supper PALM SUNDAY</p>	3	4	<p>5 3 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>6 6pm Choir Practice First Day of Passover</p>	<p>7 GOOD FRIDAY Holiday: Office Closed</p>	8
<p>9 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship Annie Armstrong Giving EASTER SUNDAY</p>	10	11	<p>12 3 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>13 6pm Choir Practice</p>	14	15
<p>16 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship</p>	17	<p>18 1 pm Game Day London Bridge is sold to US oil company to be erected in Arizona</p>	<p>19 3 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>20 6pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 8:30 am-Ladies' Breakfast @ iHop</p>	22
<p>23 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship</p>	24	<p>25 <i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i></p>	<p>26 3 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>27 6pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 Arbor Day</p>	29
<p>30 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship After Church: Church Business Mtg (Bring finger foods)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 (NKJV)</i></p>					

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