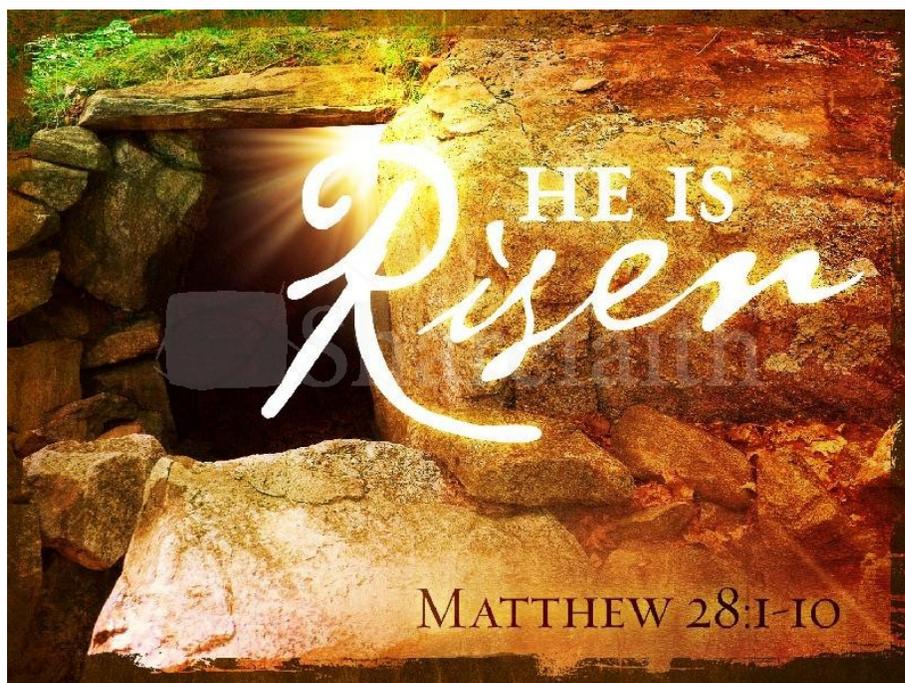


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“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:16-17 [NIV]

April Events

April 8th—Ressurrection Sunday

April 28th—Singspiration & College Program Concert

~Come out and fellowship with the family of God.~

Special points of interest:

- *What does the term “Easter” really mean? And how does the symbols associated with “Easter” relate to the resurrection of Jesus Christ? (see pages 2 & 4)*
- *When times get rough, and you feel like letting go of the promises of God, will you cave in or stand firm on the Word? (see page 3)*
- *What is our children learning in Children’s Church? Find out more on page 5.*

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Pastor's Blog

“It is finished:” John 19:30

I truly thank God for the finish work of Christ. The Lord came for a reason. It was to save us from our sins. After Jesus received the vinegar, which was used to generate moisture on His lips and tongue. Remember he loss lots of blood, was abused, hungry, loss a great amount of bodily fluids. So in order to utter the words of victory the Lord asked for something to drink. Then He cried out the cry of victory, **“It is finished.”** Our sins and debt was paid. His job has been accomplished and done well. That is why the Lord said in John 11:25-26 “I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” “It is finished.”

Be blessed in the Lord
-Pastor Gabriel Austin

Easter—What does this term *really* mean?

So often we see the term “Easter” being tossed around when Resurrection Sunday approaches. But not once in the Bible do we see the word “Easter” being used. So where did this term ‘resurrect’ from? We see people selling Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, Easter baskets to carry the eggs, candy and all sorts of things that have nothing

to do with the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We know that when Christ was risen, there weren’t any bunnies running around nor did He give out free candy to children nearby, so where did all of this come from? Or what about the famous hot cross buns that are sold in bakeries everywhere for this special day. Did the

witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection bake and serve hot cross buns to celebrate the fact that He was no longer dead, but is now risen and alive?

If you take some time out and look up the word “Easter” in the dictionary, you may find that the Origin of the word states... cont’d on pg.4

HE IS RISEN! YES HE IS!



“Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **He is not here; for He is risen...**”

—Matthew 28:1-6 [NKJV]

Never Let Go by Daniel Austin



Have you ever sat down and really thought about what God has done for you? Hands down, all the credit belongs to him! Yes! This month we give respect to Jesus for being the ultimate sacrifice—for paying for our sins on the cross. But it’s actually more than that. Jesus was on a mission and he completed it!

Now just take a second and imagine Jesus giving up on the plan. The state of man would be in a troubled place right now if only He had failed. Thank God the perfect plan was not aborted. Although the enemy tried multiple times, the plan was not aborted. There is a song that says, “I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross....” The pain that He bore, the hate, insults, and the disrespect he put up with—Jesus is truly a Champion. I can’t imagine myself bearing all that Jesus had to bear, all for the sake of us—mere sinners. It’s great that He never let go even in the midst of hardship, Jesus never let go!

There was a time when I was almost on the edge. My life was so unbalanced. I wasn’t in the worst state of my life, but my life was

not in a consistent place with God. I got to the point where I felt empty. Something was definitely missing in my life at that point in time. The Bible says in Romans 8: 28 that “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.” When I started to trust in God and not in man, things started to come all together. I never gave up even when I was at the point of letting go of God. But just then, God came in right on time and moved on my behalf.

Saints never give up on God because he will not give up on you. He is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we could ask or think according to the power that works in us. Never let go! Be blessed!

EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV

Easter—What does this term *really* mean?

“...before 900, the name of a goddess and her festival; akin to east...”

Origination of the term “Easter”

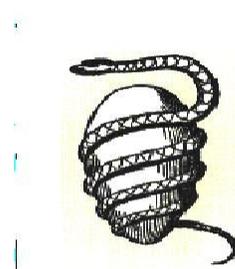
While some scholars dispute this theory, it appears that "Easter" comes from the same root as the English word "east," the direction of the rising sun. Another source tells us that ‘Eastre’, a pagan goddess whose festivals (called Eastron) were in the spring season. The festival represented the rising of the sun, new life and a new beginning. Also related are the words East, the direction of the rising sun and yeast, a substance which makes bread rise. According to Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (1985, p. 192, "Easter"), the term 'Easter' is not of Christian origin. It is another form of Astarte, one of the titles of the Chaldean (Babylonian) goddess....the pagan festival of 'Easter' was introduced into the apostate Western religion, as part of the attempt to adapt pagan festivals to Christianity.

The Symbols

One source tells us that “all Fertility goddesses were fashioned after Semiramis—the wife and mother of Nimrod. This incestuous relationship remained the pattern after which all fertility worship was copied. "Modern symbols of Easter, such as the egg and the bunny, have their origins in paganism. **Rabbits** were the most potent symbol of fertility and the egg, the start of all life, was often thought to have magical powers.

In the ancient world, the rabbit has long been a symbol of fertility. The rabbit is known for its reproductive powers, in fact, even today, we talk of couples who have many children as "multiplying like rabbits.

Because rabbits are known to reproduce often”. (The Origin and History of the Easter Bunny by Allen Butler)

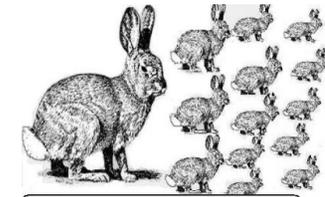


The "Easter" Egg

You may be surprised to learn that **red, blue, yellow or green eggs**, as symbols of the renewal of life, were part of a custom that goes back centuries before the birth of the Messiah. **Eggs**, a symbol of fertility in many lands, are easily traceable to ancient pagan lore. In many ancient cultures, eggs were a common symbol of new life. In medieval times, eggs came to represent the Lord's resurrection. Just as Christ broke out of the tomb on Easter morning, the yolk of the egg breaks out of its shell when cracked. The decoration of eggs for Easter is part of the folk traditions of many cultures, al-

though it has little or no religious significance any more.

The **Easter rabbit** is a popular



The Easter Rabbit - An Ancient Fertility Symbol

Rabbits are known for reproduction

secular symbol for Easter that has never taken

on a Christian interpretation. This rapidly breeding and multiplying animal was an ancient symbol of fecundity. And so modern children, eagerly hunting for Eastern eggs supposedly deposited by a rabbit, are unknowingly following an ancient fertility rite.

We now understand that the term that even we throw around very loosely around Resurrection Sunday, has nothing to do with the Lord's resurrection. Instead, it surrounds pagan customs and beliefs. We, as believers in the truth, need to remind the world that Easter is not about purchasing the best looking outfits and sending our children on Easter egg hunts, but it is to celebrate our risen Savior, who died and rose again, three days later. After his crucifixion, and days of mourning and lost hope, our King, our Redeemer, our Lord and Savior, rose in all His power and glory, not for the sake of Himself, but for us—mere sinners—who deserved nothing more than death! But HE DID IT!! He died, so we could have LIFE! And He rose again so that He can forever be with us! May you all be blessed in the Lord!

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

What have you learned from the lessons given in children's church for the month of March?

Shaynah Delisle: I learned about Paul and how he persecuted Christians. After God spoke to him, he wanted to change his ways and become a Christian.

Kai Spencer: I learned about Jesus at parties. I also learned that Jesus is God and Jesus is the Word.

Nakeem Delisle: I learned about Saul and how he was a persecutor of Christians. He got blinded by God on the road to Damascus. He wouldn't eat for awhile, he would just lay down in bed. Somebody prayed so he can see and then he changed his name to Paul and stopped persecuting Christians.

Alexandria Austin: We learned about the Apostle Paul, and how Jesus was resurrected and how the people didn't believe that Jesus didn't come back.

Mt. Olive's New Junior Ushers

Congratulations on your eagerness to SERVE in the House of the Lord!



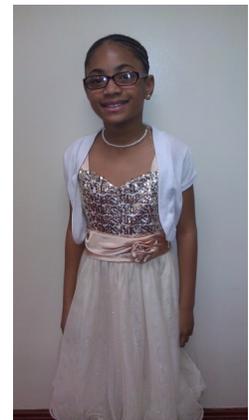
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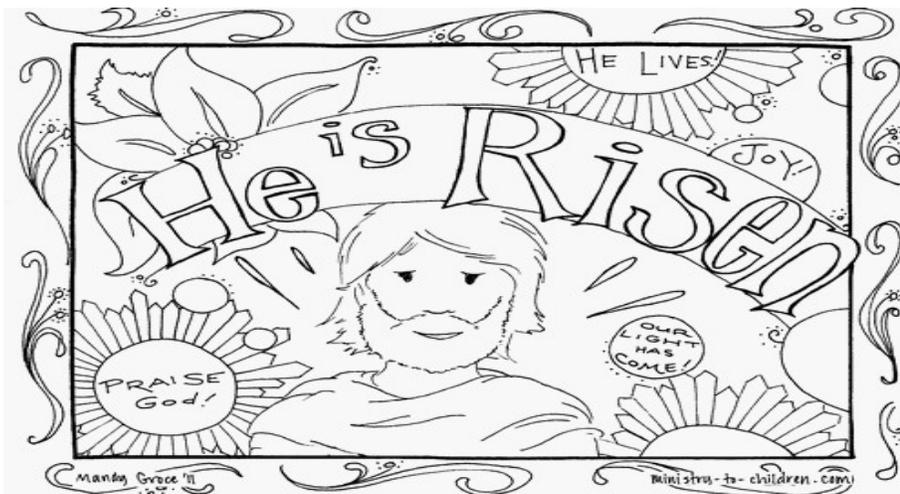
Isiah
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Jahdaya
David



Malika
Harewood



Use as many colors as you can to bring this picture to life. As you color in the words "He Is Risen" remember the reason for our Resurrection Celebration, in which we proclaim to the world, that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is NOT dead, But HE IS ALIVE!!

The Fun Corner

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Solution to last month's puzzle.

Level: Medium

Source: www.puzzles.ca/sudoku

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Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid, The remaining letters spell a message about Spring.

- ALLERGIES
- APRIL
- BASEBALL
- BEEES
- CROCUSES
- CYCLAMENS
- DAFFODILS
- DANDELIONS
- EASTER
- EQUINOX
- FLOWERS
- FROGS
- GOLFS
- GRASS
- GREEN
- GROWTH
- IRISES
- LILIES
- MARCH
- MAY
- NEW LEAVES
- PLANTING
- RAIN
- RENEWAL
- ROBINS
- SEASON
- SNOWMELT
- SOFTBALL
- SPRINGBREAK
- SPRINGCLEANING
- TULIPS
- WARMER
- WET

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Bishop Randolph Austin expresses his invitation to you to a prayer gathering, worship, restoration, sharing and deliverance on every **last Saturday in every month**. We are truly experiencing the power of God moving amongst us in this time of prayer and intercession. So come and join us in prayer to God here at Mt. Olive Pentecostal Church of Faith located at:

830 Utica Ave, Brooklyn, NY

PRAYER HOTLINE

A simple prayer can be the breakthrough you needed to life's biggest and toughest problems.

We at Mt. Olive believe in the power of prayer. Please stop in at the church or call within the hours listed below and someone from our prayer team will meet you at your crossroad.

Prayer Hotline:
718-287-2959



MT. OLIVE DAYCARE CENTER

Register Now!!!!

-Children's age range from 2-6 yrs old

-Time: 7a.m. to 6p.m, M-F

-Location- 830 Utica Ave. Between Linden blvd & Church Ave.



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Get on board and become the woman and man of God you are destined to become!

Study
to shew thyself
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Sunday School- 10:30 AM

Sunday Midday Service- 11:45 AM

1st Sunday— Youth Ministry 6:00 PM

2nd Sunday—Evangelistic Service 6:00 PM

3rd Sunday— Missionary Service 5:00 PM

4th Sunday— Men's Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Noon Prayer 12:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Prayer 8:00 PM

Friday Youth Ministry 8:00 PM

Every Last Saturday (Only) Intercessory Prayer 10:00 AM

Every 1st Saturday—Prayer & Praise Service 3:00 PM

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