

Sunday Small Groups are to:
TEACH the Bible to change lives
REACH the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ and



CARE for people through prayer, ministry and fellowship.
 4-19-26
Attendance: 292
Visitors: 8
Enrollment: 502

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please submit your reservation by noon Tuesday before the meal on Wednesday.

NAME

Wednesday, April 29
 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
 Chicken Sandwich
 Fixings
 Pasta salad

Regular Meal
 \$5.00 per plate

Chicken Tenders & Fries \$3.00 per plate

Payment is expected for cancellations after Tuesday.

FB/C Legacy Builders

May 14, 2026

Bible study 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Please bring your favorite salad

Phil West will be the speaker.

Adult Bible Study Sunday

Option 1
 4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group
 Singing/Prayer/Bible Study

Option 2
 5:30 pm Adult Small Group
 Scripture Studies
 Conference Room

FB/C DEACON FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 26 - MAY 2
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Following to Lead, Leading to Serve



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Sunday April 26

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Sunday Morning Small Groups
- 11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Youth Band (Summit)
- 4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Adult Small Group (Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm Awana (Upstairs Children's Dept)
- 5:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Summit)

Wednesday April 29

- 5:15 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship
- 6:30 pm First Kids Music & Missions (Multipurpose Rm)
- 6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm The 56

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 ADDRESS
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 OF THE LORD
 IS MY
Strength

Care & Share Ministry

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
 Hebrews 13:16

Submit prayer requests or hands-on needs 4 ways:

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I often wonder how unsaved people feel about our invitations to attend Easter Sunday services — especially if Easter is the only time we invite them to attend church. Easter Sunday has deep and profound significance for me and every other person who has surrendered to the Gospel of Christ. For the past 58 years I've been loving Jesus and learning what it looks like to follow Him...to walk in His shadow. I'm realizing that the incredible truth of the resurrection of Christ is foundational to every other thing I have come to believe about Jesus. Absent the resurrection, Jesus is simply another charismatic figure in the pantheon of religious hucksters who attract a crowd. Easter Sunday for me is about remembrance, encouragement, celebration, and a soul hope that erupts out of the empty tomb; the power of the resurrection is my emotional, spiritual, and relational anchor. And if I'm not tuned in to the world around me, I might wrongly assume that Easter Sunday is important for everyone.

But Easter Sunday has little or no relevance for the person unfamiliar with the Gospel story and who has never embraced the saving, transforming grace offered by Christ. (If you're struggling to accept the notion that Easter is just not very important to some people, you need to step out of your spiritual bunker and survey the landscape!) For many people, Easter is more about a long holiday weekend than celebrating the supernatural resurrection of Jesus. So in my best attempt to emulate Paul's missionary method of "becoming all things to all people," I try to connect with the mind of the lost person who receives a yearly Easter invitation from his or her Jesus friends.

If I was an unbeliever, and the only time you went out of your way to invite me to church was Easter Sunday, I would wonder what's going on in your church the other 51 Sundays of the year. Your once a year invitation to attend church would be more like a reminder that I'm not a believer, an insider; that I don't belong. I remember when I was a young kid and my family was not a member of the local Country Club. Once or twice a year someone who was a member would invite me to go swimming at the Club and I can remember feeling awkward because my infrequent invitations to enter the sanctuary of the Country Club served to highlight the fact that I wasn't a member; I was an outsider being allowed a brief peek behind the curtain.

To an unbeliever, the "Easter only" invitation to church is like the annual "Open to the Public One Day Sale" at a members' only retailer; there is no implied expectation that you will return before the next "Open to the Public" event. The shocked look I've seen on the faces of Christians when an unsaved friend declines the Easter Sunday invite owing to their plans to go to the beach or skiing at Lake Sinclair is confirmation that we don't get the insider/outsider vibe of "Easter only" invitations.

All this to say your Easter Sunday invitation will probably have more impact if it's one of maybe 25, 42, or 51 other such invites; your Easter invite will have more impact if it naturally flows out of the frequent God conversations you're initiating with your friends. Absolutely invite friends to Easter Sunday...and also invite them to all the Sundays before & after Easter! Grace & peace, love you. PK