



POMONA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

- 4/2 Ladies Aid
Women's Bible Study
- 4/3 Wednesday Night
Service
- 4/5 Women's Bible Study
- 4/6 Youth Service Project
- 4/9 Ladies Aid
Women's Bible Study
- 4/10 Wednesday Night
Service
- 4/12 Women's Bible Study
- 4/14 Middle School
Lambert's Trip
Elder/Board Meeting
- 4/16 Ladies Aid
Women's Bible Study
- 4/17 Wednesday Night
Service
- 4/21 Easter Sunday
- 4/23 Ladies Aid
Women's Bible Study
- 4/24 Wednesday Night
Service
- 4/26 Women's Bible Study
- 4/28 M&M Sunday

A full list of all church events and details are available on the church website:
pomonachristian.com

This Easter we will have a wonderful celebration to remember the victory Jesus won for all who follow Him. We're hoping everyone will turn out to remember and be inspired by the resurrection!



Marcus Allen

I've heard it said that you can't over-communicate. So, I thought I'd dedicate this article to our Easter Sunday. It will have **DIFFERENT** times than our normal Sundays.

We will have **THREE** services. The first service will begin at 8:00 a.m. The second will begin at 9:30 a.m and our third will be at 11:00 a.m All 3 services will be **IDENTICAL** & they will each be one hour.

We will have nursery for all services, but only the 9:30 and 11:00 will have children's church for ages 2yr-5th grades.

With the progress on our new facilities, we **WILL** be having breakfast this year! Breakfast will be served from 7:30-10:00 a.m. in the gym & café area by the new kitchen.

I'm looking forward to a great Easter celebration and hope we will all remind everyone what Easter is all about. The **RESURRECTION!**

INVITE someone this Easter! Why?

1. 82% of those invited to an Easter service will likely attend.
2. 7 of 10 unchurched people have never been invited!
3. If you don't...who will?

March Statistics

Worship

3 10 17 24 31

— 470 421 465 525

Total Offering: \$56,599.16

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Jeremiah Woodring

I remember driving in my car with Norah and she asked a question that I wasn't quite prepared to answer. She asked, "Dada, when are you going to die?" I was a little shocked by this question but I knew where it was coming from. She had watched the new non-animated version of Cinderella with my wife a few days earlier and in that story both of Cinderella's parents die. Norah had told Lizzy that she didn't want her mom or dad to die like Cinderella's. She said that she would miss us and that she would be all alone. We did our best to explain that we don't know when we are going to die and that only God knows that and that hopefully, even most likely, we weren't going to die any time soon. Norah listened and didn't say a whole lot after my explanation that day in the car. I could tell that what I said mostly made sense, but it didn't quite put at ease her fears that she might lose her Dad or Mom. And so, while it might be a bit morbid, I occasionally think about death. After all death is a pretty big deal. We do a pretty good job forgetting about it and busying ourselves with life that we may not think much about it. But, it is a big deal and it touches all of us. And like Norah, the answers we get about death often leave us pretty unsettled. "It probably won't happen to us any time soon." We all understand that answer but we also know that it leaves quite a bit of room for death to occur in that word "probably." The fact is we all die and we don't know when. And we all rebel against this fact. We don't want to die, we are scared of dying and we are scared of losing others that we love. My daughter's reaction to death, or at least the realization that death exists says a lot about how we feel about death. It is a shock to our systems. We feel like we should always have those people in our life, we feel like we should live forever and we feel like we have an endless amount of time. So to find out that we don't is shocking. Norah was shocked and bothered to find out that sometimes parents die. We are shocked and bothered still, even though we've seen it and experienced it many times. Death always surprises.

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It was a surprise for those that loved and followed Jesus as well. Take away all the other expectations that people had about Jesus being their Messiah and all the ideas they had about what he was going to do and just think about those that loved him. The shock they felt that their friend, son, brother, teacher was dead. I understand that feeling and I know most of us have felt the sting of death in our lives. As Easter approaches, it isn't bad to feel that sting once again.

I think one of the reasons that death shocks us so much is that we weren't/aren't really meant to die. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Eternity is a part of us and when things don't seem eternal we are shocked.

And so, the greatest thing about the Easter story, in my opinion, is the abrupt turn the story takes. Death itself is shocked. Like a March Madness buzzer beater hope bursts through at the last moment. Death has won, but wait, no it hasn't. Jesus didn't die. He raised to life again and with that act he gives hope to the shock that we have all felt from time to time. Like 1 Corinthians 15:55 we are able to say, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" I was glad to tell my daughter this. I was happy to say that death isn't the end. I told her that Jesus made a way for us to live forever. Good news, indeed.

Grace and peace,
Jeremiah

Missions Update

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul speaks about the different gifts that the Lord has given individuals in the church, and how essential each gift is: "If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body." As such, in accomplishing the goal of reaching the world with the gospel, not every mission or missionary looks the same or is in the same physical location as the people they are seeking to reach.

As a church, we support Greg Harris with Team Expansion. Greg works on the IT side of Team Expansion's mission, providing support for missionaries on the field. In addition to standard IT support (albeit complicated by doing it remotely), Team Expansion also provides missionaries with the infrastructure to connect and qualify people interested in learning about Jesus with local believers. Although Greg is based in Louisville, Kentucky his work with software that interacts with social media has touched lives around the world. If you would like to learn more about Team Expansion, please visit their website: <https://teamexpansion.org/>

April Birthdays

Anniversaries