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#### **Service Times**

Sunday Bible Study 9 AM Sunday Worship 10 AM 6 PM Wednesday 6 PM

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

**Ladies Bible Class** 

**11AM** Tuesdays

**Prayer Meeting** 

Tuesdays 10 AM

**Joyful Generation** 

(Youth Devotional & fellowship)

1st Sunday 7:00 PM

## COMPASS

#### **Using God's Word to Chart The Course** Of A Congregation

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April 5, 2015

## **Annual Spring Gospel Meeting Looking to Jesus** Hebrews 12:2



Guest Speaker: Glenn Colley (Huntsville, AL)

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May 3<sup>rd</sup> — 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 **Sunday—Wednesday** Scheduled service times: Sunday:

9:00 AM "Looking To Jesus For His Last Will And Testament

10:00 AM "Looking to Jesus For My Marriage" (Potluck Luncheon following Morning Worship) 6:00 PM "Looking to Jesus For The Truth About Gay Marriage"

## Monday

6:00 PM "Looking To Jesus To Rear My Children To Be Faithful To Him"

#### Tuesday

6:00 PM "Looking To Jesus On His Cross"

### Wednesday

6:00 PM "Looking to Jesus For My Hope"

(All Times Central) **Everyone is Welcome** 

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#### THE GREAT EASTER VERSE HUNT

#### **Doug Dingley**

Most Bible-professing Protestants are quite shocked when they eventually discover that "Easter" isn't even in the Bible. It is never found in any of the more modern, literal, dependable translations, and actually only occurs once in the King James version (Acts 12:4), wherein the word is a 1611 substitution for the original Greek word "pascha;" a word which even that very same version correctly translates as "Passover," in every other verse wherein it occurs.

Additionally, that same passage (Acts 12:1-4) states that this was during the "days of unleavened bread" (verse 3), a Jewish celebration intimately linked with the Passover. King Herod, in an effort to please the Jews (verse 3), was waiting to kill the apostle Peter until after "pascha." In his attempts to persecute the Lord's church and please the antagonistic Jewish leadership, he was certainly not delaying Peter's execution in support of a Christian celebration, but was instead honoring the Jewish celebration of "pascha" (the Passover), by waiting until it was over to present Peter to the otherwise-occupied Jewish celebrants of Passover – not Easter. Even the New King James translators themselves, corrected the previous 1611 version's "Easter" error, by correctly placing "Passover" back in Acts 12:4. Hence, "Easter" is not legitimately ever found in the Bible, the word of God.

Most of today's "Easter" celebrations are actually of pagan origin, having originally been a celebration of the pagan goddess of fertility, "Eastre" (origin of "estrogen"?). Hence the very popular fertility symbols of eggs, bunnies, and yes, what would've been the absolute darling of Darwin's deluded and God-denying evolutionary dreams: the genetically-confused and corrupted crossover: the egg-laying bunny; he which millions of Biblically-unaware Protestants unknowingly purchase, perpetuate, and participate in distributing each spring.

Furthermore, few are additionally aware, that the early Constantinic Catholic Church was completely responsible for seeking to re-create this then-pagan celebration into its own image, centuries after Christ and His apostles walked the earth and delivered God's Word. These "Eastre" facts are easily obtainable from countless encyclopedic resources, but obviously not from God's Word, as "Easter" and its modern-day celebratory events simply do not exist therein.

Jesus told His true disciples (John 8:31-47), precisely how He wanted them to remember Him instead (Luke 22:14-20); which is exactly what His church specifically comes together to do, "on the first day of the week" (Acts 20:7; I Corinthians II:23-26). This, in accordance with His commandment, simply because they love Him alone, and above, everyone, and everything else on earth (John I4:15-24; Matthew I0:34-39, 22:37).

But Bible-professing Protestants who sincerely desire to honor God's Word, need to beware that "Easter" as they know and may celebrate it, simply isn't there in the word of God, because it was apparently never in the mind of God for mankind to do (II Timothy 3:16-4:4); and in fact, has

absolutely nothing in common with how the Savior Himself exclusively commanded His disciples to specifically remember Him (Luke 22:14-20; 6:46).

Instead, "Easter" is ultimately, intimately, and purely the product of corruptly combined paganism, Catholicism, and commercialism. But please don't take our word for it – just try to legitimately find our "Easter" in God's Word instead (You'll find that it's harder to find than a legitimate, real-life, genetically-confused, chocolate egg-laying bunny!)



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#### PREACHER FIRED!!!

## Tom Miller (Adapted)

There are many excuses used for not assembling with the saints. Through the years, we have heard just about everything imaginable. Some folks are kept away by a rainy day while others are homebound because their pets were unruly! As one man said, "Any excuse is as good as another." Read the article and see if it is not the mindset of many in the church today.

The story was told of a preacher who began showing up late for services and even missing the "prayer meeting" altogether. The straw that broke the camel's back was when he did not show up at all one Lord's Day because he had taken a drive in the country to see the beautiful fall colors. The "elders" met and decided to fire the man. The secretary summed it all up in the minutes of the meeting by saying, "It was clear he cannot be a minister here if he insists on acting like the rest of our members..."

I suppose we would all laugh if we could not see so much truth in the notation made by the secretary. Most preachers would be fired if they tried to get away with what some of the members do. Whether we admit it or not, like it or not, we do have a "double standard." I am not suggesting, by any means that the preacher should be allowed to get by with what some of the members get by with. Neither am I suggesting that we should hold the preacher up as our standard for Christianity, even though he should strive to be a good example (I Corinthians II:I). What I am suggesting is that we ALL bring our lives up to the standard Christ set for us. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21).

May we, one, and all, act like true followers of Christ, and not try to get away with behavior that is anything less. After all, it's a losing proposition to try and get away with anything that is wrong. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

#### **PASSION**

#### **Barry Kennedy**

This is that time of year (i.e. Easter) when many people start thinking about the Lord's resurrection. Man should take time to consider this awesome event on a regular basis, and not just once a year. In fact, the Scriptures teach that first century Christians assembled every first day of the week to remember the Lord's death (Acts 20:7; I Corinthians I I:26). Two words are used to define this monumental account in history. Paul said that the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord is the very definition of the Gospel (I Corinthians I5:1-4). The other word used to describe this epic time in history is the word passion (Acts I:3). Barnes had this to say about the Lord's "passion:"

The word "passion" with us means commonly excitement or agitation of mind, as love, hope, fear, anger, etc. The original means "after he suffered." The word "passion," applied to the Saviour, denotes his last sufferings.

Isn't it interesting how that the Lord's passion (suffering) brings about our passion (excitement)? "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:14). Does that not cause us to burn with passion wanting to serve Him faithfully? After all we love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).