

Temple News

Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church

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Happy
Easter

April 2020

6 Ways to Celebrate Easter Year Round by Therese Borchard

Spreading joy and letting go of fear are just a few ways to commemorate Easter throughout the year.

Easter, for many, is the colorful eggs, delicious peeps and a chance to don a pink bonnet. But for Christians, it is the holiest day of the year, the foundation of our faith, when everything in scripture is fulfilled and the laws of physics are broken to prove that anything is possible with God. On this day, all sin is forgiven and we become true sons and daughters of Christ. Although the pink bonnet goes back into the closet after all the eggs are found, the promises of the resurrection can endure throughout the year. The story of redemption can fill every moment of our lives with hope, if we know how to celebrate Easter every day.

1. Simply Believe

The response of Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James at the empty tomb in Luke's gospel is completely justified. "Huh?" "What the heck happened?" Two men say to them matter-of-factly, "He is not here. He is risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, to be crucified and on the third day be raised again" (Luke 24:6). Easter is about believing—even when it's hard. It's about letting go of our requirement for an explanation and taking God's word at face value.

2. Seek Aliveness

Being fully alive requires active participation in life. Celebrating Easter, then, means allowing ourselves to feel the range of human emotions, even if that's uncomfortable at times. It also means looking for opportunities that make us feel alive or impassioned – activities where we become co-creators with God – whether that be a job, hobby or family life. Celebrating Easter involves pursuing our unique contribution to life and letting ourselves be inspired.

3. Spread Joy

In the Gospel of John, Jesus turns to Mary Magdalene and asks her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" Easter takes away our reasons to cry: Jesus is risen. Death is defeated. All sin is forgiven. We enjoy eternal life. Jesus charges Mary with the same task given to every disciple who arrives at the empty tomb: Go public. Spread joy. Spread Easter.

4. Be Open to Possibility

When the three women in Luke's gospel learned that Jesus had risen, they immediately told the other apostles. Not surprisingly, no one believed them. "Their words seemed to them like nonsense" (Luke 24:11). Peter took initiative. He ran to the tomb to see for himself and found strips of linen lying by themselves. Easter prods us to envision possibilities that are out of our realm of understanding, trusting that God has a master plan that makes sense. We need not fret about our humiliations and defeats. There is room for everything to be made whole and new in the resurrection. Celebrating Easter is about turning our gaze from where we think the answer lies, and getting out of the way so that miracles can happen. It's about believing that good can come from our messes, and there is no such thing as a no-win situation.

5. Let Go of Fear

We become afraid when we don't understand things. We classify our problems and frustrations into nice, tidy boxes. The resurrection narratives point us in another direction. In Matthew's gospel, we hear the four words *Do not be afraid* twice in one paragraph. An angel utters the phrase to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary the first time after the tombstone is rolled back, and Jesus says it again a few verses later. It is difficult not to give into anxiety; however, each time we abandon our fear, we celebrate Easter.

6. Recognize Jesus in Our Lives

Finally, we celebrate Easter by becoming more aware of Jesus' presence in our lives, like the two men on the road to Emmaus. This twosome had traveled much of the path with the Son of God, but didn't have a clue who he was. Only when Jesus breaks bread, his signature move, are their eyes opened and they recall those moments on the road when their hearts were burning (Luke 24:30-32). Celebrating Easter is being cognizant on the coincidences or heart-burning moments in our lives when we feel Jesus' presence. By cultivating joy, letting go of fear, being open to possibilities and recognizing Jesus in our lives, we can celebrate Easter throughout the year.

6 Ways to Be a Blessing This Easter *by: Michelle Cox*

How to bring some joy to others on this happy day! Easter is one of my favorite holidays—a time to reflect on a God who loved us so much that He gave His life for us. That boggles my mind. Sweet friends, we are so blessed, and this would be a good opportunity for us to also be a blessing to someone else this Easter:

1) Ask someone to go to church with you this Sunday.

Many churches have dramas about the Easter story or special choral presentations. It's a great time to take a friend with you to hear the message of the Resurrection.

2) Invite someone to Easter dinner at your house.

Holidays can be lonely when one doesn't have family to be with, and sometimes it's a rare treat for folks to have a home-cooked meal. (And it doesn't have to be home-cooked. Invite someone to go with you even if you're just going out to eat.) Share the gift of your family with someone else.

3) Take a meal to a shut-in and spend some time with them.

Include some colorful Easter plates and napkins so the meal will be festive. If you have children, have them color some pictures to take. Free Easter coloring pages can be found on the Internet and you can print them out for your child.

4) Fix an Easter basket for a single person or senior citizens.

They sometimes feel left out of things, especially at holiday times. Of course you could put candy in the basket, but here are some other ideas: a pot of cheery flowers that will keep on blooming, a "gift card" to mow their lawn or clean their house, a small decoration for their home or a gift card to a local restaurant.

5) Share your bounty.

Do you know a family that's going through difficult times financially? If you have the means, offer to take their children shopping for an Easter outfit or for some treats for an Easter basket.

6) Share the message of Easter with family, friends and your children.

After all, that's what Easter is really all about. Put some coins in a plastic Easter egg and then tell your children about the price that Jesus paid for us. As you dye eggs, talk about how the red eggs represent God's sacrifice for us, the blue eggs are a reminder of the sky He made, the green eggs represent the grass He created, and the white eggs are a symbol of having a pure heart for God.

And as they enjoy their candy, talk about the sweetness of Jesus. Make the fun traditions a celebration of God's amazing gift of love for us—His Son.

Happy Easter to all of you. I'm so grateful today for the blessing of a risen Lord . . . and for the opportunity that gives us to be a blessing to others.



2020 Theme: The 20/20 GLAIR God's Loving, Anointed & Influential Revelations

The word **GLAIR** defined is an adhesive, sealant, usually created from the white of eggs in bookbinding. This year our focus will be directly related to the strength of the ministry united to motivate ourselves to Ephesians 1:8 says; I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you will know what the hope of His calling is, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. God wants to give us a greater vision of who He is and the plans He has for us. Satan's goal is to use guilt, insecurity and fears to keep us from growing and living a full, joyful life.

Pastor K. D. & Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers

Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage, this was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are a widely recognized symbol of peace and victory. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter



Attention Solomon's Temple Disciples:
Below is the new number for the conference line
1-480-660-5301; Code: 234335



April Kingdom Schedule

April Scriptures

4/5 John 12:12-16
 4/12 Matthew 28:5-7
 4/19 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
 4/26 Romans 6:8-11

Welcome Schedule

4/5 Sis. Lucy Watkins
 4/12 Jordan Elliott
 4/19 Sis. Shenille Davis
 4/26 Bro. Stanley Robinson

Door Opener

Bro. Ray Holmes



Worship Leaders Schedule

4/5 Elder Karen Lee
 4/12 Bro. Donald Watkins
 4/19 Bro. Kevin Shepherd Jr.
 4/26 Min. Bertram Blackwell

Servant Leaders Schedule

4/5 Sis. Lucy Watkins
 4/12 Bro. Donald Watkins
 4/19 Bro. James Green Sr.
 4/26 Sis. Sylvia Gundy

Communion Bowls

Bro. James Green Sr.
 Sis. Sylvia Gundy



NEW

New to Solomon's Temple?

First of all **WELCOME!**
 We are so pleased that you have come to visit our church. Whether you are just inquiring about our church, a new visitor, or simply want to see if Solomon's Temple is the right fit for you and your family, we are grateful to have you among us. We hope you will find your spiritual home here.

Here at Solomon's Temple, we offer many exciting ministries to assist in your daily walk. Solomon's Temple holds New Disciple Orientation sessions that can provide information about our church, what we offer and what to expect from your church family.

If you have any questions, please contact Elder Sarah Hatton, Elder Wayne Hatton or Sis. Phyllis Duck.



April 2020 CID Teaching Schedule

Elder Wayne Hatton, Min. Bertram Blackwell
 Bro. Donald Watkins and Bro. James Green Sr.



4/7 Elder Wayne Hatton | A Resurrected Savior | 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-14, 20-23 & 42-45
 4/14 Bro. James Green Sr. | An Executed Scoundrel | Esther 7:1-10
 4/21 Min. Bertram Blackwell | A Justice-Loving God | Isaiah 61:8-11 & 62:2-4A
 4/28 Bro. Donald Watkins | Prophesying Restoration | Zephaniah 3:14-20

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website solomonstemplechurch.net



HOLY WEEK

CANCELLED

The Holy Week Revival (Apr. 5th – Apr. 9th) and the Carrying the Cross event (April 11th) are cancelled.

Newsletter Submissions

Do you know someone who is doing great things in the community, school, or church? Nominate them to be the Solomonite of the Month. This person can be a youth or an adult. Don't forget to recognize those celebrating an anniversary, graduation (from high school, college, or any other), or special occasion. We also want to know about those who have made the honor roll. Let's not forget baby announcements, bible humor or recipes. If you have a story or idea that you would like to incorporate into the newsletter, forward the story to stsecretary1@gmail.com or leave the idea on the secretary's desk.

April schedule of events



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Date	Time	Event
4/1/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/3/20	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service; Young Adults in charge
4/5/20	All Day	Palm Sunday
4/7/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Bible Study
4/8/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/10/20	All Day	Good Friday
4/12/20	All Day	"Resurrection Sunday" – Happy Easter
4/14/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Bible Study
4/15/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/21/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Bible Study
4/22/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/28/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Bible Study
4/29/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer

POINTS TO PONDER – RESURRECTION SUNDAY – HAPPY EASTER

"It is Easter. This is a season when we reflect on the suffering, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ."
Pixelsquote.net

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life." *Pixelsquote.net*

"Many persons love you, Many people like you, But there is only One who died for you....that is Jesus Christ." *123wishesmessages.com*

"Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness." *Floyd W. Tomkins*

"Christ left the grave one glorious day and vanquished death and sin; he opened wide the gates of Heaven that we'd enter in." *dmessages.com*

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." *1 Peter 1:3*

"The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to do three things. He came to have my past forgiven, you get a purpose for living, and a home in Heaven." *Rick Warren*

No matter what we face today, what we've been through, or what uncertainties tomorrow may hold, Christ is risen and is our Hope. He conquered death, He makes all things new. He has risen! He has risen indeed! He breathes new life, so that we can live...free. You can try to bury Power, but it won't stay there. You can try to bury Truth, but it is not dead. You can try to bury Love, but it cannot be contained. God's not dead. And we're not alone. Not ever. He lives! May we allow that truth to soak in deep as we read from God's Word...*Debbie McDaniel*

Verse of the Month

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. **Lamentations 3:24**

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	2. James Green Jr.	3. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Power service	4.
5. Palm Sunday	6.	7. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study Regina Green	8. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Sierra Johnson	9.	10. Good Friday Denise Brown	11. Happy Anniversary Shagan & Sarah Gatewood
12. Resurrection Sunday Happy Easter	13.	14. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study	15. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	16. Allan Clark	17. Marion Smith Alexis Smith	18. Frances W. Robertson Darnelle Jefferson
19.	20. Brandon Newsome Imani Gray-Davis	21. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study	22. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	23. Alice Day	24.	25.
26. Lena Holmes	27.	28. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study	29. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	30.		

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' ~ *Billy Graham*

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday

James Green Jr.
Regina Green
Sierra Johnson
Denise Brown
Allan Clark
Alexis Smith
Marion Smith
Frances Wells-Robertson
Darnelle Jefferson
Brandon Newsome
Imani Gray-Davis
Alice Day
Lena Holmes



April 2nd
April 7th
April 8th
April 10th
April 16th
April 17th
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April 18th
April 18th
April 20th
April 20th
April 23rd
April 26th

Prayer List

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Pastor K. D. & Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers
Sis. Vernell Brown
Sis. Vernell Wrenn
Sis. Mary Diggs
Sis. Lonnie Batten
Sis. Connie Payne
Sis. Marion Smith
Sis. Ruby Clarke
Sis. Florence Turner
Sis. Sheila Gatewood
Sis. Mary Cornick
Bro. Carl & Sis. Phyllis Duck
Bro. Stanley & Sis. Dorothy Robinson
Bro. Charles Turner
Bro. Isaiah Haskins
Sis. Shirley Haskins
Bereaved Families



April Anniversary

Happy Anniversary



Shagan & Sarah Gatewood
April 11th

An anniversary is a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow.

May 2020 Welcome Schedule

May 3 rd	Sis. Phyllis Duck
May 10 th	Sis. Tanisha White
May 17 th	Sis. Linda Jordan
May 24 th	Sis. Wanda Clarke
May 31 st	Sis. Dana Cary

2020 Key Holders Schedule

May	Bro. Earl Moton
June	Bro. Kinston Shivers
July	Bro. James Green Sr.
August	Bro. Stanley Robinson
September	Bro. Ray Holmes
October	Bro. Earl Moton
November	Bro. Kinston Shivers
December	Bro. James Green Sr.

Solomon's Temple Outreach Ministry Is In Full Effect!

Please let us know if anyone is in the hospital, in-outpatient surgeries and death in the family or any other life changing event (medical or death). We have "Care Teams" for each month that is willing and ready to contact you. We love our church family and we believe love is not what it says – it's what it does.

April Care Team

Sis. Angela Batten, Bro. Kinston Shivers & Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas

Please let the church administrator know of any disciples' address or phone number change.

Bereavement Ministry

The purpose of the Bereavement Ministry is to provide comfort and support to disciples of Solomon's Temple during time of loss of a loved one, and to show love to our disciples and assure them that they are not alone during this difficult time in their lives. We have "Spiritual Support Care Teams" to help you in this.

April Bereavement Team

Min. Bertram Blackwell & Sis. Sylvia Gundy

He give us **comfort** in all our troubles. Then we can **comfort** other people who have the same troubles. We give the same kind of **comfort** God gives us." **2 Corinthians 1:4**



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

May 2 nd	Co-Pastor Shivers preach at Emmanuel Baptist Church
May 9 th	Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast
May 10 th	Mother's Day/Women's Day
May 17 th	Ministry Day
May 17 th	Co-Pastor Shivers preach at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Suffolk
May 25 th	Memorial Day
May 31 st	Family & Friends Fitness Sunday

JUNE

June 6 th	Men's Ministry Fish Fry
June 14 th	Youth Day
June 21 st	Father's Day/Men's Day
June 25 th & 26 th	Young Adult Conference
June 27 th	Church Mega Conference
June 28 th	Family & Friends Day

JULY

July 19 th	Co-Pastor Shivers Consecration service
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AUGUST

August 13 th	Pastor Shivers preach at Emmanuel Baptist Church for Revival service
August 20 th	Pastor Shivers preach at Healing Chapel Baptist Church for Revival service
August 30 th	Family & Friends Fitness Sunday

SEPTEMBER

September 13 th	Leading Lady Day
September 23 rd	Pastor Shivers preach at Higher Calling Ministry for Revival service
September 29 th	Pastor Shivers preach at New Bethany Christian Church for Revival service

OCTOBER

October 3 rd	Usher Ministry trip to Cowtown & Dover
October 18 th	Pastor & Church Anniversary
October 18 th	Anniversary Banquet

NOVEMBER

November 1 st	Pastor Shivers preach at Shiloh Baptist Church, Windsor – Anniversary service
November 22 nd – 24 th	Fall Harvest Revival
November 25 th	Annual Community Thanksgiving service
November 26 th	Thanksgiving Day
November 29 th	Family & Friends Fitness Sunday
November 29 th	First Sunday of Advent

Health Care Ministry Corner 9

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in April. The mission of this month is to raise awareness about sexual violence around the world, and to educate communities on how to prevent it. The term "sexual assault" is a large umbrella and includes all of the following: Rape, Molestation, Unwanted sexual contact of any other form, Sexual harassment, Incest, Child Sexual Abuse, Sexual violence, even with an intimate partner, Sexual exploitation, Human trafficking, Voyeurism



In April, and every month to follow, people across the country are encouraged to embrace their voices to show support for survivors, and speak out if they have experienced sexual assault themselves. One month isn't enough time to solve this serious issue, but it's a fantastic place to start.

Nearly 1 in 5 women in the United States have experienced rape (or attempted rape) at one point in their lives.

1 in 67 men in the United States have experienced rape (or attempted rape) at one point in their lives.

Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted.

Only 5 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison (which is why it is so important to speak out if this happens to you).

The majority of sexual assaults happen at or near the victim's home, often by someone they know, and/or trust.

Health care is 16% higher for women who were sexually abused as children.

Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported.

Deuteronomy 7:12-15

If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors. He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young. The LORD will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you.