

The Academy Times

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Easter Weekend | April 19-21

It was and is the ultimate gamechanger. The resurrection of Christ is the pivotal event in all human history. It demonstrated that God can and will do what He's promised, that death is only a transition, a defeated enemy we no longer need to fear. There is hope no matter how hopeless it may seem. Join us as we reflect on what Jesus did on the cross and the hope of His victory over death.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7-8 pm, Friday, April 19th

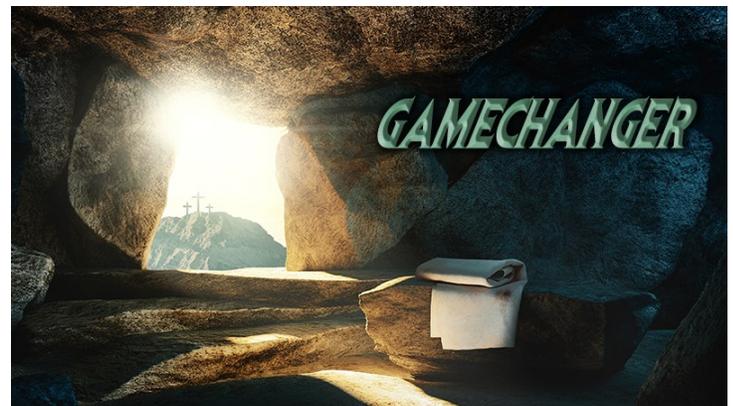
Join us as we reflect on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus to prepare our hearts for the joy of the resurrection. This will be a family service—no Children's Ministry services, and communion will be served.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

There are several services to choose from to celebrate Christ's victorious resurrection over death. Children's Ministry is available for Nursery through 6th Grade during contemporary services only.

- **April 20 @ 5 & 6:30 pm—Contemporary Services**
- **April 21 @ 7:30 am & 12 pm—Traditional Services**
- **April 21 @ 9 & 10:30 am—Contemporary Services**

Please use the invitation that will be available in your Sunday program in April to invite your friends, family and neighbors.



Marriage Date Night | April 12 @ 6 pm



When you value your marriage, you invest in helping it grow. Join other Christian couples to be encouraged, refreshed and even healed through an evening where we celebrate all that is good about your marriage. Enjoy a Mexican buffet, Mariachi serenade and speakers Al and Jo Jansen (authors of the Focus on the Family best seller, "Marriage Masterpiece" - receive a free copy of the book that evening). Register online at academychristian.org or on Sundays at the table in the Connection Center area by April 10th.

Splash Baptism Celebration | April 7

To be baptized is to symbolically participate in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and announce our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection was done for me. If being baptized has not been part of your faith response and you'd like to participate in the upcoming baptism service, or if you'd like to talk with someone about your questions, please sign up on the Welcome Card in Sunday's program.



Men's Retreat | May 3-5



Men, join us at Bear Trap Ranch for our retreat "Smashing Idols—What breaks God's Heart and Steals Ours." The speaker will be Michael DeFazio, New Testament Professor at Ozark Christian College. Sessions will cover The Hope of Transformation, Idolatry Sinventory, The Worthy God of the Gospel, and Back Down the Mountain. Cost is \$135/person which includes a two-night stay and four meals. Many activities are available for free time, including rappelling, shooting range, alpine rescue course and more. Register at academychristian.org/signup.

Vacation Bible School | June 17-20

Save the date! VBS is coming! Kids entering Kindergarten-5th Grade are invited to learn that when life is scary, sad, changing, or really good—God is good! This year's theme is ROAR—Life is Wild. God is Good! Registration information will be available mid-April through the Children's Ministry Monday Message email. For now, please save and place your plastic grocery bags in the VBS box in the children's check-in foyer and consider how you might serve.



April Food Drive | Cereal & Oatmeal

Our Mission: Create Christ Followers Who Create Christ Followers

BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERS

Baptisms: Elena Amig, Arsena Clifford

STAFF MINISTRY LEADERS

Bryan Myers	Senior Pastor
Dave Erickson	Teaching Pastor
Lisa Edmonds	Worship Director
Julie Nilsen	Children's Pastor
Taylor Downs	Student Pastor
Logan Justice	Young Adults Pastor
Jen DeGross	Women's Ministry Director
John Plastow	Strategic Ministries Pastor

Attendance	2/24	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24
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