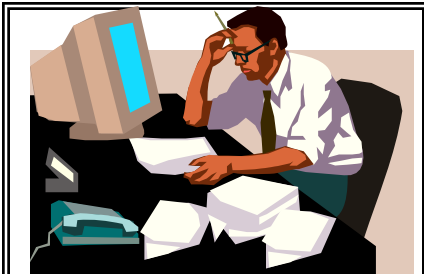


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## From the PASTOR'S DESK

Hello Redeemed Ones,

On the evening of April 11<sup>th</sup> we will come together for the Lord's Passover, the Lord's Supper, and the communion of the saints. The festival of the Passover has been celebrated for thousands of years since it was given to the Israelites while still in Egypt. It is the story of how God redeemed His chosen people from their Egyptian enslavement.

The original celebration centered on the Passover lamb, which was sacrificed and its blood put over the doors as a sign of faith, so that the Lord passed over the houses of the Israelites while the Angel of Death entered the homes of Egyptians slaying their firstborn.

The Passover lamb in the Old Testament was not an end in itself; it foreshadowed Jesus as our sacrificial Lamb.

“To continue still to mourn sin is to continue to grow in grace. Tear drops are blessed watering for the flowers of grace.”

— Charles H. Spurgeon

John 1:29, “*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*” (KJV)

1 Peter 1:18-19, “*knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*” (NKJV)

Jesus, the Lamb of God, entered Jerusalem five days before the lamb was killed in the temple as the Passover sacrifice for the sins of the people of Israel, the very day the Passover lamb was chosen. The people missing the significance of this greeted Him with palm branches, hailing Him as King, shouting “Hosanna,” which means “save us.” However, they were not looking for a spiritual

### Special points of interest:

- *Passover Lamb now Jesus*
- *Humbly remember Calvary*
- *Letters from friends*
- *Our sermons broadcast on KGRO Radio 9:05 AM Sunday. [www.pan-tex.net](http://www.pan-tex.net)*

*Our Home Page:*  
[www.christianchurchofgod.org](http://www.christianchurchofgod.org)

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Hello Friends,  
 You all may be just as soggy as we are . . . Not complaining though . . . We will be thankful later in the summer.  
 Just a note to you and if you would pass this on to Baileys and McAlisters, since I don't have email addresses for them. We put a CD on this morning as background for our Sunday chores, and the first song was "Majesty." Memories and wonderful warm feelings came flooding in. Just wanted to tell all of you that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We miss seeing you each Fall and are so very thankful for all the years we had with you at the Feasts. You all— all of the Amarillo Church—have been so important in our lives and the lives of our children. Just thought I needed to say it.

1 Cor. 11:20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, . . . 23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor. 5:7b, For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

## The Lord's Supper



### Christian Passover/Lord's Supper

Tuesday 4/11

Footwashing Ceremony — 7:30 p.m.

Sacrament Service — 8:00 p.m.

### First Day of Unleavened Bread

Thursday 4/13

CEP Bible Class 11 a.m./ Holy Day Worship 11:45 a.m.

### Last Day of Unleavened Bread

Wednesday 4/19

CEP Bible Class 11 a.m. / Holy Day Worship 11:45 a.m.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** “. . . The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up: . . . Pray for one another that you may be healed.” — James 5:15-16.



- Sheri Bartlett:** Julia McKinney’s daughter, having serious health problems.
- Sandy Booth:** Sister-in-law of Jeff. The ovarian cancer has returned.
- Laurie Borggreve:** Daughter of Sharon & Terry Anderson, delivered a baby girl 3 months premature. The baby will be released from ICU next week; please pray for continued healthy development.
- Amber & Dylan Clark:** Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.
- Vickie Crevoi:** Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS.
- DeAnne DeLuna:** Larry Lyles’ stepdaughter, breast cancer.
- Velvet Green:** Gary’s wife, schizophrenia.
- Randy Gnessett:** Friend of Candace Sellers, received lung transplant. Is in ICU – pray that his body will not reject the transplant.
- Jeffrey Hertz:** Brother of Ruth Wertz, bladder cancer.
- Anna Law:** Lupus & kidney failure.
- Dollie Meil:** Cerebral palsy. She is growing weaker.
- Glenda Rankin:** Niece of Rudolph, Hodgkins Lymphoma, undergoing more chemo so she might be strong enough for stem cell transplant.
- Ted Rankin:** Had surgery for herniated disks. He is undergoing physical therapy. He is still in pain and having problems with his eye sight.
- Brenda Roberts:** Josh Sursa’s mother-in-law, has colon cancer.
- Kathryn Scott:** Friend of the Baileys; severe MS, losing use of arms and swallowing ability.
- Beverly Wertz:** Juvenile arthritis (and hip replacement) in remission for years, now reoccurring in knees, hips, wrist and shoulders. Sometimes happens after giving birth.
- Bob Wertz:** Achalasia, a disorder of the esophagus.

Rejoice with those  
who rejoice; mourn

**CELEBRATIONS  
APRIL**

**Birthdays:**

Curly Shaklee	8th
Audrey Strahl	8th
J. R. Hamilton	18th
James Vines	26th
Pedro Sosa	29th

**Anniversaries:**

Weldon & Glennis McAlister	24th
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**We express our**  
Condolences  
to the Leah  
Cryer family  
at her death.

**SERMONS  
NOW  
AVAIL-**

# Christian Church of God

PRAISE THE  
LORD. PRAISE  
GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY;



PRAISE HIM IN HIS  
MIGHTY HEAVENS.  
PSALM 150:1

"The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones." —Henry Ward Beecher  
"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."  
—Jesus, Matthew 18:20  
"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."  
—Hebrews 10:25

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COURSE



WITH HUMILITY



# chuckles

A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired. —Proverbs 17:22, *The Message*.

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge . . . mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## From the PASTOR'S DESK

Savior, but a political savior. Palm branches were a symbol of freedom and defiance, since Simon Macca-beus, over a century before, had entered Jerusalem with that symbolism. Jesus' reaction was to weep, for He knew they did not understand the Messiah's purpose in coming.

The Passover lamb was to be a "male without blemish," and Jesus was sinless (1 Pet. 2:22). None of its bones were to be broken. When the soldiers came to break the legs of the three who were crucified so that they would die of asphyxiation before the Holy Day commenced, they only had to break the legs of the two thieves since they found that Jesus had already perished from the spear thrust into His side. Thus, the type and shadow of Israel's Passover lamb was fulfilled.

On the day of the Passover celebration, the day that the Passover lamb was to be sacrificed, the priest would blow the *shophar* (ram's horn) at 3:00 p.m. — the moment the lamb was sacrificed, and all the people would pause to contemplate the sacrifice for their sins. It was at the Roman 6<sup>th</sup> hour, 3:00 p.m., when Jesus, nailed to the cross, said, "*It is finished*", precisely at the moment that the Passover lamb was sacrificed and the *shophar* was blown from the Temple. At the same time, the veil of the Temple (a three-inch thick, several-story-high cloth that demarked the Holy of Holies) tore from top to bottom. This represented a removal of the separation between God and man that had been imposed because of man's sin.

Fifty days later, on the anniversary of the giving of the law, Pentecost, God left the earthly Jewish temple to dwell within those who had become the Temple of God through the Holy Spirit. (Note John 12:23, "*But Jesus answered them, saying, 'The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.'*" —NKJV)

The evening prior to His sacrifice as the Lamb of God, Jesus celebrated a New Passover. Luke 22:15, "*Then He said to them, 'With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;...'*" (NKJV)

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the unleavened bread, broke it, and said that it represented His body. Then He took the cup of wine, which would have been the third cup of the Seder, the cup of redemption. He said that it was the new covenant in His blood "*poured*

*out for you.*"

It is through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we are declared clean before God, allowing those of us who choose to accept the pardon to commune with Him both now and forevermore through the eternal life He offers.

Rev 7:13, "*Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?*" 14 *And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.'* So he said to me, "*These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.* 15 *Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.* 16 *They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;* 17 *for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

Let us come before God at this communion with reverence and gratitude to accept the precious sacrifice of His Lamb . . . and may His peace be yours.

*Jeff Booth*

