

WHY WE CELEBRATE EASTER

by Pastor Doug

Why do we celebrate Easter? One of the most sacred Christian holidays and a time when church and unchurched folks show up in their Sunday best. We celebrate Easter because Jesus rose from the dead! He went to calvary for you and me. Out of love He took upon Himself the punishment for our sins that we deserve.

If you want to remember the main reasons we celebrate Easter, just remember the name Jesus. J.E.S.U.S. gives us five reasons to celebrate Jesus.

J is for justice. *God's justice was upheld.* God is both loving and holy. We find comfort in God's love. We all need compassion, mercy, and kindness. But God is also holy. Holiness means that God is pure, righteous, and set apart from sin. Because God is just, someone had to make atonement for sin. We celebrate Easter because it reminds us that Jesus went to the cross to pay for our sins. What amazing love!

E is for eternal life. *Eternal life was secured.* We naturally think that death is the worst thing that can happen. It means the end of life. It terminates all striving, accomplishments, and relationships. But for followers of Jesus, death is not the final act. We celebrate Easter because it reminds us that God defeated death. Like Jesus, we can be raised from death and experience eternal life.

S is for Satan. *Satan was defeated.* Through His death on the cross, Jesus disarmed the powers and authorities in the spiritual realm. I like what Colossians 2:14-15 says: "God disarmed the rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross of Christ."

U is for universe restored. *Jesus inaugurated a renewal of the universe.* Because of sin, we have a world that is broken. We experience death, sickness, and the impact of a fallen world. But in Jesus there is renewal. One day the promise of God is for a new heaven and new earth. The garden will be one day be restored!

S is for sins removed. *Jesus forgives us of our sins through faith.* We often try to ignore our personal sin. But part of growing in Jesus is allowing Him to keep our hearts soft to the things of God. When we mess up, God forgives! There is no sin that God cannot forgive and provide you grace to move on.

As we move into the Easter season, my prayer is for us to remember the great cost of our Savior's atonement and how awesome it is to have resurrection hope! There is great depth in knowing all of what took place on our behalf so that we could become a new creation in Christ.

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

SERIES: WHO IS JESUS?

- April 6 —
Jesus the Teacher
- April 13 —
Jesus the King (Palm Sunday)
- April 20 —
Jesus the Answer (Easter)
- April 27 —
Jesus the Friend

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HOLY week



April 13, 2025
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.



April 17, 2025
6:00 p.m. dinner
followed by communion



April 20, 2025
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Lilies

\$10.00 each

*Order forms are available at
the church information table.*



Children's Easter Celebration

Wednesday • April 16, 2025 • 6-7:30 p.m.

We are collecting individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off your donations on Sunday, April 6th or 13th at church.



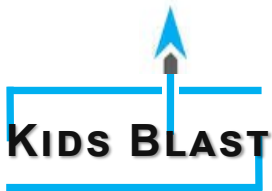


We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting drive-thru Community meals on **Saturday, April 19th** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive-thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) We can always use drivers for meal deliveries at 5:00 pm and others to help with the drive through. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry.

For more information or to sign up please call or text Emily Winans at (240)405-4003.

Community Nights 2025

Join us as we complete this year's Community Nights. We meet at the church on Wednesday evenings leading up to Easter. We'll have dinner together at 6:00 pm followed by an adult Bible study, a teen study, and Kids Blast. Great food, community-building time, and spiritual growth is on the agenda each week. All are welcome!



Kids Blast meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the church. We have dinner at 6:00 followed by Bible Club at 6:30 p.m.



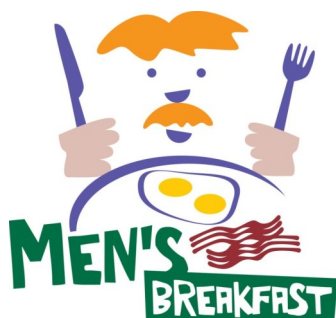
→ Sundays
5:00 to 6:30 pm



→ Sundays
6:00 to 8:00 pm



No Ontrack
Or
Student Life
on Easter



Join us at MCC for a time of faith, food, and fellowship.
Saturday • April 12th • 8:30 a.m.

women's ministry

MEDINA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Ladies Bible Study - Thursday night Bible Study will resume on April 24 at MCC (6:30 p.m.). This is a twelve-week study by Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth called *Seeking Him - Experiencing The Joy Of Personal Revival*. Please let Kathy Summers know if you'll be joining the study so she can order books. The cost is \$15. We're happy to help if that's a hindrance. Hope to see you there.

First Breakfasts and Dinners - We are continuing our first Saturday breakfasts and we'll start the dinners back up in May after Community Nights. Please watch your emails for information on that. Also pass along any suggestions on restaurants.

As information on events and other activities become available we'll pass along that information. Please make sure to check your email. If you're not getting regular emails please let Kathy know at kathyksummers@gmail.com or (330) 461-1081 so she can get you on the list. If you have ideas for things that our ladies could be doing please let Kathy know. We are always looking for new ways to serve and encourage.



Bahamas Mission Trip
A support request will go out next week for you to consider. Please pray about financial help and prayer support for the team.

DONATIONS—ACCEPTED THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL—We will be shipping donations of clothing, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene items to Nassau before we travel. In addition to personal donations, we would welcome your help with soliciting corporate/business donations if you're gifted in that way. Please see Teresa or Rob to discuss business-related donations.

We will be placing a donation box in the church in the coming days to collect donations of the following:

Clothing: any new or gently used apparel and shoes. All sizes/styles needed - in addition to spring/summer weather items, even long-sleeved shirts/long pants and sweaters/sweatshirts can be a blessing. Just no extra-cold weather gear. Please, only new socks/undergarments.

Pantry Items: any dry or canned foods - rice, beans, pasta, sardines, tuna, sugar, cooking oil, tomato sauce, canned vegetables, etc. Please, no glass.

Personal Hygiene: toothpaste/brushes, soap, sanitary napkins, deodorant, lotion, hair products, etc.

We will also be shipping a specific list of tools that our mission partners will be sharing as a special need - please see Rob