



TWO Special days are coming up at our church in the next couple of months:

April 16th ... is the RESURRECTION ('Easter') SUNDAY ... invite your family, friends, everyone, anyone! This is always an important day in the church's calendar! *The most important event in the history of the world will be remembered and celebrated!!*

May 7th ... is our Church's 38th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY ... and WE want YOU to be with us on this great day! Every year it is our church's biggest attendance day and *this is your invitation* to be a part of it this year.

If you have attended one of the previous years you know what a great day it is. If you have never been at our church this would be a *good time to visit*. Bring others with you as we try to have a record attendance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
April 16th and May 7th

St. Patrick's Day
- a 'Nothing' Holiday

"The so-called 'St. Patrick's Day' holiday actually celebrates nothing of any value or importance! FIRST, it is not a Christian holiday, based on some Christian event like Christmas or the Resurrection of Jesus Christ ('Easter'). It certainly was not mentioned in the Bible. SECONDLY, it does not celebrate a National, patriotic event like July 4th. THIRDLY, it does not recognize a morality or good character quality like Thanksgiving, Fathers' Day, Mothers' Day, etc.

The best they can come up with is to dress in green and celebrate being 'Irish', using it for an excuse to get drunk (*like Super Bowl parties, bachelor parties, celebrating their sports team winning a major goal, even weddings, etc.*) (It's the fourth heaviest drinking day of the year!)

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."
(Proverbs 20:1)

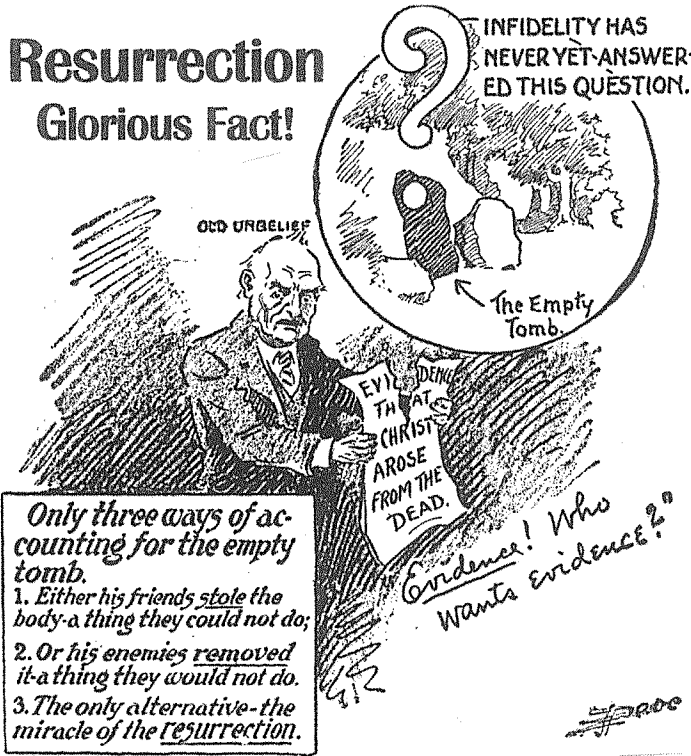
"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."
(Proverbs 13:29)

Very Few know the real 'Patrick'. The real Patrick was not even Irish! The real, historical 'St' Patrick would never drink alcohol. The real Patrick was a Bible-believing and preaching Christian.

"We are seeing now Gospel tracts that do not even talk about sin - only believing!"



Resurrection
Glorious Fact!



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies & Kids' Bible Club - 7:00 pm

April 16th, Resurrection ('Easter') Sunday

May 7th, Thirty-Eighth ANNIVERSARY Sunday

Quotes

"The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools."

"Remember sin? It's what we were before we became dysfunctional."

"Thirst teaches the value of water."

"You can't be a hypocrite if you don't have standards."

"AMERICA is becoming a nation of moochers."

"DECEIT is making what's wrong seem right."

"I'm not a victim of my circumstances; I'm a product of my choices!"

"Don't argue with Truth."

Thomas Sowell says every morning he reads the *New York Times* and the BIBLE so he knows what each side is doing.

"One day a peacock, the next a feather duster!"

"Ignorance is bliss, and there are a lot of blissful people out there."

Kisses

"Judas betrayed the Lord with a kiss, not with a slap. *Our Master is betrayed more often with a show of affection than any other way.*

Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave unto her.

We need more people who cleave unto the Lord and are not content with a Sunday-morning kiss."
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GOD has Accepted Christ

"To accept Christ is to receive Him by faith as your Lord and Saviour. But strictly speaking, the great thing to see is that God has accepted Christ! He took our sins upon Himself, died to make 'propitiation' (the sacrifice which removed the anger of God) for them, I John 2:2, 4:10, Romans 3:21. But God raised Him from the dead and has taken Him up to glory, Romans 1:4.

God has accepted Christ in token of His perfect satisfaction in His work. Believing this, the soul enters into peace.

I simply rest in God's thoughts about His Son."
- Dr. H. A. Ironside

Tenebrae

QUESTION: Our church has recently introduced an Easter service called Tenebrae. It began as a solemn service that included worship songs and scripture that led into a contemplation of the sufferings of Christ during his crucifixion. This year they are having "stations that show the 'Way of the Cross'" (quoted from service outline). A table as you walk in represents the Passover Supper; at the doors, the essence of wintergreen will be offered to mask the smell of death; the four stations: Humility—foot washing (reenactment of disciples feet being washed by Jesus); Fellowship with the Father—prayer station; Apathy— Pilate washing his hands/allow people to do the same; Suffering—table with crown of thorns and bloody shroud, bowl of nails for everyone to pickup. There will be a recreated tomb [with] soldiers rolling a stone over [the entrance]. There will be

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" Thus saith the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak ... all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:" - Jeremiah 26:2

Quality of Eternal Life

"Eternal Life is not the same as endless existence.

Everyone, saved and unsaved, will live forever, but only believers have eternal life. It's *not* (just) a duration of life, but a *quality* as well. It's the life of God Himself, nothing less than union with God, and it's embodied in the Lord Jesus Christ."

— William MacDonald, *'Here's the Difference'*

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HOW MANY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CAN YOU RECITE FROM MEMORY?

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THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE
Family Christian Stores

America's largest Christian bookstore chain, *Family Christian Bookstores*, is closing after 85 years. The chain's 240 stores in 36 states will close. Several factors contributed to the collapse, including an overload of debt ...
- ReligionNews.com, 2/23/17

'Beware'

"The word 'beware' is found 16 times in the New Testament."

The Only Book

"The BIBLE was the only Book that Jesus ever quoted."

Pilgrims & Lobsters

"The pilgrims refused to eat lobsters because they thought they were really big insects." - *copied*

'GOMER'

"The slang term for an Emergency Room patient who isn't sick enough to justify being there: 'Gomer', stands for 'Get out of my emergency room.'"
- *copied*

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30-40 minutes given for everyone to go through the stations and then the service begins.

RESPONSE: What your church is doing, while sincere, is rife with potential problems, in our opinion. Although your fellowship is putting together all kinds of things that it hopes will increase a person's interest (some may even believe that these will increase one's spirituality and knowledge) in the Lord and in what He has done for them, the program may have the opposite effect. Here are a few things to consider.

The New Testament gives no such examples of remembrance productions or ceremonies for the edification of believers. Although baptism and communion have become "efficacious" rituals and ceremonies in much of the church today, that's not what we find in the Scriptures. Baptism and communion are simply personal ordinances to be followed. Baptism is a public declaration of one's commitment to Christ; communion is an act of remembering Christ's sacrifice for humanity.

Most of what you described from the service outline has been taken originally from Catholic and Orthodox traditions and rituals. Since they were created to support their works-oriented way of salvation, they have little if any value in leading a person to the biblical gospel or biblical truth.

Nearly all church productions are of poor quality, even embarrassing. Yet even if they were magnificent, they would still be greatly inferior to the preaching and teaching of the Word. Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." It is God's Word that sets a person free, not man's ceremonies and productions.

The Scriptures give us the most direct way of knowing and believing what Christ has accomplished for humanity on the Cross. They are *God's* words given to the writers of the Old and New Testaments. As a person reads or hears God's words, the Holy Spirit brings conviction and enables one to understand the words of God.

The subjective nature of presentations such as you describe cannot teach *objective* truth—only the Word can do this. People respond to the imagery presented in the productions experientially. It would be like you and me describing a painting that we had both seen. Our evaluations would be different because they would be based upon our impressions, feelings, and other subjective criteria. If, however, we saw a sign next to the painting that said, "For sale," we would both know exactly what the sign was communicating because of the objective meaning of words.

When Moses went up to Mount Sinai, he was given objective instructions in words that he was told to write down. On the other hand, the Israelites, with Aaron's help, were involved in a production. They opted for the subjective way of paganism and idolatry. Sadly, at the very least, the church is unwittingly moving in that direction.

Another problem with so-called sacred ceremonies is that most people "feel" they are being spiritually edified or that they have had a legitimate spiritual experience; thus, they have pleased (or have drawn closer to) God in some way. No. These are experiential acts of the flesh, which the Word says, "profits nothing" ("It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"—John 6:63).

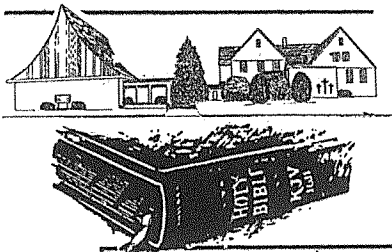
- *The Berean Call*

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April 2017

- Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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May 7th

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Yes, Count on Me, I will be there!

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Our Biggest Day !!

Coming up in about a month – May 7th, will be our church's 38th ANNIVERSARY. This is always our largest attendance all year and we want to have even more than we did last year! We want to extend this invitation for *YOU* to join with us. There will be special music, many guests, an important Bible study, guest teachers for the youngsters, and preaching from the Word of God. Afterwards there's always a time of fellowship and refreshments! We really would like to see *YOU* on that day! *Bring others with you* as we try to fill up the auditorium! The schedule for the morning is – Sunday School at 10:30 a.m., and the **MAIN SERVICE** at 11:00 a.m. **Will YOU please join in with us?**