



The Builder

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EASTER
6:40AM SUNRISE SERVICE
FRONT LAWN
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11AM WORSHIP

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SPRING

I've felt cheated when it comes to enjoying Spring weather for some time now.

Growing up in Kansas, there was always a definite end to winter weather; trees bloomed, grass greened up, and temperatures warmed so that it was finally comfortable to be outside. Same thing for when I lived in Kentucky, Maryland and Northern Virginia; winter temperatures held on long enough I'd start complaining about being cold. Then finally the weather broke, temperatures rose, and I knew that Spring had begun.

But living in Louisiana and Texas, sometimes we're getting Spring weather in January, an early summer in February, then here comes winter again in March. The boundaries of the seasons are much less clear. And by April or May Springtime is over and summer heat beats down for the next five or six months.

Nevertheless, even if the seasons are a little confused, I can see that a change in the weather has started. The live oak tree in my front yard suddenly shed last year's leaves and is now dropping great green globs of pollen. And after mowing my lawn almost back to the ground, the Bermuda grass is showing some signs of coming back. I may not be able to tell what season it is by feel, but I see nature responding with new life.

Spring was an important time in the Bible. Spring is when Passover takes place, and the celebration of freedom from Egyptian slavery. For a Bedouin society, spring is when the lambs were born, and the promise larger flocks providing food and

clothing. And spring was a favorite image for the return of God's blessings. As it says in Hosea 6:3, "Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." And of course, spring is the season we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the promise of new life.

I love the way nature and the cycle of faith work together for those of us who live in the northern hemisphere. From time to time, I've wondered what Christmas and Easter are like for our brothers and sisters who live in the southern hemisphere; there, Christmas is in the heart of summer and Easter begins just trees drop their leaves and everything begins to turn brown! I feel cheated living in the American south for the confusion of seasons; I think I'd feel downright robbed if I lived in the southern hemisphere!

But these are the wonders of creation that lead us to greater awe for our creator. In the book of Job, after a whole lot of complaining on Job's part about the "disordering" of his world, the Lord answers Job in a whirlwind:

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined the earth's measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang
together

and all the heavenly
beings shouted for joy?

If you have some time this week, and the wind isn't brown and blowing 60 mph, go outside and enjoy creation. Get in touch with its rhythms and be mystified by what we can't understand or control. We have a great God who loves us, gives us blessings through creation and uses creation to keep us on our toes!

See you at the Table,



Kids @ FCC

Sunday School

Preschool/Kinder will continue hearing stories about Jesus healing people.

1st – 5th Graders are still reading stories in the Book of Acts.

Children's Church

Preschool/Kinder will hear the story of "Joseph and His Brothers".

1st – 3rd Graders will continue reading about "Jesus' Last Week".

THERE IS NO SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

THERE IS THE PASSOVER EVENT AT 4:30 IN THE FLC. THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE THE LIVES OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

**FCC
children
sing on
Sunday,
April 6th.**

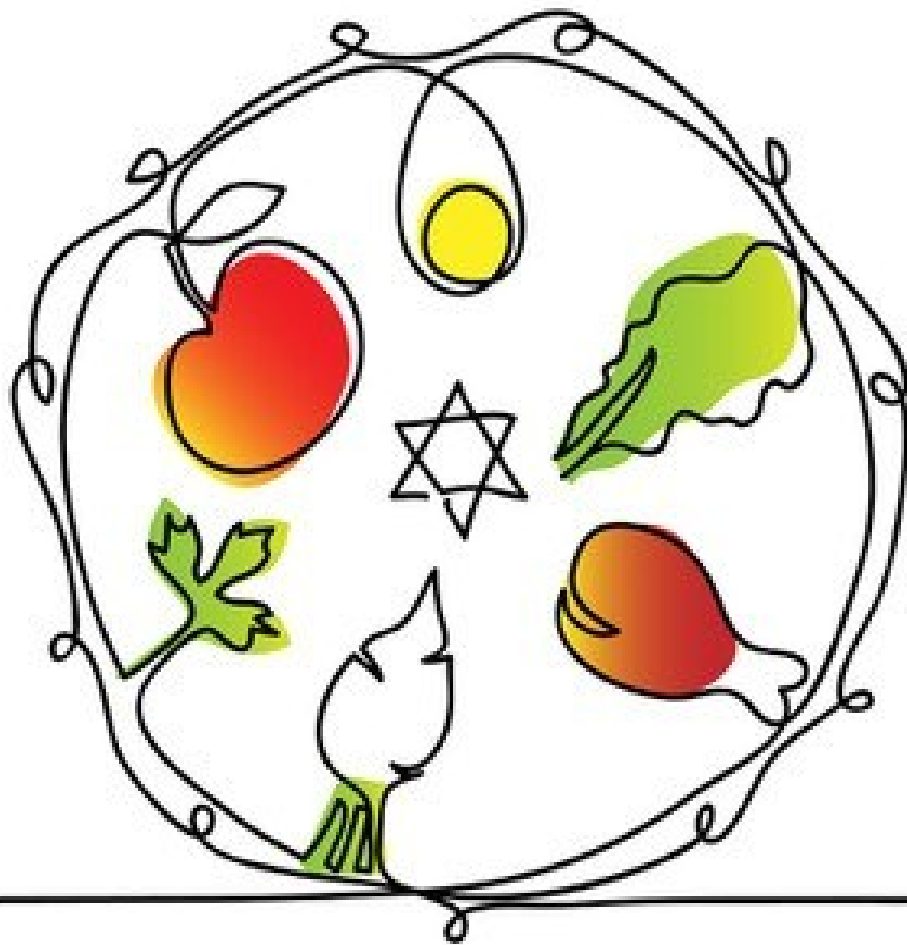




**PARENT AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
VOLUNTEER CONVERSATION**

**We are talking with a candidate for the
Children's Ministry Director position and would like
to invite parents and volunteers to meet
the candidate before we move forward.**

**The gathering is set for Sunday, April 27, following
worship in the Montgomery Room. Light finger foods
will be provided, and we'll have supervision for
children in the gym. Please mark your calendars!**



You're
Invited!

Messianic Passover "Experience"

Sunday, April **13th** at 4:30 pm

in the Family Life Center of First Christian Church

In conjunction with our Pastor's Class,
we'll overview a Passover Seder exploring
how Jesus re-interprets this sacred meal.
We'll share a potluck meal and learn to make
matzah bread! Limited seating, please RSVP
with Rev. Chisham @ david@fccmidland.org



Signs, Signs Everywhere A Sign Check All The New Signs At FCC! Thanks Rev. Tercero For Leading This Project!



**Prayer List**

Those in need of prayer:

Jim Mauldin
 Hunter Family
 Abraham Ortega
 Virgie Lewis
 Tere Valero
 Kaylene Burgard
 Nancy Stanley
 Patsy Hill
 Fred Yates
 Vincent Cooper
 Pat Marshall
 Ginny Estes
 Joshua Harrison
 Mary Beth Corbett
 Linda Taylor
 Lisa Craven
 Mark Cranford
 Cricket Harrison
 Betty Odom
 Fred Schwiening
 Nicky Rodriguez
 Lana Cooley
 C.C. Petteway
 Pat Chambers
 Kathy Landrum
 Sheila Crudgington
 Gary Thompson

nephew of Olivia Espino
 Grayson Pickett-
friend of Jeweli Flores
 Al Schorre-
friend of Sharon Boyd
 Robin Diegan & Jason Diegan-
cousins of Ginny Estes
 Amanda Bryant-
friend of Dave & Kathy
Cromwell
 Freda Benton
 Amanda Lee-
friend of Janice Ford
 Reymondo Garcia-*brother of*
Maria Vinson
 Gary Kennedy
friends of
Lauren & Justin Disney
 Lee Stone-
brother of Jean Jones
 Fred Copeland—
father of Lauren Disney
 Ed Keah
friend of Joy Singleton
 J.M. Moore –
father of Kathy Landrum
 Kairos Conde –
nephew of Olivia Espino
 Oscar Garcia –
brother of Amparo Olguin

04/19 Jessica Southern
 04/19 Ambrey Stone
 04/20 Lisa Kilborn
 04/22 Emily Fentem
 04/25 Christian Flores
 04/25 **Olivia Parks**
 04/26 Kelly Cook
 04/28 Pat Vincent

Anniversaries

4/06 Ernie & Victoria Gilkerson

Names in **red** are youth and children

Military:

Tyler Brown-
grandson of Lyn Brown

Families, Friends Beyond FCC

Cindy Garcia-
CLC Teacher
 Barrett Wood-
cousin of Ginny Estes
 Jay Warren –
friend of Pat Marshall
 Kairos Conde-

Birthdays

04/03 Mike Harrison
 04/05 **Adam Bourland**
 04/06 **Branson Iness**
 04/08 Danielle Dunlap
 04/09 Brenda Harrison
 04/12 Rebecca Bell
 04/12 Roy Bermea
 04/14 Jackie Hendricks
 04/16 Bill Griffin
 04/18 Jack Campbell



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Palm Sunday
April 13th

Maundy Thursday 7pm
April 17th

Good Friday
April 18th

Easter Eggstravaganza
April 19th

Easter Worship
April 20th

6:40 am Sunrise Service
11 am Worship Service