

Friendship International



APRIL 18, 2025

EASTER HOPE

Easter is a holiday that falls in the spring and is observed by many Christians around the world. The date is always changing because of the unique process used to determine when it will be. Each year, Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the Spring equinox (the first day of Spring). This year, the first day of Spring was March 20th and the first full moon was not until April 13th - that means Easter falls on April 20th!

Christians celebrate Easter Sunday as the resurrection (the coming back to life) of Jesus Christ, the son of God, from the dead. This happened three days after he was killed by the Romans through crucifixion (death on a cross). Jesus was perfect, but he took our place on the cross for the many sinful things we have done. His death paid the price for us so that we can be in relationship with God once again!

Easter has also become a cultural celebration in the U.S. That is why you will see a blending of religious celebrations and cultural traditions, like you probably saw at Christmas. You will find a mix of both Christians and non-Christians joining in various Easter traditions, such as egg hunts and the giving of Easter baskets filled with chocolate, candies and other goodies. Some Christians may choose to avoid these non-religious traditions.

For the Christian believer, Easter is a message of hope. On Friday, Rev. Sarah Thomas Baldwin, who was with us at Christmas, will be back to share the message of Easter hope from the Bible and what it means.

If you have never heard the story before, or you know it very well, we hope you will come join us this Friday to hear this story of new life, redemption and hope.



UPCOMING DATES

April 18	Easter Story with Dr. Sarah Baldwin
April 19	Resurrection Rally + Egg Hunt at Ashland
April 25	International Food Fair (No Classes)
May 2	Horses + Kentucky Program
May 3	Kentucky Derby Day

Kite Fest at Masterson Station Park

Enjoy the fun of kite-flying with many others at this free community event! Bring your own kite or purchase one there. Or just come watch everyone else's kites! Activities will include kite flying, children's games, inflatables, and more. Food will be available for purchase.

Kite Fest will be held on the hill next to the playground. Parking will be available across from the fairgrounds.

Saturday, April 26, Noon to 4PM

Masterson Station Park

3051 Leestown Road, Lexington

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RESURRECTION RALLY

Music & Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids!

You are invited to attend this free kids Easter event at Ashland Avenue Baptist. This event is for all kids up to 5th grade!

The time begins with a short, but exciting rally time in the Worship Center at 10:30AM with music for the kids and a short presentation of the story of Easter. Following the rally, children will hunt for candy-filled eggs in three age-appropriate areas outside on the lawn. Bring your own basket or bag (bags provided if needed).

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
Saturday, April 19th at 10:30 AM



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