

Friendship International



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SPRING MAKES THINGS NEW

"April showers bring May flowers" is an English phrase that means a few different things.

One meaning is the most obvious - depending on where you live, it can rain a LOT in the Spring! But even if it puts a damper on your time outside, the rain is important, because it helps all those beautiful Spring things to grow - like the green grass, colorful flowers and trees budding with their own flowers and green leaves. We encourage ourselves that the rain is worth it, because of what it will help to grow.

So, this leads us to the secondary meaning of the phrase - after hard times, good things will follow! After the rain, there will be flowers. After times of difficulty, you will see the fruit of having persevered through adversity. A time of joy will come again.

The Bible has a verse that this phrase makes me think of. *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."*

Romans 8:28 (Also look up these longer verses: Isaiah 55:10-11)

This reminds me that no matter what is happening in life, God is working and I can trust Him. He can make good things out of difficult times. He can, and will, bring the flowers after the rain.

After all, He created this world, and His creation reflects the very truths of who He is. Happy Spring!



UPCOMING DATES

April 7th	No Friendship (<i>Spring Break</i>)
April 9th	Easter Sunday
April 14th	Program: Severe Weather
April 21st	Extended Classes (No program)
April 28th	International Food Fair (the day when YOU cook for us! ☺)

RESURRECTION RALLY

Music & Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids!

Kids rally time at Ashland Avenue Baptist followed by a massive egg hunt with over 5,000 candy-filled eggs!

Join the community for this fun family event for kids up to 5th grade! The time begins with an 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.

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
Saturday, April 8th at 10:30 AM



Easter is one of the most important holidays for Christians around the world. If you're curious about this holiday in American culture, Easter Sunday is a wonderful time to visit a church in Lexington. There will be beautiful music, teaching on the resurrection of Christ, and lots of joyful people to meet! Here are some suggestions below, but you may search out your own options.



Easter Church Service Times:

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church

Easter Service:

April 9th at 10AM

Watch Online: <https://www.ashlandlex.org/live/>

Immanuel Baptist Church

Good Friday Service:

April 7th at 12PM

Easter Services:

April 9th at 8 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11 AM

Watch Online: <https://ibclex.online.church/>



SPRING CRAFT:
HANDPRINT SPRING PAPER LILIES



FEATURED RECIPE FROM THE COOKING CLASS:
HAM & CHEESE SLIDERS