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Welcome

EASTER

Good Friday Reflection / April 19 / 4-7PM A self-guided time of reflection to remember the sacrifice of Jesus and all He did for us. Go at your own pace, but we suggest to expect an average length of time around 10-15 minutes.

Easter Egg Hunt / April 20 / Begins 10:30AM Our annual community event that everyone loves. Free activities, games, crafts, family photo opportunity, raffle baskets, and of course, candy-filled egg hunt to follow at 11AM.

Easter Sunday / April 21 / 9 & 10:30AM Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Resurrection at RiverTree Massillon! Invite your family, friends and neighbors. We can't wait to see you!



Next Steps If you are new around here or haven't filled out a Connect Card, grab one at the Welcome Center so we can thank you for coming and keep you in the loop. If you want to get more involved, fill out an orange card, we'll get back to you. If you've chosen to follow Jesus or you want to get baptized, fill out a green "We Care" card at the Welcome Center.



Family Night / April 24 / 6-8PM TreeHouse Kidz and NRG are joining together. All parents and students K-8th grade are invited for a night of games, food, and fun! Questions? Contact Ben Eberly eberlyb@rivertreechristian.com or Bethany Repp reppb@rivertreechristian.com



One Service + Baptism / April 28 / 10:30AM Mark your calendars for this special baptism Sunday as we combine services into one big celebration! Are you ready to take your next step of faith with Jesus in being baptized in water? Questions or to sign up to participate, email massillon@rivertreechristian.com

IMPACT
MASSILLON

Impact Massillon / June 1 Want to help serve our community? On Saturday, June 1, we will join other area churches in helping to restore homes in a neighborhood in Massillon. We need volunteers who are willing to help! *Fill out a registration form in the community room and turn in by May 1.*



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TOGETHER WE BELIEVE Essentials of the Christian Faith

April 7 / He was Conceived by the Holy Spirit

READING / Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

SUMMARY / Jesus has the unique nature of being fully God and fully man. He was born of the virgin Mary, and conceived through the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. The unique nature of Jesus allowed him to enter the world as a human being, without sin, and to become the ultimate mediator between God and humanity.

REFLECTION / How does this understanding of Jesus differ from how many people view him? What amazes you most about this passage about the conception and birth of Jesus?

April 14 / He was Crucified, Died and was Buried

READING / John 18:28 - 19:16

SUMMARY / Under Roman authority, by the command of Pontius Pilate, Jesus was given over to be tortured, beaten, mocked, and crucified at the request of the Jewish leaders. Though it seemed that Jesus had been overthrown and defeated, the divine will of God was always to send his Son, who would come to die for the sin of the world. In the death of Jesus, God intended to give life to our dying world.

REFLECTION / What things stick out to you about these Scripture passages? What does it say about the nature of God that he would send his Son to die for our sinful world?

April 21 / He Rose Again from the Dead

READING / Matthew 28:1-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5

SUMMARY / The resurrection of Jesus is the very center and climax of the Christian faith. Though Jesus was crucified and killed, dying for the sins of the world, he did not remain in the grave. The resurrection gives us an assurance of hope that sin and death is not the end. No matter what struggles, what sin, or what crises we face, if our hope is in the resurrected Savior, then we will share in the promise of victory.

REFLECTION / What are your greatest fears and concerns? How does the resurrection of Jesus speak to our fears and worries? How can it give us hope?

April 28 / He Ascended into Heaven

READING / Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:19-20

SUMMARY / After Jesus rose again, defeating death, he stayed on the earth a short time longer, but then ascended to heaven. Jesus returned to heaven, from where he came, to take his seat of glory next to the Father. Jesus now makes intercession for his people, and promised that one day he will return to save his people, restore all things, and to finish what he began.

REFLECTION / How does it encourage you to know that Jesus intercedes for you? How can the promise of Christ's return empower us for the struggles of today?