

THE PARISH NEWS

East Fairview Church of the Brethren

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FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY:

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the Easter & Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring discrimination cases against Christians, Jews & observances of their Holy days.

The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized day. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed."

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter & others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur & Hanukkah. Yet my client & all other atheists have no such Holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But they do. Counsel, your client is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or Holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is "April Fools Day." Psalm 14:1 states "The fool says in his heart, there is no God."

Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

March Worship Schedule

Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God

The people we read about in the Bible
...do not make up a "Who's Who list of perfect saints."
...neither did many of them earn shiny halos.
They are...a reminder of God's tolerance, patience & grace.
...a reminder that even mess-ups get a second chance.
...a reminder of how God could even use people like you & me.
These are stories of God's people.
These are stories of people like us.
...common people in the hands of an uncommon God.
...ordinary people in the hands of an extraordinary God.
God is in the midst of all these stories...and the hero of each.
Maker...Redeemer...Sustainer...Savior...Friend
If God could do something uncommon with the people of the Bible
...God can do something uncommon with us!

March 1st – *Abigail (1 Samuel 25)*

March 8th – *Paralyzed Man (John 5:1-9)*

March 15th – *Joseph (Genesis 37:18-24, 28; 50:15-20)*

March 22nd – *Esther (Esther 4:13-16; 7:2-3)*

March 29th – *Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19:16-26)*

Delightfully Frightened????

(A Memory of Love Feast)

I accepted the Lord at a revival meeting at East Fairview when I was 8 years old (1936). The first Love Feast at which I was a participant, had me tied up in a bundle of nerves. I went into the Sanctuary absolutely "glued" to my mother. The singing of hymns was great. The bread and cup were not bad at all, of course I instructed my mother to give me just "a tiny piece" of the bread. Eating the supper found me asking if I could only eat a spoonful or 2 at the most although I did eat the slice of bread and the piece of roast beef, that was delicious. BUT when it came to the feet washing, my "hope-to-be-fulfilled" request was for my mother to wash my feet and then come sit on the other side of me and I would wash her feet and to PLEASE use a dry part of the towel because my friends had told me that the water was not too warm but the towel was absolutely freezing. Needless to say, mother did NOT come sit on the other side of me, nor did she give me just an "itty bitty" piece of the bread, and the ENTIRE towel was right out of the icebox (no freezers in those days). I'm sorry to say the true meaning of the Last Supper was lost on me that day as I was only thinking of my wants and desires but I made it up in future Last Supper experiences. Thank you, Lord.
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New Members Will Be Welcomed This Spring

If you are interested in becoming a member of East Fairview Church by way of water baptism, transfer of letter or reaffirmation of faith, please let Pastor Jimm know of your interest. All people desiring to be baptized should plan to be part of a four week Exploring Faith class.



WINTER WEATHER ALERT!

When winter weather arrives, please listen to WDAC or WJTL on radio, or check out the websites of WGAL-TV8 or WJTL to learn if the activities for the day or evening are cancelled.

Also, we may go with a modified Sunday worship schedule depending on the weather. That means that we would meet for one combined worship service beginning at 10:00am and no Christian Education classes. Please listen to one of the above stations when the conditions are questionable.

SPRING LOVE FEAST and COMMUNION

The season of Lent leads us into the celebration of Christ's resurrection. However, before we celebrate His resurrection, we will come together to remember Christ's ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. Therefore, on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00pm you are invited to participate in our Spring observance of Love Feast and Communion. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. All Christians are invited to participate in this service of remembrance.

