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**Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM**  
**Bible School 10:45 AM**

Eggs have certainly been in the news lately. Prices have flown the coop due to the bird flu and the euthanizing of some fifty million chickens, but the good news for egg connoisseurs is that the free-range brown eggs, with richer yolks, now cost less than the regular supermarket white eggs.

The price increase may have kept some from making it to breakfast tables, but it didn't keep 30,000 hard-boiled eggs from making it to the White House lawn for the Easter Egg Roll. Those who won the lottery, and were invited to attend, were given the opportunity to decorate 4,500 of the eggs before the roll began, but no religious symbols were allowed. Maybe they should just call it an egg roll.

So how did the egg come to be associated with Easter anyway? In many ancient cultures eggs were seen as symbols of new life, fertility, and the arrival of spring, and the church saw in eggs a picture of the resurrection. The shell could be seen as a tomb, and a chick coming out of an egg could represent Jesus emerging from the tomb.

That may answer how the egg came to be connected with Easter, but there's an even bigger question about the egg that needs to be answered. Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

This is not a new question, but a philosophical conundrum that Aristotle first wrestled with in the 4th century BC. The Australian Academy of Science, however, claims to have finally solved it.

"It's that old riddle that's sparked many arguments through the ages: was it the chicken or the egg that came first? It's such a tricky question because you need a chicken to lay an egg, but chickens come from eggs, leaving us with an intractable circle of clucky, feathery life that apparently has no clear starting point."

Their answer is found in the supposed evolution of eggs. But as is coming more clear in scientific circles every day, evolution simply raises more questions than it answers.

The correct answer is that neither came first. God did. God Bless, Rick



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# THE FIESTA FINALE

## SUNDAY MAY 18 5:30PM-?

### CELEBRATING CCC YOUTH GROUPS

- \* **FOOD**
  - Taco Bar
  - Nachos
  - Tres Leches Cake
- \* **FUN**
  - Pinatas
  - Games
  - Music
  - Crafts
- \* **FACTS**
  - Learn about CCC Mission Trip this summer!

STATISTICS			
	4/6		97
Worship			
Offering		\$10,529.00	
	4/13		92
Worship			
Offering		\$5,020.44	
	4/20		134
Worship			
Offering		\$10,539.72	
	4/27		96
Worship			
Offering		\$1,919.50	

## MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS



### From Haiti

Pastor Bob, Field Director and Sr. Pastor of Haitian Christian Ministries, passed away unexpectedly on March 20th.

- Pastor Bob's family.
- The leaders and pastors of churches, schools, and medical clinic and their families.
- Wisdom for the board of directors.
- Peace for the people of Pillatre as they are without their spiritual leader.



### From Madagascar

Fernando Basso and family as they return to mission field.

- That the Lord strengthen our hearts as a missionary family, firm in faith and full of wisdom.
- For the salvation of the children, adults, and adolescents with whom we walk.
- For protection from the attacks of the cattle thieves.
- For the local team—may it be sustained, renewed and guided by the Holy Spirit.
- That the gospel may advance with clarity, power, and grace among the Bara.



All mothers, both physical and spiritual, will be honored with a corsage during our worship service on May 11th. Sunday School will follow as usual, but there will be no evening program.



A bridal shower will be held at the church on Saturday, May 10th at 2:00 for Anna Hunley. She and Luke Boesdorfer will be married on July 12th.

Anna is registered at Amazon, Target, and Crate & Barrel.



A bridal shower for Alison Crowe will be held at the church on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00. She and Rowan Ehmen will be married in Pensacola on May 16th and will have a ceremony and celebration with family in Wyoming in July of 2026 after his military schooling is completed.

Ali is registered at Amazon.



In anticipation of our mission trip to Mexico in June, we are doing a Fiesta Finale this year! I do hope everyone plans to join us. There will be plenty of tacos and nachos to go around.

Speaking of tacos, did you know that Americans consume 4.5 billion tacos a year? Laid end to end, that taco line would be 675,000 miles long! You could wrap them around the Earth's equator almost 27 times. So, come on out to enjoy a few tacos and help our fellow Americans achieve these types of numbers.

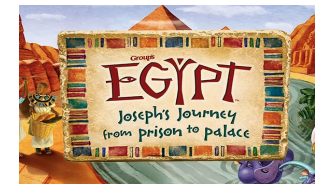
In case you don't, I would like to recognize the sponsors who are here every Sunday evening to pour into the lives of the students. They are Jonathan Sperry, Rhonda Luzio, Otto Huber, Tina Huber, Casey Blakley and Erica Blakley. Thank you all so much!



Join us in celebration on Sunday, May 25th as we will be recognizing our only graduate from High School this year, Carter Hunley. After the morning service, feel free to stop by the fellowship hall for some cake and an opportunity to catch up with Carter.



We are less than two months away from our mission trip! It is never too early to lift this effort up in prayer. Please be praying for us and the family which will be receiving the house. Our hope is that many in the area (friends, acquaintances, extended family, etc.) will come to know about the love of Christ through our relationship with them and Casas. As a reminder, the trip is from June 23rd through the 28th.



## VBS

June 9-12

We'll be ready and hope to have lots of kids here to hear the positive message of God's faithfulness and love! This week, I will have some paper registration forms available on the table. But, the easiest method by far is to register online. The link will be up on our website soon.

Please be thinking of others to invite! We have plenty of volunteers signed up to walk with them through a great week of VBS.



## High School

We have 13 students and 4 sponsors signed up for the CIY/MOVE conference this summer. There is room for more, but we need to act fast as it is almost at capacity. If you have any questions, please let me know!