



RISEN

KING | PEOPLE | LIFE | HOPE

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Easter is more than a single day on the calendar. It marks the beginning of a whole new reality. Because Jesus rose from the dead, everything has changed—our King, our identity, our daily life, and our hope. That’s what our new series, RISEN, is all about. Together, we will explore what it means to live every day in the power and presence of the risen Christ.

We begin on Easter Sunday with “A Risen King” from 1 Corinthians 15:20–22. This message reminds us of the foundation of our faith: Jesus is alive. His victory over death is not just good news—it is life-changing truth. Because He lives, fear, guilt, and despair do not have the final word. This week, we are invited to reflect on where we need His resurrection power in our own lives.

In week two, “A Risen People” (Romans 6:4), we shift our focus to who we are because of Jesus. We are not the same people we used to be. God has given us new life, and that new life should shape how we live, work, and relate to others. Our identity is no longer defined by our past, but by His victory.

Week three brings us to “A Risen Life” (Colossians 3:1–4). Resurrection is not just something we believe—it’s something we live. Our everyday actions, our love for others, and our service should reflect the life of Christ in us.

This week, we will look for one simple, practical way to show that new life to someone around us.

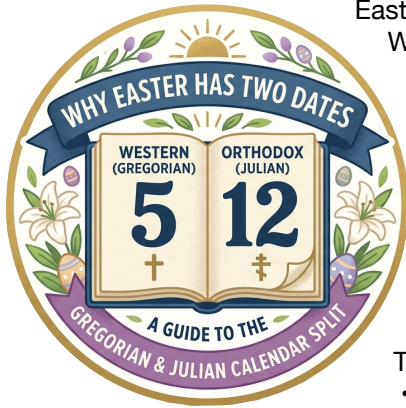


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Finally, we close with “A Risen Hope” (1 Peter 1:3–5). Because Jesus is alive, our hope is secure. No matter what we face, we can move forward with courage and confidence. And we are called to share that hope with others who need it.

As we walk through this series, may we remember: Jesus is alive, we are changed, our lives have purpose, and our hope is unshakable.



Easter doesn't have just one set date—and sometimes Christians celebrate it on different Sundays. Why?

It goes back to a decision made in A.D. 325 at the First Council of Nicaea. Church leaders decided:

Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

That means Easter is based on both the sun and the moon, so the date changes every year.

The reason for two different dates comes down to calendars:

- The Gregorian calendar is used by most Western churches (like Catholics and Protestants).
- The Julian calendar is still used by many Eastern Orthodox churches.

These calendars don't match exactly—the Julian calendar is about 13 days behind. Because of that, the equinox and full moon fall on different days, leading to different Easter dates.

Eastern Orthodox churches also make sure Easter happens after Passover, which can push their date even later.

Bottom line:

Different calendars = different dates.

But the meaning of Easter is the same for all Christians.

EASTER WEEKEND



Good Friday Night of Worship
April 3
7:00 PM

Join us for a special Good Friday Night of Worship as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



Hop into HOPE!
April 4

Lunch - 12:00 p.m.
Egg Hunt - 1:00 p.m.

Bring the kids and join us for a fun-filled day of food, laughter, and celebration



EASTER SUNDAY
April 5

TWO IDENTICAL SERVICES
9:00 p.m. | 10:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us this Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection.

MW
MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
DINNER AT 6PM, GROUPS AT 6:30
ADULTS, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND NURSERY
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

FCC KIDS



This series kicks off with the greatest news ever—Jesus is alive! But even his closest friends were surprised by what they discovered. Each week, kids will follow the clues in the Bible, looking at the stories leading up to Easter and connecting them to other moments in Jesus’ life and ministry. Along the way, they’ll see that the Bible isn’t just full of clues about who Jesus is—it’s the complete story of God’s love. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that the Bible says Jesus is alive, the Bible tells us Jesus loves us, the Bible reveals who Jesus is, and the Bible shows us how to share God’s love.



Easter is the day we celebrate the best news ever—Jesus is alive!

After Jesus died, His friends were sad. But three days later, the tomb was empty. Jesus had risen from the dead!

Easter reminds us that:

- God is powerful
- Jesus keeps His promises
- We can have hope

Spring brings new life, and Easter reminds us that Jesus brings new life to us too.

👉 Jesus is alive—and that changes everything!

FCC STUDENT MINISTRY

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CONNECTING STUDENTS TO JESUS AND TO EACH OTHER

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AS PART OF MIDWEEK GROUPS AT FCC
6PM - FREE DINNER
6:30PM - WORSHIP AND TEACHING

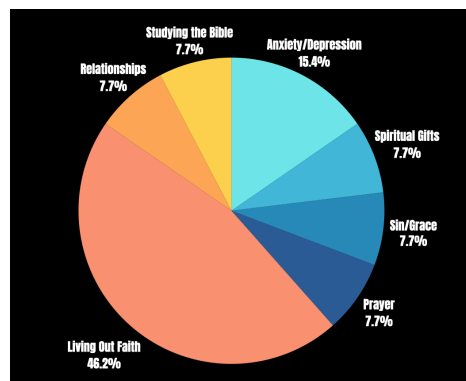
GRADES 7-12

MW MIDWEEK

FELICITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Once again, the student ministry will be tackling the hard questions students struggle with as they grow in their faith. This series is completely up to our students as they will be challenged to submit questions that they want addressed about their faith, God, the church, and more. Barna studies have shown that high school students leave the church not because they weren’t satisfied with answers to hard questions, but because the church did not address their questions at all. We are looking forward to tackling their questions and helping them to wrestle with the tough topics in order to help them grow.



Here is a breakout of student topic submissions that we will be addressing for the remainder of the spring. Each question comes from real places and experiences.



PLEASE have all submissions for the February newsletter submitted before **April 26th**




Check out the church’s website: www.felicitychurch.org

Open your camera and point it at the QR code. Make sure to hold your phone steady so your camera can recognize it! Once it does, a notification will show up that links you to the correct website.



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| 2nd - Steve Jenner
Eric Simpson | 21st - Soren Varick |
| 4th - Cassidy Louderback
Roger Nort | 22nd - Amy Diesel |
| 6th - Jeff Diesel
Susan Jennings | 24th - Lauren Foley |
| 8th - Mya Gilkerson | 25th - Lindsey Brandenburg |
| 11th - Marc Schlupp | 28th - Marlene Riddle |
| 16th - Lisa Stutz | 29th - Gail Donovan
Sarah Ison
Robin Simmermon |
| | 30th - Madison Carnahan |

Don't see your birthday here? Be sure to contact the office to update your personal information!



Attendance and Offering Numbers

March

	Attendance	Offering
3/1	187	\$9865.84
3/8	176	\$5010.35
3/15	185	\$5101.91
3/22	205	\$4680.57
3/29	208	\$5058.00
Average	192	\$5943.33

Week 1 A Risen King (April 1-5)	Week 2 A Risen People (April 6 - 12)	Week 3 A Risen Life (April 13-19)	Week 4 A Risen Hope (April 20-26)	Week 5 Living It Out (April 27-30)
Day 1: John 20:1-18	Day 6: Romans 6:1-4	Day 13: Colossians 3:1-4	Day 20: 1 Peter 1:3-5	Day 27: Matthew 5:14-16
Day 2: Matthew 28:1-10	Day 7: 2 Corinthians 5:17	Day 14: Colossians 3:12-14	Day 21: Romans 8:18	Day 28: 1 Corinthians 15:58
Day 3: Luke 24:1-12	Day 8: Galatians 2:20	Day 15: Galatians 5:22-23	Day 22: John 14:1-3	Day 29: Colossians 3:17
Day 4: John 11:25-26	Day 9: Ephesians 2:4-6	Day 16: John 15:4-5	Day 23: Hebrews 6:19-20	Day 30: Philippians 1:6
Day 5: (Easter Sunday) – 1 Corinthians 15:20-22	Day 10: Col. 2:12-13	Day 17: Romans 8:10-11	Day 24: Revelation 21:1-4	
	Day 11: Titus 3:4-7	Day 18: Philippians 2:3-5	Day 25: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18	
	Day 12: Romans 6:11	Day 19: James 1:22	Day 26: Romans 15:13	