

Those To Serve

April 5th, 2026

Morning Worship

Announcements

Ed Hanson

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Preside

Zac Hall

Assist

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wed. April 8th

Song Leader

Zac Hall

Invitation

George Thomas

Building And Communion for The Week of April 12th

Julia Thrasher

Lawn And Ground for The Week of April 12th

Ed Hanson

The Park Street Proclaimer

Prayer List

Susan Tigner, Tina Thomas, Pj McCray, Loren Hall, Danne Hall, Anthony Costain and Trevor Collins

Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer and Marty Britt

Shut – Ins

Debbie McGuire and Millie Robertson

Upcoming Events

Gospel Meeting at Blue Springs church of Christ – April 5th – 8th

Ladies Class – April 11th at 10:00 am.

Men's Meeting April 12th following morning worship

Building Clean Up April 18th at 9:00 am.

Singing April 22nd

Ladies Digging Deep April 25th at 10:30 am.

Our Gospel Meeting with Brant Stubblefield April 26th – 29th

Rejoice

We rejoice with the angels in Heaven as Javion Flowers obeyed the Gospel this past Wednesday night! Make sure to encourage our new brother in Christ.

Help Requested

Debbie and Susan Tigner are requesting help to unload a storage pod on May 2nd. To get more information please see them.

Passage to Ponder: Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Sunday Sermons

Am – Consistent in our Service

Pm – Do Not Be Shaken

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 10:36

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 38:9



Church of Christ

515 West Park Street

P.O. Box 482

Olathe, Kansas 66051

913.764.2325

Visit us online:

www.olathecoc.com
facebook.com/parkstreetcoc
YouTube
[@OlatheChurchofChrist](https://www.youtube.com/OlatheChurchofChrist)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM

Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall

E-mail:

olathecoc@gmail.com

Are You a Christian?

Do you know what you must do to be saved?

Hear – Romans 10:17

Believe – John 8:24

Repent – Acts 17:30

Confess – Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to olathecoc@gmail.com

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

What About Easter?

Zac Hall

Christians should always seek biblical authority for what they believe and practice. Whenever a question arises about worship, doctrine, or religious observance, the Bible must be the standard. If someone asks whether Christians should sing in worship, the answer is not based upon tradition or personal preference, but upon what Scripture teaches. In the same way, Christians must ask what the Bible says concerning religious holidays.

In the religious world there are two major holidays that receive special attention: Christmas and Easter. Christmas is commonly used to celebrate the birth of Christ, while Easter is used to celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Because Easter is widely observed, an important question must be answered: Can a Christian celebrate Easter?

Easter, much like Christmas, is a manmade holiday. It was not established by God, nor is there any command in Scripture for Christians to observe it. Historically, the Catholic Church had already been celebrating the resurrection of Christ. As pagan peoples were converted, certain customs and traditions were adopted in order to make them feel more accepted. Over time, these traditions became associated with Easter.

At its heart, Easter is intended to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection is one of the most important events in all of history. However, the question is not whether the resurrection is important, but whether God has authorized Christians to celebrate it as a yearly religious holiday.

Many people assume that Easter occurs on the exact date of Christ's resurrection, but the truth is that no one knows the precise date. We can come close to the time of year by examining Scripture. Jesus celebrated the Passover on the night He was betrayed (Matthew 26:17). In Exodus 12:1–6 and 16–19, God instructed Israel concerning when the Passover was to be observed. Since Jesus was crucified shortly after the Passover and rose again on the first day of the week three days later (Matthew 28:1), His resurrection would have taken place near the time of the Passover. Even so, it is important to remember that Easter itself is not a God-ordained holy day. It is a religious observance created by men.

Can a Christian observe Easter as a religious holiday? The answer is no. Christians have no biblical authority to do so. Paul wrote, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17). To do something "in the name of the Lord" means to do it by His authority. Since there is no command, example, or necessary inference authorizing Christians to celebrate Easter as a religious holiday, it cannot be practiced as an act of worship.

However, can a Christian observe Easter as a secular holiday? In this case, the answer may be yes. There is nothing inherently sinful about spending time with family, sharing a meal, or enjoying fellowship with friends. A Christian may participate in such activities so long as he does not treat Easter as a religiously authorized celebration established by God.

Some may appeal to Romans 14:5–6, where Paul says that one man esteems one day above another while another esteems every day alike. Yet this passage does not authorize Christians to create new religious holidays. The days under discussion were days that had once been regarded as special under the Old Testament, such as the Sabbath or Jewish feast days. Paul was teaching that Christians were not bound to continue those observances. Therefore, Romans 14:5–6 cannot be used to justify celebrating Easter as a religious holiday. The passage does not give Christians the right to establish new holy days that God Himself has not authorized.

Some attempt to justify Easter by arguing that the word appears in the Bible. In the King James Version, the word "Easter" is found in Acts 12:4. However, this is a mistranslation. The Greek word used in that verse is *pascha* (πάσχα).

The word *pascha* appears twenty-nine times in the New Testament. In every other occurrence, the King James translators rendered it "Passover." Acts 12:4 is the only place where they translated it "Easter." This inconsistency is generally recognized as a translation mistake. Later translations, such as the New King James Version, corrected the error and properly translated the word as "Passover." Therefore, Acts 12:4 does not provide biblical support for Easter as a religious observance.

Although Christians are not authorized to celebrate Easter as a religious holiday, they are commanded to remember the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. God has already given Christians a memorial for this purpose: the Lord's Supper.

Paul explained the purpose of the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:23–26. When Christians partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine, they remember the body and blood of Christ and proclaim His death until He comes again.

The New Testament also shows when Christians observed this memorial. In Acts 20:7, the disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread. Thus, rather than remembering Christ's sacrifice once each year through a manmade holiday, Christians are to remember Him every first day of the week.

Furthermore, the Lord's Supper must be observed in a serious and reverent manner. Paul warned in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 that those who partake in an unworthy way bring judgment upon themselves. The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ are too important to be reduced to an annual custom or tradition.

It is essential that Christians remember the sacrifice Christ made. Without His death, burial, and resurrection, salvation would not be possible. Yet Christians must honor that sacrifice in the way God has instructed.

Easter is a manmade holiday and has no biblical authority as a religious observance. While Christians may choose to participate in secular activities associated with the season, they should not regard Easter as a divinely approved holy day. Instead, Christians should remember Christ through the Lord's Supper every first day of the week, just as the New Testament teaches.