



Worship at 8, 9:30
and 11 am

- Home gatherings with a meal, devotions, and communion

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fuse* student ministries exists to equip students to be the fuse -
from the Source of Power to the place of need.

2 Corinthians 12:9



NEXT
(GROWING A FAITH THAT LASTS)



Mark your calendars!

fuse* at Creation Festival

FRIDAY through SUNDAY, June 28-31

The busyness of summer effects the availability of our students and our volunteer staff. We are hoping that making this change, to offer the festival for a condensed amount of time, will allow more of you to experience it with us! Join us Friday morning through Sunday for the nation's largest Christian music festival. Registration will open soon, online at firstchurch.cc/fuse



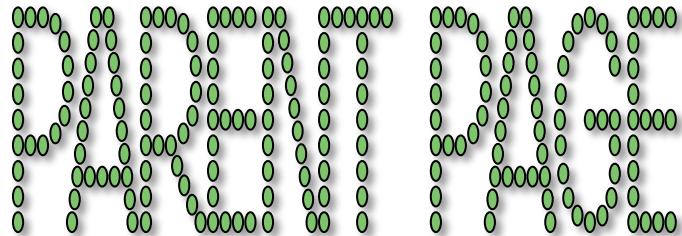
The summer 2019 mission trip plans have begun! While we wish we had specifics to share with you, we are awaiting finalized confirmation from a host site.

We target a location within a 6 hour drive of Williamsport and our desire is to offer this service opportunity during the middle weeks of July. Our target dates are July 14th - 20th 2019.



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DISCIPLE-MAKING

I am a firm believer that the role of discipling children is first, a parent's responsibility. Statistics show that the number one influence in a child's life is their parents in matters of faith. Do you have an intentional discipleship plan? Tools or resources that you use or practices that have been helpful in the way of discipling your middle or high school child? Share them with us via jtobias@firstchurch.cc so that we can share these tips in future fuse* news issues!



Did you know that YOU can sign up for fuse* updates?! Weekly reminders, important announcements and weather related closings are ALWAYS communicated through our texting service. To receive these messages, send your cell phone number to Josh - jtobias@firstchurch.cc

Why Easter Makes Sense

I'm just going to come out and say it. I think that Easter is better than Christmas. There. I said it. It's out there for the whole world to see! (Perhaps I am exaggerating the reach of our humble fuse* news)

I just can't help it. It's not that I don't like Christmas, I just prefer Easter. Plus, I'm ok with those of you who prefer the winter holiday that celebrates Jesus' birth over the spring holiday that celebrates His resurrection.

Christmas is supposed to be "calm" and "bright", right? It's glittery, magical, and filled with tradition. For the Christian, the meaning is significant, too. God proves his love for us by sending Christ to be born in miraculous fashion, and to offer peace, hope, joy, and love to the world. It's beautiful. It's necessary.

Easter is like the exclamation point of the Christian year, though. It validates the coming of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas with His victory over death! It proves that Jesus is who He claimed to be, and that His birth was actually something wonderful to behold!

We are, after all, EASTER people! Every Sunday, the first day of the week, is to be a little bit of Easter when we gather to celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead, he conquered sin and death, and we can claim the promise of eternity because of His sacrifice and restoration!

That's why we sing songs about the resurrection all year long and stop singing carols after December. It's why we talk about the cross more than the manger, and why the Christian season of Easter-tide is longer than Advent and Christmas.

Easter renews my faith because I am reminded that God is more powerful than even death. It's also more than just a good feeling, though. I want to share a few reasons why I think the resurrection makes sense, with a little help from author, Lee Strobel:

The disciples died for their belief

After the crucifixion, remember the disciples scattered. Something had to bring them back together and give them confidence to continue pressing on in the way of Christ!

The conversion of skeptics

There were hundreds of those who didn't believe or opposed Jesus who were converted in the immediate days and weeks after the resurrection was reported. What could have changed their minds so quickly?! Jesus, back from the dead!

Changes to key social structures

In the early years following the report of Jesus' resurrection, Jewish structures and customs began to change. One of important note: Saturday sabbath (worship) was being celebrated on Sunday

as a way to remember the resurrection. These traditions and customs had been in place since the Old Testament. What would have made them think to change them? Dare I say VICTORY OVER DEATH!?

The emergence of the Church

Finally, the 20 years following the resurrection saw the birth and explosive growth of Christianity, centered around the way of Jesus and the belief in His resurrection. The proof had to be convincing for a movement like that to take place!

In some ways, we've lost the focus. We've turned Easter into another holiday focused on receiving candy, baskets, and gifts. We've lost the meaning behind Easter traditions like Hot Cross buns, the white linen hanging on the cross, and Easter eggs. Let's reclaim it this year, and celebrate the Good News that Jesus is Risen!

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Speaking of Easter Eggs – the first student to e-mail jtobias@firstchurch.cc with the phrase "I found the Easter egg" will receive free registration to a fuse* summer event of their choice. Creation or Mission Trip. 2nd and 3rd students will receive a 50 % discount. Happy Easter!

