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From the Pastor's Pen



I Am Who I Am

Whips cracking, sun scorching, sweat pouring – sounds like a day as a Hebrew slave in Egypt. It was miserable. They must have wondered whether or not God had forgotten his promises to them.

One day the Lord raised up a deliverer named Moses. He told Moses that he would deliver his people by his hand. Moses became fearful and asked the Lord, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" The Lord responded, "God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

One way that God has revealed to us who He is throughout history is by His names. This name, more than any other reveals to us who God is. In fact, in Hebrew, it is this name which is the foundation for God's most famous name, Yahweh.

What a remarkable revelation of God this is. Think about what it tells us about God. First, "I am" means before anything existed, God is. Do you remember when Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am."? He was taking the divine name to himself. Jesus is eternal. Before anything ever was, he not only was, but He is. Second, "I am" means God never changes. He is who he is forever and always. Third, "I am" means God is the Sovereign Lord.

Imagine how comforting this was to Hebrew slaves under the shadow of the most powerful nation in the world? He was saying to them, "I am the true God who made the world, who never changes, will fulfill all his promises to you, and who is the Sovereign Lord, able to save you from all your enemies! The time of your deliverance has come."

What a comfort this is for us who struggle in this often-weary world? He hasn't changed towards you, or forgotten his promises. He is the great "I am" who will one day deliver you from all of your troubles and bring you into eternal glory.

By Peter Banfe

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Happy Mother's Day





**A look at Easter Past
2004**

June 5th Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is coming up. **Plan now to wear RED on that Sunday. And Please bring a red candle for the altar.**

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter. It Celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus.



What is the meaning of Pentecost in the Bible?

“Birthday of the Church” Religion Represented: Christianity. Date: Fifty days after Easter. (**Pentecost** literally means “50”) Celebrates: The day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, causing them to speak in tongues.

What is the story of Pentecost?

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. ... People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.

Why is Pentecost important to Christianity?

Pentecost was an **important** Jewish festival which marked the harvest. ... The festival of **Pentecost** is still **important to Christians** today because it represents the beginning of the **Christian Church**. It reminds them how Jesus' promise that God would send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled.

Winter Coats

When you are putting away your winter coats, if you have any you want to dispose of please bring to the church and we will store them for the fall coat give-away on the green in Morristown.





Soup Kitchen
Spaghetti Sauce

May 9

May 16 Pasta

May 22 Tuna / Salmon

May 29 Peanut Butter

June 5 Spam



MOTHER'S DAY: CELEBRATIONS AND TRADITIONS

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated throughout the world, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit. Another alternate observance of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families might also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores. At times Mother's Day has also been a date for launching political or feminist causes. In 1968 Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King Jr., used Mother's Day to host a march in support of underprivileged women and children. In the 1970s women's groups also used the holiday as a time to highlight the need for equal rights and access to childcare.



May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Worship & Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:45 Worship Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:45 Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:45 Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:45 Worship	30 	31				



Check for upcoming events!

Newsletter Information

The **deadline for June's newsletter is May 20th.** Send any articles or information to Patti or place in the newsletter slot in the office by that date, to be included in the Newsletter.

My email address is:

"patlbriant@gmail.com"

Our newsletter will be far more interesting if we all contribute to it. Please leave any articles in the church office in the mail slot on the bottom row titled

"newsletter".

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