

Join us for the rescheduled EGGstravaganza at LBC this Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00.

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## Happy Easter

Take time to remember the reason for this special season. If you don't have a place to worship on Easter, join us at Lascassas Baptist Church on **Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 am or 11:00 am. We would love to have you!

## Phase Two

We begin Phase Two of our parent reentry in the building on **Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Instructions were sent home or mailed and will also be emailed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!



## Spring Fundraiser



You still have plenty of time to order from our Spring Fundraiser! Beautiful potted plants, hanging baskets, and succulents to choose from! All orders are due by no later than **Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** and will be delivered to LBP on **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## Week of the Young Child

NAEYC's Week of the Young Child events are being held **April 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**. Each day has a different theme:



Music Monday Tasty Tuesday Work Together Wednesday Artsy Thursday Family Friday

We have special activities planned for each day of the week, so stay tuned!



## Monthly Mission Project

Each month, we participate in philanthropic activities to help our communities and to spread the love of Christ through these endeavors. This month, we are again pledging our support to the Lascassas Giving Box. Located at 6531 Lascassas Pike, just beside the playground at the Lascassas Lion's Club, the Giving Box is completely community driven and stocked for whomever may need the supplies and food inside. This time, we are collecting hygiene products. This includes, but is not limited to:

shampoo/conditioner soap body wash toothpaste deodorant feminine products

You can place all donations in the bin outside of our office. Thank you all for your continued support of these worthy causes!!!

## May Sneak-Peek

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week
- Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> LBP Graduation at 10:00 am
- Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Last day of spring semester
- Thurs. May 27<sup>th</sup> and Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Closed for Teacher Inservice
- Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> First day of summer session



Lascassas Baptist Preschool

# Lascassas Baptist Preschool Monthly Devotion

## "Is it really all about me?"

As a little girl I loved Easter. What's not to love? My sister and I always got a new "Easter outfit" which included a frilly dress of our choosing, lacy socks, shiny new patent leather mary janes, a hat and even little white gloves. No, I'm not nearing 80, that's just the way my mom wanted to do things. Coloring enough eggs to exhaust a barnyard of chickens, we were artistic geniuses. The night before the big day we'd be filled with butterflies of anticipation for the beautiful, loaded basket that giant rabbit would drop off in exchange for the large carrot left as an offering of gratitude ... and yes, we believed! Up at dawn, we'd marvel at the lovely loot bestowed upon us and eat a few pieces of candy before breakfast. Church was fun because we got to show off our new clothes and find out how much the Big Bunny liked other kids. Off to Grandma's house for Easter egg hunts until the last adult finally said no more. Aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents sat down to a table laden with what we now call comfort food. Throughout the day we were depleting our stash as the marshmallow peeps, chocolate bunnies, jelly beans, and malted milk eggs were consumed.

**Um ..... and there was something about Jesus. Any of this sounding familiar?**

I'm not one to condemn any tradition that results in family togetherness and forming sweet memories, but perhaps there's a better way. I realize now that the Easter celebration I grew up with was all about me: my appearance, my stash of goodies, my fun day. But, honestly, **it's still all about me** ... at least that's what Jesus would say. He lived in our challenging, abusive, hurt-filled world for me. He died a brutal death, at the hands of hateful people for me. He defeated death and lives on, for me. Romans 5:8 says,

***"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."***

For those who love the fun family traditions like I grew up with, consider this. Perhaps Good Friday or even on Saturday, we could spend a little time remembering our Lord who brought each of us so much more than a wicker basketful of colored sugar. We could deliberately try to relate to Jesus by recalling our own (comparably shallow) experiences of pain and sacrifice for others. We could spend some time being still, soaking in God's eternal expression of love that encompassed the very first Easter. We could write Him a sincere letter of thanks. We could teach our kids to draw a picture or use other artistic methods to create a gift expressing grateful hearts.

***"Oh give thanks to the LORD; Call upon his name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! ..." Psalm 105:1***

Our wonderful God doesn't want us to throw away fun times or eliminate lasting traditions or replace them with a stiff, obligatory religious ritual. He loves to see us smile, hug, and enjoy treats. But I believe He'd delight even more in the way our spirits would respond to an intentional interlude basking in His presence.

*Adapted from: [www1.cbn.com/devotions/easter-is-it-all-about-me](http://www1.cbn.com/devotions/easter-is-it-all-about-me)*

## Healthy Recipe of the Month

### Colorful Easter Salad

#### **For salad:**

4 ounces mache roots, trimmed	8 ounces assorted baby lettuces
1 bunch watercress, stems removed	1 large pink grapefruit
1 small avocado, cut into 1/2-inch cubes	1 red small papaya, peeled and cut in half, seeds set aside
1 small red onion, cut in rounds	

#### **For Papaya Citrus Vinaigrette - whisk all ingredients in a small bowl.**

1/2 tablespoon Dijon mustard	5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
5 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice	5 teaspoons freshly squeezed orange juice
1 teaspoon white-wine vinegar	1/2 tablespoon honey
1/2 teaspoon salt	Pinch of freshly ground pepper

Seeds from 1 small red papaya

**Directions:** Place mache, all the baby lettuces, and watercress in a large bowl, and toss to combine. Transfer to a serving platter. Cut both ends from the grapefruit. Starting at one cut end, slide a paring knife between the peel and the pulp, removing the entire skin and the outer membrane. Use the knife to lift out the sections. Arrange the sections down the middle of the greens in a row. Place the avocado cubes to one side of the grapefruit sections. Remove the seeds from the papaya, and reserve for vinaigrette. Cut papaya into 1/2-inch-thick slices, and arrange slices on other side of the grapefruit sections. Top with onion rounds. Drizzle the vinaigrette over the entire salad, and serve immediately.

*Adapted from: [www.marthastewart.com/332641/easter-salad](http://www.marthastewart.com/332641/easter-salad)*