

EASTER

Worship Guide



Rooted in the strength of its history, Greater New Hope Baptist Church stands strong

Greater New Hope Baptist Church stands as a cornerstone of faith and history in Malvern, with roots that trace back more than a century and a half. Located at 1202 W. Sullenberger Ave., the church has long served as a place of worship, fellowship and resilience for generations of African American families in Hot Spring County.



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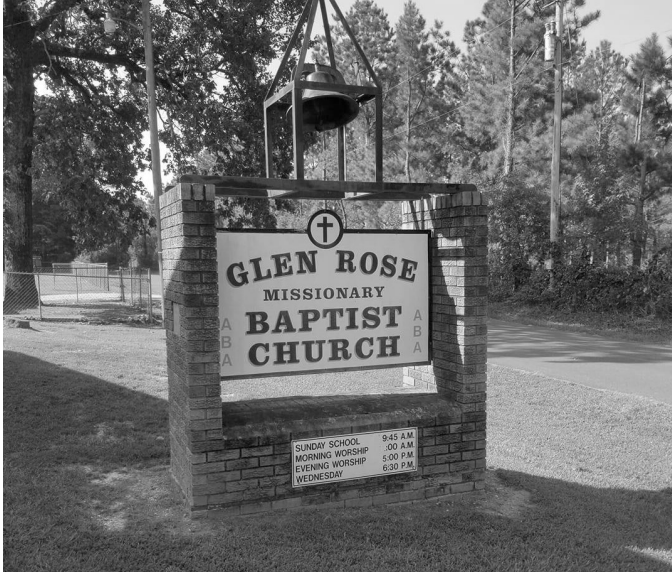
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Glen Rose MBC welcomes visitors for regular services and Easter event

Founded by a small group of faithful worshippers on September 8th, 1935, Glen Rose Missionary Baptist Church

celebrates the growth of their congregation and facilities as they continuously strive to be a light in the Glen Rose com-

munity. Under the pastorage of Dillon Miller, GRMBC is a place where the truth of God's word is taught and preached each week. The church welcomes anyone who is seeking a church home or simply looking to visit.



The congregation meets for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., followed by morning service at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday evening service at 5 p.m. Wednesday night services begin at 6:30 p.m.

The church will hold an Easter Egg Hunt next weekend on Saturday, April 4th, at 10 a.m. for children in grades Pre-K through 6th.

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH



*Growing Stronger in Faith,
Standing Firm in Hope.*

1202 W. Sullenberger Ave.,
Rev. Jimmie O.T. Lea, Pastor

SERVICE/MEETING TIMES

Sunday School Sun. - 8:30AM
Sunday Morning Worship Sun. - 10AM • Prayer Meeting/Bible Study Wed. - 6:30PM

You are invited to worship with us at Greater New Hope Baptist Church



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928 Traskwood Rd. • Malvern
Pastor - Bro. Dillon Miller

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Morning Service at 10:45
Evening Service at 5 PM.*

Reyburn Creek MBC offers two Sunday services, monthly youth night

Tucked along Reyburn Creek Road, Reyburn Creek Missionary Baptist Church continues to serve as a place of worship, offering regular services, youth activities, and opportunities for fellowship throughout the week.

Sunday mornings begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday services resume that evening with BTC at 5 p.m., with worship to follow at 6 p.m.

engaging young people by hosting a youth night on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Located at 2382 Reyburn Creek road, the church is led by Bro. Todd Bray and welcomes visitors with a full schedule of weekly services.

Midweek services are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m., providing another opportunity for connection and study. In addition to its regular services, the church emphasizes

With a consistent schedule with a heart for teaching future generations, Reyburn Creek MBC strives to create a welcoming environment for both longtime members and newcomers seeking a place to grow in faith.



Reyburn Creek Missionary Baptist Church

2382 Reyburn Creek Road
Malvern, AR



Answering some common questions about Easter

Easter is an important day on the Christian calendar. According to the Compact Atlas of Global Christianity, roughly 2.6 billion people across the globe identify as Christians. As Easter Sunday approaches, answering some frequently asked questions about this important holiday can be a great way for Christians and non-Christians to refresh their knowledge and maybe even learn something new about the holiday.

to celebrate Easter. So that is why there is some disparity between the timing of Easter celebrations within Christian churches.

How does the Easter Bunny fit into Christian celebrations of Easter?

Though it's easy to dismiss the Easter Bunny as a secular symbol that has little to do with faith-based celebrations of Easter, reality is not so simple. According to the Smithsonian, archaeologists believe humans living during the Neolithic Age viewed hares as a symbol of rebirth and assign a religious significance to burial rituals in which Neolithic peoples buried hares alongside human remains. So while an abnormally large bunny delivering candy and chocolate eggs might not have anything to do with faith-based Easter celebrations, the choice of animal may bear some relation to the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

What does Easter celebrate?

Christians believe that God raised Jesus from the dead three days after his Crucifixion, and Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

How did Good Friday get its name?

Non-Christians may wonder why Christians characterize the day Jesus Christ was crucified as "good." Though the notion of Jesus Christ being subjected to abuse and crucifixion is anything but good, Christians believe Christ's willingness to be crucified for their sin ensured their redemption. In addition, Trinity College notes that "good" in this context refers something "holy" or "pious."

Do all Christians celebrate Easter on the same day?

No. Most Christian churches adhere to the Gregorian calendar and celebrate Easter on what is widely referred to as "Easter Sunday" by secular organizations and other agencies. But Christian Orthodox churches utilize the Julian calendar to determine when

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. Various days during Holy Week have their own special significance to Christians. Palm Sunday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are notable days during Holy Week.

