

Celebrating Easter



First Baptist Church member Jason Fry portrays Jesus in the church Resurrection Trail. Joining him in the cast are children Owen and Charis Fry.



Lacy Garrison photos
Five-year-old Joen Ramirez has been captured, by the Easter Bunny, that is! He and hundreds of children participated in the Kids of Community egg hunt held at the KOTC building.

Holiday observed in variety of ways

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Easter 2018 was a memorable day, with Christians focusing on the resurrection, attending church services and special presentations. Several folks around the county braved the early morning elements to attend sunrise services.

The afternoon activities are geared toward families, starting with lunch, and followed by egg hunts for the children. This year's weather conditions were perfect for outdoor activities with clear skies and warm temperatures.

The fact Easter Sunday was on April 1, and that it coincided with April Fools' Day, it was considered an unusual event. The last time this occurred was 1956, and 1945 before that. It will happen again in 2029.

Easter is one of the holidays that does not have a set date. It falls on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21, so it will fall between March 22 and April 25 each year. The day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Area children had the opportunity to hunt eggs at several events around the community. The 17th Annual David Stalcup Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Kids of the Community, and was attended by approximately 140 children.

They were able to participate in craft activities, enjoy hot dogs and other refreshments and hunt for hundreds of eggs hidden on the property. Children finding a silver or gold egg received a message inside giving them the opportunity to visit the Easter Bunny before the other children. A live auction filled with donated items was also held in the afternoon.

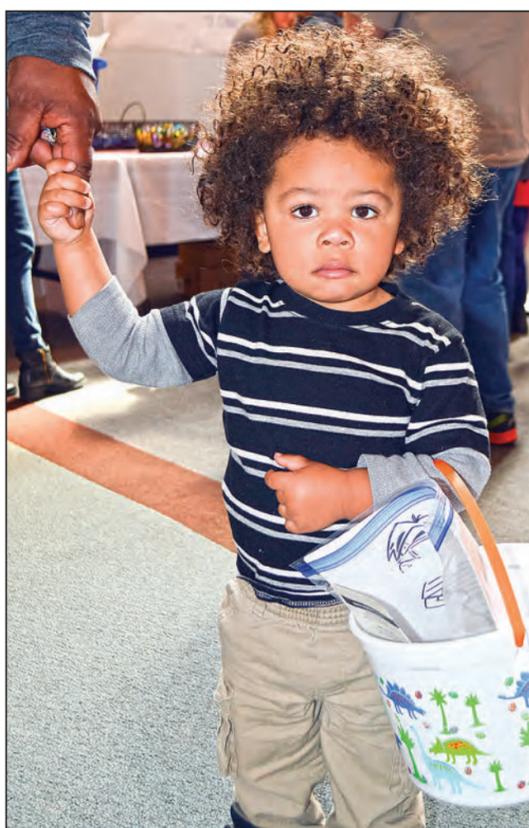
The city of McMinnville got creative with its egg hunts, welcoming children ages 4-6 to start the hunt at the Jungle Jym at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. children ages 7-10 were able to hunt; with children 11-14 hunting at 7:30 p.m. They were encouraged to bring their flashlights for the later excursion.

Junior Auxiliary moved its Hopping into Health egg hunt indoors to the Three Star Mall. It had previously been held outside at Hickory Creek Elementary. Several children participated in the scavenger hunt and had photos made with the Easter Bunny. They also enjoyed various booths, such as a face painting area, assorted games and partaking in healthy snacks.

Community hunts were also held at Bethel Hill Baptist Church in Centertown and Midway CIC, where numerous children had a blast hunting for eggs and enjoying refreshments.



Eggs everywhere, says Leeloo Grissom, as she helps her mother Leslie Caldwell hide eggs for the Kids of the Community activity.



Kaden Hurst has his eggs and is ready to go home. The 2-year-old participated in the Junior Auxiliary's Hopping Into Health hunt.



Emily Bonner, 2, is excited about having a chick on her face. The little miss enjoyed the Hopping Into Health Easter activity held at Three Star Mall.