

CONNECTING POINT

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found in a simple, empty
egg!*

Getting Started

This is a special issue of the CONNECTING POINT. You should be receiving this newsletter just before Easter to help put this holiday in perspective.

Pastor Derrick guides us through the importance of the empty egg at Easter. A great way to wish someone a Happy Easter, whether at work or in your neighborhood, is to give them an empty egg.

The Tradition of the Empty Egg

By: Pastor Derrick Hurst

Happy Easter! More importantly, He is risen!

This month we celebrate Easter. I've always loved Easter. The music in church is so much more exciting on Easter Sunday. The people are always so happy. The kids are usually dressed a little nicer, and families we haven't seen for a while generally feel this is the time to make an appearance. I love Easter!

Easter has always been a neat tradition around my family. I can remember my grandma always making a big to-do about Easter Egg hunts. She and Grandpa would come over to our house while we were in church and they would hide TONS of eggs. Every one of those eggs was filled with some sort of goody – anything from candy to loose change. I love Easter!

When I was in school though, I remember a story about a family that had a weird Easter tradition.

During the Easter egg hunt, they would hide the eggs like normal, but there was one special egg. The egg didn't look special. It wasn't special because of what was on the inside rather what wasn't on the inside.

You see, the egg was empty! There wasn't anything in that egg but air! The first Easter that they did this, the children hated getting that empty egg. That is until they learned its significance.

The empty egg was to remind them that Easter is really about an empty tomb. Sure the bunny that lays eggs is pretty amazing, but the Savior who died and now is alive is even more spectacular! The empty egg was to remind the family that Easter was about the Jesus who burst out of the tomb to guarantee their place in heaven. I love Easter!

Now the children love to get the empty egg. They are more excited over the empty egg than the ones that have candy in them.

Is it possible to get excited over an empty egg? Can an empty egg really give you the chance to share your favorite part of Easter? I think the answer is a resounding YES!

Part of my tradition after Easter is to ask people in my community how they celebrated Easter. When they return the question, I tell them that I was so excited to get an empty egg!

Perhaps this Easter you can share the tradition of the Empty Egg. Remember that the empty egg is a reminder that Jesus' tomb is empty too.

Real Easter joy is found in a simple, empty egg!

