## This is why we celebrate Easter!

It has nothing to do with rabbits or chocolate or colored eggs. It's because we have a new chance at eternal life, made possible by God himself.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him, should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16,17

## Come celebrate with us!

March 29 -- Palm Sunday – 10:00 a.m. April 2 – Maundy Thursday – April 3 – Good Friday --April 5 -- Easter morning, we will have an 8:30 breakfast in our church basement. You are invited. Please come as our guest.

Want to hear more good news? Join us weekly for worship:

7:30 am and 10:00 am Sundays 6:30 pm Wednesdays until Easter Family Bible hour Sundays at 8:45 am

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## Just what is it all about?

We all know Easter is one of those holidays made for children.



We all have our own memories of Easter traditions – finding our Easter basket, or coloring the Easter eggs. Or maybe it was going on an Easter egg hunt, or getting new clothes for church or for visiting the cousins at Grandma's house.

But really, Easter is not about the eggs and the candy, or other traditions. It's not even about the Easter bunny!



Easter is a celebration meant for adults as much as it is for children. Easter is about a topic that every person on earth should understand and take to heart.

Easter is about coming back to life after being dead. The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus was put to death, but on the third day – Easter Sunday – he came back to life!

Why is this good news to us?

The Bible says we are all born dead. Dead in God's eyes because we are all sinful and disobedient to the God who made us (Eph 2:4). Our sins block us from getting to heaven when we die.



Most of us don't like to think about death – we are unsure of what will happen after we die, and we are somewhat afraid of the unknown. But God knows us thoroughly, he knows our secret thoughts, he sees our sins. Yet he loves us and wants us to live with him forever.

Many people want to go to heaven, so they try to be as good as they can, and hope that they are good enough for heaven. But God says <u>we must be perfect</u> to get to heaven. But how can we be perfect if we are sinful?

God's solution was to punish Jesus, not for his own sins, but for ours. That's why he died on the cross – he was being punished there so we won't have to be sent to hell.

Then on Easter Sunday, Jesus was raised back to life. This shows that God accepted Jesus' death in place of our own. We can be certain that we who trust in Jesus will also rise from the dead.

