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Beyond the Bunny

1 Corinthians 15



What does Easter mean for you? If you go to church, then I'm guessing everyone you know there is making a huge deal out of Easter. Special services. Communion. Cool banners with great graphics. Easter egg hunts. All kinds of neat stuff.

But why is it that the church tries so hard to get people to come on Easter? And why is it that Easter is probably the one time of year when everyone - even those who really don't believe in God at all - go to church?

It is because what happened at Easter is the fountain of our faith. This is what a man named Paul said. Paul was a skeptic of Christianity until he met the Lord in a very dramatic way while traveling on a busy Roman highway. He became one of the most passionate evangelists in the history of the church.

Paul said that if what happened on Easter, *"if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."* 1 Cor 15 :17-19

If Easter is just a nice religious holiday with candy and bunnies and family and Jesus Christ really didn't rise again from the dead on the third day—then Christians are a really sorry lot. We might as well pack our Bibles and hymnals up and go home.

But the truth is—Jesus Christ did rise again from the dead. It's a historical fact. In fact, in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul lays out the evidence. 500 witnesses saw Jesus Christ in the flesh after he had died and been buried in the tomb. You can't get 500 people to agree on anything, but they all testified that indeed Jesus Christ was alive after He wasn't supposed to have been.

Let's bottom line this. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in human history. It's the most important event in your life and in mine.

The events at Easter are the only source of hope in this world. Thru Jesus Christ shed blood on the cross, his payment for your sin and for mine, and his resurrection from the dead give you and me new life. Eternal life forever, in only you believe (John 3:16; John 6:47; Ephesians 2:8-9).

Because of Easter, you and I don't have to be chained with the shackles of sin. We're free to live the life God intended. And one day we'll live forever in a place called Heaven, created just for our pleasure.

Because of Easter, we can walk with the God of the Universe as if He is our friend.

So, this Easter, don't let it be all about the bunny. Stop, worship the One who gave you life. Jesus Christ..... Daniel Darling

Meet Rob Carson

During his career, Rob Carson has gained experience in: Printing & Sales; Desktop Publishing; Web Design; Real Estate; Stock & Option Trading.

He is active in the following ministries at Damascus Road Community Church: Small Group Leader, Communion Team, Ushering, Set Up Team.

When asked, why he participates in the Waterboyz, he responded, "As iron sharpens iron, Christian fellowship, support, Bible study/insight."



On March 20 we razzle-dazzled the home of Rita, a young 60-year-old-woman who suffered a sudden illness that caused her to be hospitalized and to undergo brain surgery. Following hospitalization, she received skilled nursing home care before returning to her own home. Rita and her son, Shawn, are non-believers who had real needs. A few days after returning

home, the Waterboyz (joined for the first time ever by the Waterlilyz) met at her house to clean and organize a few things inside of her home and to rejuvenate the outside of her house.



The inside of the house quickly smelled of bleach and Lysol, and the doors, shutters, windows, and porch soon smelled of fresh paint. The back porch had been rebuilt to allow easy access and the large yard was restored to its former beauty when it was landscaped in its entirety. Fellow co-workers of Shawn's (also non-believers) showed up to do some work and learned about the "Water" ministries. Shawn told Jodi Foss, a co-worker of his, that he and his mom walked around the house when everyone had left and just kept saying "wow." Shawn said "it has been a long time since I have seen the good in folks." Thanks for showing Rita and Shawn the GOD in folks...Jodi Foss



Upcoming Events

April 10	7:20-9:15	Quarterly Breakfast	All saints-Frederick
April 17	9:00-5:00	Baltimore Block Party	Frederick
April 24	9:00-10:00	Big Sweep	PG County
April 24		Christmas in April	Mt Airy Fairgrounds
May 2	Afternoon	Good News Event	
May 8	7:30-9:00	10Man Table Leader Breakfast	
May 8	12:30-3:00	Paintball	
June 3	8:00-1:00	Waterboyz Golf Challenge	Hope Valley Golf Course