

**March 31 - April 1, 2018**  
**MEET ME AT THE CROSS**  
**The Hope of the World**  
**1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 14-19**

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**1. The resurrection is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Christ died for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. The resurrection is a \_\_\_\_\_ fact.**

**3. The resurrection is an \_\_\_\_\_ fact.**

- Essential to \_\_\_\_\_.
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**4. The resurrection is a \_\_\_\_\_ fact.**

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Welcome to First Baptist Church and to our Easter weekend services! We are thankful you have come to join us as we worship and celebrate what God has done for us in Christ.

The Apostle Paul gave us God's purpose in sending His Son to our broken world: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but canceling them]. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19). The resurrection of Christ showed God's power to raise Jesus from the dead and to free us from the massive debt of our sin.

We join together today to remember and to rejoice. I think of our Easter services as a "family celebration." It's not so much that people apart from Christ come to church at Easter as it is that we all make this day a day that we simply can't miss.

I am thankful you couldn't miss today. I have prayed that this might be a special day of worship and that God's Spirit would be present in power today.

This is a special day that makes tomorrow special as well.

In New Testament Christianity, there are no "holy" days. The New Testament teaches us something very different. Everyday is holy to God - that is everyday is set apart for God's purpose. God certainly cares what we do today, but He also cares what we do tomorrow and everyday.

Everyday is His day. We want this worship to be a time that helps you give everyday to God. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation to help people be restored to God. May God use this day and everyday to bring people to Him.

May God bless you and your family!