

It's About THE Lamb

A church in South Carolina has this on their marquee, "It's not about a bunny, it's about the Lamb." Today for Christians we celebrate our holiest day, Easter, that commemorates the resurrection of the Lamb of God, Jesus. Yet many people have either forgotten the real reason for Easter or ignore it all together. It is a bit sad that Christian's most prized holidays have been hijacked by commercialism. Christmas is all about Santa and Easter is all about the bunny. Christmas break for our kids is now called Winter Break and what used to be Easter break is now simply spring break.

We are glad all of you are here with us today to recognize that this is a special day. This is the day we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus who came to earth to save us from our sins. God dictated that for sin to be wiped clean that had to be a blood sacrifice. Much of the opening chapters of the Bible talks about this. Often the animal sacrificed was a lamb. Jesus is called The Lamb of God because he went to the cross to die for our sins. His resurrection is proof that God accepted His sacrifice. Through the blood of Jesus we are cleansed and given new life and new hope. That truly is something to celebrate.

Every week here we take up an offering. We do this to support all the work we do. Your generous gifts allow us to minister to scores of children and students. Throughout the year we provide spiritual direction to hundreds of people on a monthly basis. From our local work to our mission work literally around the world OUR CHURCH fueled by your generosity is making a difference. Thus YOU are making a difference.

For believers the offering is a sacred moment of worship. It is one small way we can show our gratitude and love to God for his grace and mercy that is ours through Jesus. The hymn writer Isaac Watts sums up our view of the offering when writing about Christ sacrifice he said, "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

So let's give a gift to show in part our gratefulness of Christ's sacrifice and the hope it brings not only in our lives but in all the lives we here at OUR CHURCH impact. For Easter is not about a bunny. It truly is about THE Lamb!