**4/20/25 Resurrection Sunday! Why is it especially important to be here on today? (Matthew 28:1-7; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10)**

* Jesus’ resurrection separates Him from all other religious leaders.
* The message of the resurrection reveals some special qualities that Christians possess.
* Our sins have been forgiven!
* We are eternally secure in the Living God!
* God approved and accepted Jesus’ death for our sins!
* We will live forever eternally!
* Death cannot harm a child of God!
* To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!

**Luke 24:1-6; Hebrews 7:25,10:12; 1 John 2:1; John 14:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:8**

**1. How did we get to such a Blessed Day?**

* The people cried Hosanna on Sunday and crucify Him on Friday.
* Throughout the week Jesus cleansed the temple, shared several parables and the Olivet Discourse, was betrayed by one of His disciples, was arrested, endured several illegal trials at night and was crucified on Calvary’s cross.
* Christ died for our sins, was buried and raised from the dead on the third day just as the Scriptures said.

**Matthew 26:15,16; John 19:17-37; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

**2. Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something!**

* Two secret disciples of Jesus and a group of women take center stage.
* Mary Magdalene was one of the last persons at the cross and the first person to see Jesus after His resurrection.
* An angel revealed to the women that Jesus had been raised from the dead just as He had said.
* The women were told to go and give a message to Jesus’ disciples.

**John 19:38-42, 20:1; Mark 16:1-11;** **Luke 9:22; 18:31–33; 24:6-8**

**3. Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for you and me!**

* Christ died for our sins, was buried and raised from the dead on the third day.
* If Christ was not raised, then our preaching is useless and our faith is useless.
* Because of the resurrection we are forgiven of our sins, and Jesus proved that death is not the end.

**1 Corinthians 15:3,4,13-17; 52-55**

**Upcoming Events**

The food pantry will be open Thursday, April 24 from 3-5 PM.

Mt. Calvary Women’s Inspirational Tea, Saturday, May 3rd, 10 AM; Attire: spring colors with your favorite hat or fascinator. Please RSVP to Sis. Denise at 813-245-1044 or email Godwill4u@gmail.com, The deadline to RSVP is today, April 20th.

Next Women’s Tea meeting, tomorrow- Monday, April 21st, 6 PM on Zoom.

Mother’s Day, May 11th, 11:00 AM, Evangelist Sebrina Newsome, Theme: Created on Purpose for God’s Glory! Ephesians 2:10.

Christian Leadership Zoom School Classes offered: Elective Class: **Our Weapons Are Not Carnal,** Book: What You Need to Know About Spiritual Warfare by Max Anders. This Class will be held June 2, 3, 5 & 6, taught by Dr. Joe Troope.

Phase III Course 3007 **History of Baptist**, Book: The Church in History by B. K. Kuiper. This class will be held Monday through Friday, June 23-27, taught by Dr. William C. Morgan.

Last day to register, May 20th; Congress Closing Program, River Hill Baptist Church, 2884 James Road, Valdosta, GA, Saturday, June 21, 10 AM

**Thought for the Week:** "For God so loved the world that He **gave** His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."