

**Oops, we goofed!**  
**The following is Pastor Charlie's article which  
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Once a year we celebrate an event called Easter. Easter — that moment when God was lying in a tomb, but instead of staying there He resurrected Himself to a new life. The apostle Paul said, *“If Christ was not raised, then....your trust in God is useless... If we have hope in Christ only for this life, we are the most miserable people in the world”* (1 Corinthians 15:14, 19)

Easter tells us there is hope. Easter tells us we can have a good future. Easter tells us we do not have to experience the penalty for our sins, which is death. Easter tells us that Jesus has the keys to life. Easter tells us that nothing can prevent God from giving life to whom He chooses. Easter tells us that there is life after death. Easter tells us that when Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the Way the Truth and the Life, no one can come to the Father except through Me,” He meant it, and it is true. Easter tells us that Jesus is Who He said He is—God’s only Son. Easter tells us that pain and suffering can end. Easter tells us that God has conquered evil.

This year Easter is Sunday, April 5th. Let me encourage you to set aside that day for a celebration. Invite your family or friends to church, worship God with us and then spend the day together enjoying life, doing something special, because the Bible says, “He who has the Son has life” (1 John 5:12).