

**“Why do you look for THE LIVING among the dead?
He is not here; HE HAS RISEN!
LUKE 24:5-6 (NIV)**

April 9, 2020

Dear Bethany Family & Friends,

EASTER 2020. This one we will never forget! I imagine next year when we look back and celebrate together, we will not only remember the challenges, but also God’s faithfulness to us. The message of Easter never changes: **“Christ is RISEN! He is RISEN INDEED, and ALIVE FOREVERMORE!”**

Because of Easter *our past is forgiven, our life is worth living and we have hope and a future!* He came to earth to show us His love. He shared our life, with all its risks and perils, so he is able to empathize with us. He taught us how to live. He showed us how to trust God even when life doesn’t make sense.

And our need for Him hasn’t changed. Far from it! ***So I invite you to do four things this Easter!***

1. RECEIVE A GIFT! Participate in our ONLINE Easter Celebration...Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. at www.bethanyonline.net!

I’m excited to share with you how to **UNWRAP YOUR EASTER GIFTS!** There are *many* gifts that come to us from Jesus’ death and resurrection. **God wants you to receive and enjoy them!** *Find out how!* We will have a moving time of worship together as well, with some special surprises. Don’t miss it!

2. SHARE THE GIFT! Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to watch our service!

God’s gifts are to be shared! *“Freely you have received; freely give”* (MATTHEW 10:8). Please take a moment to reach out, see how they are doing, and invite them to watch.

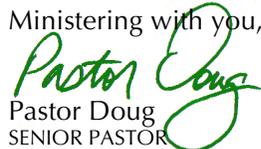
3. BRING A GIFT! Help us continue to serve our community!

You have been so generous this year! I am so proud of the many ways Bethany’s ministries and members reach out to our community. **Thank you for so quickly adapting and GIVING ONLINE at www.bethanyonline.net!** But we need your help now more than ever. Our EASTER OFFERING has been designated to **help us sustain and even expand ministry during this crisis, while covering our expenses with fewer resources.** Please, help keep Bethany flourishing!

4. The Cross & Empty Tomb of Jesus are a gift to us. Our Living Cross is a gift to our community!

Our Children’s Ministries team wants to offer this beautiful reminder to our community that Jesus is ALIVE! So they will be decorating the LIVING CROSS along Sunset with flowers to make it available for families to take their picture! It will be available from 1:00 P.M. this Saturday and through the week. Come by anytime! If you need someone to take your picture, call us at **626.962.8501** or email info@bethanyonline.net and we’ll set up a time. Please share your pictures at our email or on Facebook or Instagram. Use **#LivingCrossAtBethany** because ***we would love to see you!***

Ministering with you,


Pastor Doug
SENIOR PASTOR