

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 ESV



Worship Service & Communion

Sunday, 5 April, 2026

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- **Worship Services: 10:40 am & 6:00 pm (In-person & Online)**
📺 <https://www.youtube.com/user/bereanbarbados/live>
 - **Sunday School: 9:30 – 10:15am (In-person)**
 - **Wednesday Noon Prayer (In-person)**
 - **Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study: 7:30 pm (In-person & Online)**
📺 **YouTube** 📺 **ZOOM** (links provided)
 - **Friday Youth Service: 7:00 pm (in-person)**



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Christ's Resurrection: The Source of Hope

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus stands at the center of our hope as Christians. Because Christ is risen, we know that His death on the cross accomplished its saving purpose as the once-for-all sacrifice for sin. Moreover, because Christ is risen, we who are in Him have the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Some time ago, I stumbled across a fascinating Newsweek article from 1968 entitled Soul on Ice.

The article reports the premature death of 24-year-old Stephen J. Mendel due to chronic illness. Before his death however, Stephen sought to safeguard his future by having his body frozen in the hopes he could one day be thawed and revived if a cure for his illness were ever found. In compliance with his wishes, upon his death his body was taken, infused with anti-freeze, packed with dry-ice, and placed indefinitely in a capsule. "A remote chance" of success was all Mendel's mother was willing to grant this science-fiction-like endeavor. Nonetheless, she continued, "It was easier for me to bear because there wasn't the same finality of putting someone away under the earth."

This is a fascinating, albeit tragic, story. It highlights the profound pessimism of those who do not know the Lord.

As Christians, we are also hoping for a future resurrection, but unlike Mendel, our hope is based not on a future defrost, but on the very promise of God.

For you as a believer, your resurrection is not the fantasy of science fiction, but the inevitable reality of biblical fact. It requires no ice, no anti-freeze, no liquid nitrogen; you can be buried, drowned, or cremated. Only one thing is important – that you possess a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. As a member of His family, you can anticipate with confidence the resurrection unto life (John 5:29).

Paul, in 2 Corinthians 5, reminds us that this future reality is to be eagerly anticipated, or – in his words – groaned for. In fact, in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul describes the staggering reality of experiencing eternal life in a

resurrection body. The hope of a resurrection unto eternal life is the difference between Christian and non-Christian funerals. It explains why we do not mourn like the rest of the world, which has no hope (see 1 Thess 4:13).

Such optimism, even in the face of death, is predicated upon the reality that Christ has risen from the grave. His resurrection guarantees the same for those who belong to Him. Consequently, for believers, there are no “good-bye’s,” just “see you later’s.”

The hope of heaven is predicated on the reality of Christ’s resurrection. It provides the basis on which believers can face death with unflinching confidence.

Charles Spurgeon, speaking of those in his own congregation who had died, said,

The very happiest persons I have ever met with have been departing believers, the only people for whom I have felt any envy have been dying members of this very church, whose hands I have grasped in their passing away, almost without exception, I have seen in them holy delight and triumph and in the expectations to this, and in the exceptions to this exceeding joy, I’ve seen deep peace exhibited in a calm and deliberate readiness to enter into the presence of their God.

Because the Lord Jesus conquered sin and death through His crucifixion and resurrection, believers can now face death without fear or trepidation. They know they are going home, into the presence of their Savior and Lord.

After all, it is the presence of Christ that makes heaven so wonderful. Heaven will never grow boring, because Heaven is Christ, and Christ is infinitely glorious. We will worship Him forever, and our love for Him will only deepen as the centuries and millennia pass by.

When we consider the incredible hope that we enjoy, that we anticipate with eagerness as Christians – there is reason for everlasting rejoicing. This hope centers on the resurrection of our Savior. And that is why we have so much to celebrate this weekend.

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Order of Service

April 5, 2026, 10:40 a.m.

Service Theme: "The Hope of the Resurrection"

- i. Welcome: Pastor Paul Garnes
- ii. Announcements: Secretary: Mark Murray
- iii. Meditation
1. Scriptural Call to Worship: Bro. Barry Ward
2. Prayer of Adoration and Invocation:
Bro. Barry Ward
3. **Congregational songs:**
 - a. **Strife is O'er 143**
 - b. **Christ Arose (Up from the grave) 176**
 - c. **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**
4. Special: "Alive!" The Berean Choir
5. Scripture Readings:
 - a. OT reading NIV: Numbers 9:1-14:
Sis. Angie Blunt
 - b. NT reading NASB: Acts 24:10-21:
Sis. Alicia Harewood
6. Prayer of Confession and Assurance:
Bro. Mark Murray
7. Prayer of Thanksgiving and Offertory:
Bro. Mark Murray
8. Special: Total Praise
9. **Offertory: Hope in God**
10. **Congregational song:**
Thank You for the Cross
11. Pastoral/Intercessory Prayer:
Pastor Paul Garnes
12. Sermon: Pastor Paul Garnes
13. Distribution of Communion Elements:
 - a. **We Receive**
 - b. Communion
 - c. **We Receive cont'd**
14. Benediction

ITEMS FOR PRAYER



- For His sacrifice at the cross for our reconciliation.
- For our upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- For IBYC and preparations as we host here in Barbados
- For the upcoming Church elections, 70th anniversary plans and proposed building project.
- For God's Word to be faithfully preached.
- Pray for the ministry and wellbeing of our Pastor and family.
- For the guidance of our Government.
- For healing for our sick members and grace for our shut-in members.
- For the Berean Churches, Gazettes, Dominica, Grenada and DR Congo.
- For the friends of Berean - The Gilmours, Haecks, Hulls, Moores, Montagues, Porchers, Rogers, Rudders and Taylors.
- For unemployed members to find meaningful employment.
- For the peace of Jerusalem. Psalm 122:6-8

April Birthdays



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| 8 - Signe Watson | 15 - Kenny St. Cyr | 23 - Wendy Jones |
| 10 - Malaeah Codrington | - Tanique Murray | 24 - Susan Greenidge |
| 12 - Ta-Zaria Alleyne | 19 - Renee Springer-Haynes | 26 - Marcia Mayers |
| - Matthew Bovell | 22 - Joy-Ann Beckles | 27 - Marlene Skinner |
| - Patricia Scott | 23 - Chirlene Black | 29 - Kevin Gaskin |
| 14 - Joel Ward | - Dazil Blackman | - Jamar Watts |

Anniversaries



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| 4 - Kenny & Jodi St. Cyr | 12 - Patricia & Noel Archer |
| 18 - Ricardo & Julia Licorish | |