## **Opinions** At Northside

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What Does Easter Mean To You? Along with spring comes the joyous Christian holiday of Easter. While for some Easter may be just a time to dress up in new clothes and, perhaps, attend church services, for others the day is a special time filled with spiritual signifi-

As adults, we often celebrate holidays with the same traditions we observed in our families as children. Still, children can bring a fresh perspective to even the most ordinary events. With this thought in mind, students at Northside Christian Academy were asked, "What does Easter mean to you?" Here are their responses.

VALERIE STURDIVANT, an eighth grader, lives with her parents, Curtis and Lorraine Sturdivant, on April Ridge Lane in Charlotte. To Valerie, Easter means "joy and happiness and pretty colors." Part of the Easter tradition for Valerie's family is a visit from relatives in Wadesboro.

ROBBIE WEST is in the eleventh grade. Robbie and his parents, Robert and Betty West, live on Fencepost Lane in Matthews. According to the high school junior, "Easter is important because Jesus died on the cross. Not only that, but he arose." As for traditions, "usually family comes to visit us or we go to visit them."

JOHN BARNETTE, who lives with his mother, Alberta Barnette, on Valview Lane in Charlotte, is in the seventh grade. "It's a big issue," he begins. "Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. We usually go to church for a special Easter sermon. Then we go to my grandfather's house in South Carolina."

TAMARA GRAY, of Ivy Hollow Drive, is in the fourth grade. Her parents are Walter and Pat Gray. For Tamara, Easter means a time "for you to relax and think about God and thank Him for everything He has given you. We go to church on Easter Sunday." What makes Easter different from any other



.....Jesus died



.....Special sermon

Sunday? "It's different because Christ rose from the dead," she asserts.

EMMANUEL HUNTER, son of Mack and Geraldine Hunter, resides with them on Cinderella Road. Emmanuel is also in the fourth grade. "Easter is a time of rejoicing and being happy and celebrating Christ's death and resur-

rection," he begins. "It's a time to be happy because Christ conquered death so we could have life eternally."

A happy and blessed Easter to you all!



Valerie Sturdivant .....Joy and happiness



.....Time to relax



Emmanuel Hunter



