

CALL TO WORSHIP

Breath On Me # 164

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Bob M.

Wed- Brian S.

HYMN

Speak, Lord, In The Stillness # 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, Saturday the 28th, we will have a cookout at our home. All are welcome!

-We **will not** have a meal following the service on the first Sunday of June (5th).

CLOSING HYMN

Once For All # 205

When we are looking forward to some happy occasion in the future it gives us strength as we pass through each day. How much more this sure hope! Our Savior promised, *“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also”* (Jn 14:3). We know how joyful it is to meet with a loved one after a long time apart. Even now when the Lord makes us know his presence what joy it produces in our hearts—and this is true even though we see through a glass darkly. Just think about that day when our Beloved comes in person to receive us to himself! Our Lord said to his troubled disciples, “Believe me!” Brethren, believe him. This is not some expectation that can change like our plans so often do. Our Redeemer promised it! It is our sure hope established by our Lord Jesus preparing a place for us by his redeeming blood.

- Pastor Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

THE GOSPEL

The gospel is not a plan to be followed, or a program to be practiced. It is not a precept or a principle to be understood. The gospel is a **person**. The second person of the triune Godhead, who bore the sins of God’s elect and by the sacrifice of Himself put them away once and for all. He was raised from the dead, ascended into glory, and is right now seated at the right hand of the majesty on high. He is the sovereign Savior of sinners. He is the Substitute and Surety for His people. His name is Jesus, for He has saved His people from their sins. He is Faithful and True to all His promise. What “good news” (gospel) it is for the soul of a sinner to know they have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous One. He himself is the sum and substance of the gospel.

- Pastor Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

A FOWL EXAMPLE

The birds have never used their songs to complain of their lot in life. They wake up each morning and live on what their Creator has provided for them, and do so without worry or complaints, and with a beautiful melody. Matthew 6:25-26 *“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?”*

How much more ought we to trust our Lord who died to save us? Maybe we ought to do a little more bird watching and imitate them.

- Pastor John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

Christ Sent Me To Preach

“Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect” -1 Corinthians 1:17

If examined by the standards of the religious world today, the Apostle Paul would be a miserable failure as a pastor or an evangelist. He was not impressive to look at or to hear. He conscientiously avoided oratory. *“My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:4-5)*. He was not an entertainer, promoter, or church growth expert. Though he was a brilliant, well-trained man, he had no “credentials” to “open doors” for him in the religious world. And Paul was not an accredited “pastoral counsellor.” He did his counselling from the pulpit and with his pen. He knew what he was sent to do. He writes, *“Christ sent me to preach.”* He refused to use the commonly accepted practices of men to build, or pretend to build, the kingdom of God. He would not use the arm of the flesh to do, or pretend to do, the work of the Lord. His weapons and tools were not canal, but spiritual. He simply preached the gospel of Christ, both with his pen and his lips, and waited upon God the Holy Spirit to make his preaching effectual to the hearts of men. He never sought a name for himself or fame among men, and never had it. As long as he lived, men looked upon him as a man whose radical doctrines and methods doomed him to failure. Yet, there has never been a man more greatly used of God than Paul, the preacher!

- Don Fortner

Regeneration makes no alteration on the flesh, but the Spirit. There is nothing in the flesh made holy. And there is nothing in the spirit left unholy.

- Robert Hawker

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“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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