

Announcements

Scripture: Matthew 27:50-53

Prayer

Song - 220—He Lives (1,3)

Song - (Screen Only) - In Christ Alone

Comments

Lord's Supper & Collection

Song - 950—Lamb of God (1,3)

Song - 400—Living by Faith (1,3)

Sermon:

When the Curtain Was Torn

Song - 401—Love for Jesus (All)

Song - 9—A Wonderful Savior (1,4)

Prayer

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Kevin Keenan

Lord's Table (AM)

Prayers: Roger Scott

Bill Sherman Blue Suarez

Brian Huff Dale Crews

Max McDougal Sam Greenroyd

Tres Lowrance Walter McFadden

Lords Supper (PM)

Layne Adams Darrell MacDonald

Greeters

Brian & Jennifer Huff

Darrell & Lindsay Macdonald

Kevin Keenan

Building Closer

Josh Dyer

Prayers

April 7

AM Dewayne Ross Jerry Doyle

PM Arless Murray Josh Dyer

April 14

AM Dwain Thacker Keith McDougal

PM Bill Sherman Mason MacDonald

April 21

AM Fred Babbit Michael Gustafson

PM Brian Jaworsky Richard Lowrance

April 28

AM Horace Phillips Randy Vance

PM Devin MacDonald Roy Cowan

Service Assignments - March/April

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM

AM Worship 10:00 AM

PM Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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We Were Hoping

"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel."

- Luke 24:21

By definition, hope is a feeling or expectation of a personal desire. It is a driving force toward an optimistic outcome. In contrast, a loss of hope devastates any sense of desire or reason for moving in a forward direction.

Sometimes, events just don't unfold in the way you want them to. Many an athlete or team has held the ambition of achieving some ultimate goal; the championship or at least defeating a constant rival. Even the lowest underdogs hold to a fragment of hope in order to compete. In the end, one side loses. For the losers there is often that sense that along with the present competition all hope is lost. From there it is hard to move in a forward or positive direction. There are, of course, situations that are of far greater importance to us than a game or competition.

Jesus appeared to be out of the picture. The cross and the grave had ended what many had seen to be a revolutionary movement in their nation. Enemies of Jesus had seen it as a tremendous victory. They relished the humiliation of Jesus and the sealing of the burial tomb. It was an end to troubling fears. Admirers and followers of Jesus felt only a sense of emptiness and loss. These earnest disciples saw their hope recede in the flow of blood from His many wounds. The final words they hear Him utter, spoke of a finish. In their minds, it was the finish of their invested hopes and dreams. What they had desired to happen failed before their eyes. It was hard for them to fathom a greater sense of loss.

On that road, the third day later, two of those hurt disciples openly spoke of their thoughts. Joined by a stranger, they continued their discussion. At a point, they

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Elders

Kevin Keenan
Keith McDougal
Horace Phillips
Bill Sherman

Deacons

Joshua Dyer
Brian Huff
Brian Jaworsky
Tres Lowrance
Darrell MacDonald
Randy Vance

Minister

Russell Dyer



were interrupted by the stranger. He asked of them, to clarify the things they were discussing. The oddity of His question was noted. For, they thought everyone in the region would know of Jesus and His death. Their explanation even extended to note the unusual rumors of His tomb being empty, and even other fantastic tales. There is a sense of irony here. These disciples were speaking of destroyed hope to the very one who was the very center of that hope, and yet they did not recognize Him. The good news is, Jesus clarified the things that had happened, and hope was reborn that day.

The regaining of hope is a matter of no small value. It changes the course of anyone and everyone who is affected by it. It turns the worst day into the best day. It is the impetus of recognizable joy. The disciples changed their direction that very evening. There was no delay. Hope inspired them. Every step forward in life is evidence of hope. So, when obstacles are pushing backward, each stubborn step is even more a testament to the great power of hope.

Let's hope! I mean it. Let's put hope on the front burner. When those disciples said, "We had hoped." They were putting hope in the past tense. Hope can't do anything there. Make it present tense. Let's determine to hope, and let it be a hope in the Lord. — Russ

Upcoming Events

EPIC

(Ever Present in Christ)

The Annual Event will take place Friday evening and Saturday, April 26-27, at the Moore Central Church of Christ.

- **Observers are Needed for Epic** - See Brian Huff if you would like to volunteer.
- **The Final Mentoring session will be on Monday** (April 22) from 6-7:30 PM.

Other Notes

- **The Ladies' Coffee** —is on the first and third Fridays each month.

- **The Men's Breakfast**—The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday (April 27), at 8 am.
- **All Church Dinner**—Sunday, April 28, following morning worship. Come and enjoy.
- On May 5, **David Howard**, from Boulder Colorado will be with us to speak. We help support the work of the church there.
- **On Saturday morning, May 11.** The men will fix breakfast for the **Ladies**. We will need to know how many will be present in order to provide enough food for everyone. Contact Dewayne Ross, Russ Dyer, or sign the bulletin board list.

Who: - Who was the disciple who brought the bread and fish to Jesus in order to feed the multitude? - **Answer next week**

Last Week: Hilkiah — 2 Kings 22:8

News and Information

Are you interested? We are considering offering classes in Spanish, or Sign Language. If you are interested in a weeknight class in either of these subjects, contact Keith McDougal asap. If there is enough interest, we will schedule the classes.

Daily Bible Reading

- 21) Daniel 8-10; Revelation 8
- 22) Daniel 11-12; Revelation 9
- 23) Eccl. 1-3; Revelation 10
- 24) Eccl. 4-6; Revelation 11
- 25) Eccl. 7-9; Revelation 12
- 26) Eccl. 10-12; Revelation 13
- 27) Numbers 1-2; Revelation 14
- 28) Numbers 3-4; Revelation 15

Happy Anniversary

George & Pat King - - 4/26

Happy Birthday

Michael Gustafson - - 4/24
 Peyton Holmes - - 4/24
 Fred Holland - - 4/25
 Ian McMasters - - 4/26
 Kailyn Jolliff - - 4/27
 J. R. Downs - - 4/28
 Donna Adams - - 5/3
 Bill Fleming - - 5/5
 Leann Sherman - - 5/5
 Marissa Suarez - - 5/6

For Directory Changes see Randy Vance.

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
 And it told Thy love to me;
 But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
 And be closer drawn to Thee.

Keep In Your Prayers

- ♦ **Becky McDougal** had surgery on Friday at St. Anthony Hospital.
- ♦ **George King** is in Medical Park West Rehabilitation facility in Norman.
- ♦ **George Frazier** was able to be present for worship on Sunday.
- ♦ **Linda Marcom** is undergoing daily radiation treatments.
- ♦ **James Womack**, brother-in-law to Linda Suarez has terminal lung cancer.
- ♦ **Riley Baldwin** - throat surgeries.
- ♦ **Arletta Hensley** —Linda Vance's mother is home under hospice care.

Also remember:

- ♦ **Joan Keenan**
- ♦ **Wayne Haynes**
- ♦ **George King**
- ♦ **Marguriete Shobert**
- ♦ **Letha Meador**

Contacts: To help send cards or making calls to visitors or absentees, see Bill Sherman

Lord's Supper Preparation
 To be a part of a monthly rotation? See Randy Vance.