

Morning Worship

May 21, 2017

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Marcia Hart

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Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Hymn # 236 <i>Bless That Wonderful Name</i>	Tim/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Hymn # 537 <i>I Will Sing the Wondrous Story</i>	Tim/People
Hymn # 600 <i>More About Jesus</i>	Tim/People
Offering Prayer	Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	Marcia Hart
Chorus # 577 <i>The Old Ship of Zion</i>	Tim/People
Hymn # 516 <i>When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder</i>	Tim/People
Anthem <i>Because He Lives (Amen)</i>	Worship Team
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 5:1-16	Allan/People
Message <i>Children Matter</i>	Allan Lane
Hymn # 326 <i>All On the Altar</i>	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns	Allan/People
Chorus # 564 <i>Make Me a Channel of Blessing</i>	Tim/People

Children Matter

Proverbs 30:11-14, Judges 2:10

Our texts today carry a sad message. Whose fault is it that a generation grows up and doesn't know the Lord? Is it the child's fault? Is it society's fault? Do you know where our children are?

1. Where are they intellectually ?

a. Raised equality .

The Schools are dumbing down the children so that each are "Intellectually Correct." The system does not want one child to succeed more than another. The government thinks every child in the classroom should have the same IQ.

b. Lowered expectations .

In sporting events sometimes they don't keep score anymore. Everyone gets a participation trophy. Homework is not expected anymore. Homework will reduce their social time, and therefore they will be mentally and emotionally challenged if they have to spend too much time in homework. Most all of the children in the oriental lands and homes are much farther ahead of the children in the USA because we will not force them to learn. Listen to me, parents. You are doing your child a disfavor if you are not encouraging them to learn to their capacity. They must be encouraged to do their best. The mind of a young person is too great to waste. Encourage them to learn. They should spend at least as much time maybe more in the school books as they do in pleasure, sleep, and TV combined.

Education should not be in the hands of the government, but the home. More specifically the father should have a direct role in the learning of his children (Galatians 4:1-2). The education departments of certain states are finally figuring it out. Some are requiring an alternate to be taught to evolution. Kansas has abolished the teaching of evolution altogether. Maybe MO will someday.

The purpose of lower education is to produce a race that is not intelligent enough to care for them, and the government must step in. When that happens the privileges go also.

2. Where are they morally ?

a. Do parents know?

More likely than not most parents do not know how their children feel about certain issues of morality.

Most children today know more about the "birds and bees" at the age of eight and nine than I did when I was twenty years old. They see more immorality on TV than I ever read or even thought about. The things that were off limits to me as a teenage are now accepted as common and ordinary today.

A Christian can't even repeat the names of some of the television programs of today because of their evil nature and names. When the program introductory includes warnings such as, "Adult Language, Nudity, Strong Sexual Content," you can mark it down it is too rotten for you and your children. This may be the 21st Century, but sin is still sin. Television will destroy your children if you do not control what they watch.

b. Do churches know?

One out of every two eighth grade girls has had at least one sexual experience. One of every four 8th grade girls will become pregnant. One of every seven 8th grade girls will have an abortion.

Where did they learn all of this? Surely they did not learn it from the family devotion time, math class, or history books. No. They learned it from TV and the people they associate with. How well do you know your child's closest friend? Hey, moms and dads, it's your responsibility to know that stuff. Where are they morally?

3. Where are they emotionally ?

Child psychiatry is sky rocketing today. What are some of the reasons?

a. Broken homes .

If parents would let the children decide whether mom and dad should get a divorce or not, most of them would be halted. Children are forced into a situation they don't understand, or didn't have any say at all.

b. Broken hearts .

Have you ever been someplace where you heard the prayer requests of young children concerning their parents? The children are going through so much more emotionally than they should ever have to go through. We have a wicked and adulterous generation of moms and dads.

4. Where are they spiritually ?

a. Do they believe in God ?

It says in our Scripture, "Which Knew Not The Lord." That tells me that they were a lost generation. They were separated from the things of God. In our society today the public schools have turned out a generation of atheistic kids that don't believe in God or the Bible.

Some Christian schools have produced a bunch of "holier than thou" kids that can quote half of the Bible, but can't figure out how to live their lives for God.

b. Do they believe in the Bible ?

We read in Proverbs 30:12, "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness." This is speaking of those who claim to be redeemed yet they haven't given any attention to what the Bible says about a sinner. They have ignored the fact that the Bible says there is a hell. They hold the attitude of, "Who needs God?" They will accept the participation of their peers into the devilish vices of the day. They do not condemn drinking alcoholic beverages or abusing drugs or sexual promiscuity. There is no black or white, just gray.

It says, "Yet they are not washed from their filthiness." This means they have never repented. They have not been to the cross of Calvary and had that cleaning from the Blood of the Lamb.

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains.

They have rejected God's love and provision.

c. Do they believe in salvation ?

Make sure your children are saved. You may say, "I think all of mine are saved."

Don't take it for granted. Talk about it often and openly. About fifty percent of our baptisms are those who have made a prior profession of faith. Don't let your children go to hell. We must put some spiritual backbone in each of them. Don't be satisfied with just what they are taught in the Sunday School. A relationship with the Savior, Jesus Christ, is the answer.

5. Can they be delivered ?

Our Generation Can Be Saved. They can be saved spiritually. Lead them to Christ. Teach them God's Word. Live Godly lives before them.

They can be saved morally. Make sure you as parents are living Godly lives before them and also in private. Eliminate any private TV time and allow only family watching. Teach and practice good morals in the home.

They can be saved emotionally. Restore the glory of the home. Put Christ first in your home. Let your children see you serving God actively. Deal with any and all problems as they arise. Discipline when discipline is due. Give praise when praise is due. Be honest with each child. Don't expect a child to act like an adult.

Conclusion:

Proverbs 11:21 - "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered."

Notice these words: "The seed" - that's children or young people. "The Righteous" - That's the saved parents.

So we can see that children of righteous parents will be delivered. Take your pencil or pen and write in your Bible the names of your children or grandchildren or any other children you believe God has placed on your heart today. Write their names beside this verse.

Proverbs 11:21

Pray for All God's Children

Paul had a deep love for the Colossians as well as all the churches he had helped start. You could say he loved them as a father loves his own children. As a matter of fact Paul often referred to himself as a father to those he led to the Lord. And as a spiritual father he prayed for his spiritual children. Parents should pray for their children. It's equally important that we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. But how do we pray for them? What do we ask for? In Colossians 1:1-12 Paul gives us a good example of how to pray for those we love. It's easy to tell someone you'll be praying for something, but Paul was specific, telling them how he prayed and what he asked for.

Verse 9 says he prayed that they would know God's will. He could have prayed that they would not be persecuted, that they would have good health, that they would prosper, or that they would gain political power. He prayed that they would know God's will. What good is it to live in perfect health without Christ? What good is it to have possessions and lose our own soul? What good is it to have political power if we do not know the will of God? The knowledge of God's will is more important than any of these because with the knowledge of God's will you are filled with the knowledge of world conditions, the knowledge of how to succeed in life, and the knowledge of true power, which only comes from God.

He prayed that they would know how to walk (verse 10). When a soldier goes off to boot camp, he may look like any civilian. By the time he leaves there he will walk, talk, eat, sleep, shoot and shine like a soldier. He is now a reflection on the U.S. military. In the same way a Christian's action is a reflection on God. As we grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ we gain spiritual understanding. Spiritual understanding teaches us how to walk. Through prayer, Bible study, worship, and faithfully assembling with other believers, we gain spiritual understanding.

Last, he prayed that they would know God well (verse 10). I am thankful for those who work with our children in Sunday School, Children's Church and Vacation Bible School. It is important that children are taught about Who God is. But it is truly more important that children know God. Children must hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. They need to know only Jesus can lead their lives and guide them to an eternal home in heaven. So we ought to be praying that children know God, and as they grow physically that they will also grow spiritually closer to God every day.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: ????, Ken Nice, Don Sharp, Fred Kerns
Alternate: Isaac Waters
Fellowship Dinner & Business Meeting.....Noon
Mission Trip Meeting..... 3 pm
No Evening Worship.....

Wednesday, May 24

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 25

W Team.....6:30 pm

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am
Sunday School.....9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough, Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters
Alternate: Larry McKahan
No Evening Worship.....

Wednesday, May 31

Youth Bible Study.....6:30 pm
Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm
Adult Choir.....7:30 pm

Thursday, June 1

G Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

May 21 — Food Pantry Collection Day

— Lunch and Business Meeting at Noon

May 22 — Worker's Meeting 6:30 pm

— Youth Camp Forms are due

May 29 — Memorial Day

June 19-23 — Saint Joseph Baptist Association Youth Camp

July 17-21 — Saint Joseph Baptist Association Children's Camp

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

Tonight we will not have church due to our business meeting and fellowship lunch. See you the next time we meet.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

This week our study is *Out Live Your Life* by Max Lucado. Come and discover how you can make a difference. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm!

Youth Camp ...

forms are due on
May 22, 2017.

Youth Camp is June 19-23.

Campers must have completed the 7th—12th grades.

Children's Camp ...

...forms are available.

**Children's Camp is
July 17-21.**

Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

Today, May 21,
Immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

Food Pantry Collection Day!

Today, May 21, 2017

You may place your non-perishable items in the basket in the hallway
at any time.
Thank You!

Vacation Bible School

July 23-27

Mark your calendar!

Let Ellen know if you are willing to serve and what age group.

Association Missions Emphasis Week

May 21-28

Pray for our sister churches this week.

For the Record-

Attendance: May 14, 2017

Sunday School.....	38
Visitors.....	6
Total.....	44
Contacts Made.....	9
Morning Worship.....	67
Children's Worship.....	16
Wednesday Night	12

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,592.35

Offering Received by Mail:

May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

May Van Driver:

George Burgess
Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a
ride.

May Member Birthdays:

03... Vicki Long
11... Hannah Schottel
12... Rev. A. B. Brown
17... Arlette Duty
20... Pam Eldredge
20... Erin Molloy
20... Mike Green
26... Isaac Waters

May Anniversaries

Russ and Nancy McCamy
May 22, 1982

Prayer Requests ...

Emily Jones
Tammy Panning
Irma Wood—Lillian Williams friend
Gina Harr—recovery (and Randy)
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Pat Means—Mary Sharp's Sister
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Stephanie and Jason Terpack

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Don and Marcia —Don's Health
Troy Griswold—cancer treatment
Tracy Maisel and Tim Ford
Juanita and Bill Haskins—adjustments
Gary & Peggy Fewins and family
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris
Richardson's sisters

Rev. A. B. Brown	Betty Campbell
George Ferbert	Larry Danner
Ellen Blanton	Lois Ulmer
Jim Winans	Nellie Reynolds
Madeline Swink	Ann Riddle
Kathryn Beavers	Keon McKahan
Louanne Laurence	Leona Reynolds
Jozy Winans	Kenny Duty
Kevin Duty	Buddy Means
Bill Haskins	Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett	Judy Anderson
Brenda Burgess	Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts	Tim Izer

Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
