

## Morning Worship

July 2, 2017

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Sharon Waters

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

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Chorus # 23	<i>God Is So Good</i>	Tim/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship		Allan/People
Hymn # 630	<i>America the Beautiful</i>	Tim/People
Pledge to the Flags and Bible		Allan/People
Hymn	<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i>	Worship Team
Hymn # 634	<i>My Country, 'Tis of Thee</i>	Tim/People
Hymn # 633	<i>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory</i>	Tim/People
Offering Prayer		Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Sharon Waters
Anthem	<i>God Bless the U.S.A.</i>	Worship Team
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)	
Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 7:1-7	Allan/People
Message	<b><i>Revival Under Samuel</i></b>	Allan Lane
Hymn # 296	<i>Jesus Is Lord of All</i>	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Chorus # 457	<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	Tim/People

## Revival Under Samuel

1 Samuel 7:1-15

July 2, 2017 am

After a long period of separation from God, the people of Israel became conscious of His absence and began to lament after the Lord. Much like today, the presence of the living God was their greatest need.

Again, my disclaimer is that the ideas for the following are taken from ***The Revivals of the Bible***, by Ernest Baker, compiled in Cape Town, South Africa, April, 1906.

Both the religious and the national life of Israel were at a low place. For years an old and feeble priest had been at the head of affairs. His sons ministered in the priest's office. They were covetous and immoral, and used their position for their own vile ends. The offerings of the Lord were consequently abhorred. Their father, Eli, had not the courage to deal with them as a parent should, or to purify the service of the Lord's house, as the position of high priest required him to do. The service of God was neglected and in disrepute. At this time the Philistines came against the people, and inflicted upon them a severe defeat. In their extremity the Israelites sent for the ark of God. They did not inquire into the moral reasons why the Lord's help was not forthcoming. They turned superstitiously to a symbol instead of to the living God. Their religion was one of externals only, and was altogether independent of questions of character. With the ark in their midst they fought another battle with the Philistines, but were defeated more disastrously than ever. The ark itself was taken,

the priests were slain, and Shiloh, their national center and the meeting place of their faith, was laid waste. For 20 years they were under the heel of the Philistines, and had no place where they gathered to worship God. Though the ark was returned by their oppressors, it was consigned to a private house. It was no longer a rallying point for their faith. Then the people began to lament after the Lord. They became conscious of His absence. There was a power and a blessing, once enjoyed, but now missed. The presence of the living God was their need.

How this yearning found expression we do not know, but we have, in our text, the answer that Samuel gave to their longing. The instructions were obeyed. With all their heart they sought and served the Lord. A national assembly was convened, and ceremonies, expressive of their contrition and of their whole-hearted surrender to God, were observed. They confessed their sins, and individual cases were judged by Samuel, and his judgements were accepted. Then the Philistines gathered against them again. Samuel prayed for deliverance; and, before a blow was struck by them either in self-defense or for liberty, the power of the Lord was made manifest. In a thunderstorm He appeared and confused their foes. They saw that He was once more amongst them; and, acting under the inspiration of this, they pursued their enemies and were delivered out of their hands. National deliverance followed a general revival of religious faith and practice. From this lesson we shall learn The Cause, The Conditions, and The Consequences of Revival.

## **1. The Cause of Revival.**

### **a. The primary .**

When we looked at the revival under Moses in Egypt, we noticed that God is the great first, moving cause in such an event. That fact remains concerning all real religious awakenings.

### **b. The secondary .**

The human cause was Samuel. He was the instrument that God used. When he was still a boy the Lord had spoken to him and given him His first message. This was one of warning and rebuke to Eli for the careless way in which he dealt with his family and supervised the Lord's work. After that "the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel." That is the record of 20 years before the revival. But the work that produced the great awakening began then. Our text must not be regarded as an isolated utterance of the great prophet at the end of the twenty years, but as an epitome of the message, which during that period, he was continually giving. The burden of his preaching was that the reason for their defeat and oppression was moral. The nation would not revive until faith was revived. If there were to be a widespread reformation in their lives the Lord would give them deliverance. For twenty years Samuel preached this. It took all that time for it to sink into their minds. But it bore its fruit at last. The revival seemed sudden when it came, but it was the result of years of patient labor. This is a lesson we need to learn.

Most would agree that a revival is sadly needed in our land. It's not that there isn't plenty of religious life but that regard for the things of God is low. Morality is absent in much of our business life. Men have little conscience in the matter of debt. Gambling is indulged to an alarming extent. Social evils grow. Divorce is on the increase, and the number of wives and families abandoned by their husbands is great. An awakening that will touch the consciences of men is needed if true Christianity is to be

an aggressive force, and if our social, commercial and civic life is to be saved from ruin. With these facts before us, we must begin to pray and work for revival. When we examine the size of the task it seems impossible. But our God is above all this. The special difficulties are a challenge to His power and to our faith. The greater the difficulty and the need, the more reasons we have for a revival. But we must have patience. We must be prepared to work long. God's best things can only be given to those who show appreciation of their value by persistent desire and effort to obtain them. The spasmodic prayers that represent flitting desires, though they are good, He does not answer. The prayers which reveal the settled longing of the heart are the prayers He heeds. And it takes time to reveal that we have such desires in our hearts.

Some may be inclined to say: "Oh, if we only had a man like Samuel among us we should soon have a revival. But we lack an outstanding leader." The revival that came to Wales in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was the work of no one man. While Evan Roberts was an instrumental figure, God used many men, and many of humble origin. A number of us working together can equal a Samuel. With faith in and consecration to God, and with a conviction of the need of and desire for revival, the blessing can come through us.

## **2. The Conditions of Revival.**

### **a. Earnestness .**

"If you do return unto the Lord with all your hearts," said Samuel. That is, if you are in earnest, then get rid of the strange gods. Nothing that is required to bring revival can be done unless, first of all, there be whole-heartedness. "If you mean business," Samuel seems to say, "I can give you the program, but it turns upon this, 'If with all your hearts.'" But this earnestness that must precede everything else must continue throughout and permeate the remaining conditions. After putting away comes: "Prepare your hearts unto the Lord," or "set" or "make firm your hearts." Also "serve Him only." The whole thing must be done with the entire being.

John Collett Ryland, in the eighteenth century, at the age of 20, wrote these words: "If there is ever a God in heaven or earth, I vow and protest, in His strength, or that God permitting me, I'll find Him out; and I'll know whether He loves or hates me; or I'll die and perish, soul and body, in the pursuit and search." Ryland not only found God, but became one of His ministers. Within six years of writing this he was called to be the pastor of a Baptist church. Such earnestness cannot fail of finding God. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

### **b. Repentance .**

Though the people had forgotten God they had not altogether discarded religion. In the place of the true they had put the false. The false gods and the practices connected had to be put aside. While their minds were occupied with other gods, the true God could not be seen. The heart must be wholly turned to Him to see Him; and in order for that to happen that which filled their vision had to be gotten out of the way.

It seems many have substituted the things of this life for the eternal. Jesus said "The pure in heart shall see God." The reverse is also true: "The impure shall not see Him." Lust blinds the eyes to God. Men cannot see Him, or be sure of Him, when they are lustful. It is easy and natural to be skeptical when impure.

Money is as blinding to the true vision as lust. If men are wholly occupied with the pursuit of wealth, and are determined upon getting money, they cannot see God. Men must turn from the whole-hearted pursuit of money if they would get right with God.

Ambition is equally blinding. "How can you believe," Christ said, "which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that comes from God only?" If the praise of our fellow man is the dominant motive of our life we cannot find God. The inspiring, comforting, purifying effect of His presence is worth every sacrifice; and anything that is first, and places Him in a secondary position, must be put aside.

This repentance includes confession. The children of Israel gathered at Mizpah and said:

"We have sinned against the Lord." The facts of one's life must be faced. The sins must be acknowledged. The responsibility for them must be taken. The blame must not be put upon circumstances. True confession is accepting the guilt. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

But confession is not completed by making a secret acknowledgment unto the Lord. If our sins have been against individuals, and these are within reach of our word, the confession must be made to them. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed," says James. Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah. The individual cases came before him, and wrongs were righted. Relationships that were discordant were made harmonious. When people are ready to make up their quarrels revival is not far off.

### **3. The Consequences of Revival.**

#### **a. Unity .**

The Book of Judges concludes with the sentence: "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." There was no recognized head. Eli, as high priest, never rallied or united the people. Not till Samuel came was the old unity restored. Now "all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord." "Samuel spoke unto all the house of Israel." "And Samuel said: Gather all Israel to Mizpah."

Revival always means unity. During the Welch Revival the churches had never been so united. In America revival would mean not only greater unity amongst the churches, but among our various origin of nationality. Revival brings together people who had been separated for years, and, that kind of thing would be multiplied throughout the land if revival should sweep over it like a great wave.

#### **b. Conflict .**

The children of Israel would not have been stirred without the challenge from the Philistines. Sooner or later the two powers must be pitted one against the other. Revival does not mean ease. It is a preparation for work. It will either arouse the organized forces of evil into open hostility, or it will compel the Christian forces to attack them more seriously.

#### **c. Deliverance .**

"And He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines!" When the religious life of a country is low the wicked prosper, and at the expense of the majority of the people. Revival means a great awakening of the public conscience, and with that awakening deliverance from greed and selfishness and corruption will follow.

### **Conclusion:**

Many years ago an accomplished organist was giving a concert. In those days someone had to pump large bellows backstage to provide air for the pipes. After each selection, the musician received the thunderous applause of a delighted audience. Before his final number, he stood up and said, "I shall now play..." and he announced the title. Sitting down at the console, he adjusted his music and checked the stops. With feet poised over the pedals and hands over the keys, he began with a mighty chord. But the organ remained silent. Just then a voice was heard from backstage, "Not until you say 'we'!"

To our forefathers, the idea of Independence was more like Interdependence. This is also true in a Spiritual way. One of the reasons American Christianity is in trouble today is because we have a false idea of what it means to be a Christian. We think being a Christian is like being an American ... we are independent. We don't answer to anyone but God and no one can tell us what to do. And attending a church or being a committed member is optional.

The Bible never teaches that we should be independent. Actually, this is the concept of evil. Satan got Eve to think and act independently from God and her husband and sin resulted. Satan himself acted independently from God and was thrown out of Heaven. The Bible teaches we are not alone, and we don't grow alone. We are built together as a Holy Temple, upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. Nothing good happens Spiritually with independent Christians. It is a contradiction in terms. There is no power in being independent.

When the Children of Israel finally realized something was missing, they began to lament God's presence. They yearned for what they had not had and yet knew was possible. Our nation needs to heed this.

### ***Lament For His Presence!***

## **True Freedom!**

As we celebrate our Nation's birth this week, we must be reminded of the truer understanding of Freedom. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence were essentially signing death warrants on themselves. As he signed that historic document, John Adams said: "Whether we live or die, sink or swim, succeed or fail, I stand behind this Declaration of Independence. And if God wills it, I am ready to die in order that this country might experience freedom."

Our independence as a part of God's Creation is based upon our dependence on Jesus Christ. As Paul ends Galatians 4, he describes Isaac as being free and Ishmael as being enslaved. The analogy is that those in Christ are free. The Galatians had been preaching a salvation by the Law, including the necessity to be circumcised (convert to Judaism, then Christianity) to be saved. But we are not obligated to the Law - We are obligated to God. Thus Paul clarifies that in Galatians 5:1-15.

The Declaration of Independence states:

- a. "...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."
- b. "With a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

We are not free to indulge our sinful nature. We don't have freedom to sin, we are free from sin. We are obligated to our fellow man. We must treat others with the love of God who lives in us and loves them. The love of God must flow through us (Vertical relationship vs. horizontal relationships).

True freedom only comes in Christ. There are various forms of Government: 1) Monarchy - Governed by one; 2) Oligarchy - Governed by a few; 3) Aristocracy - Governed by the "best;" 4) Plutocracy - Governed by the rich; 5) Anarchy - No Governed; 6) Democracy -

Governed by the people – This is the only true Christian form because it is the only one that forces us to consider others as equal to ourselves. We are all equal under God.

Patrick Henry was a great statesman and orator. He said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians - not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." His Last Will and Testament ends with: "I have now given everything I own to my children. There is one more thing I wish I could give them and that is Christ. Because if they have everything I gave them and don't have Christ, they have nothing."

Our modern objectives have become success, status, and security, followed closely by self-indulgence, comfort and pleasure. Our permissive society turns freedom into license and rights into riots. We abandon the moral law and then shake our heads in disbelief as crime increases. As we celebrate the birth of our nation, let's not forget where true freedom comes from.

God Bless You!

*Bro. Allan*

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

#### **Sunday, July 2, 2017**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: Isaac Waters

#### **Tuesday, July 4**

Independence Day!

#### **Wednesday, July 5**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study ....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

#### **Thursday, July 6**

G Team.....6:30 pm

#### **Saturday, July 8**

#### **Mission Trip Begins**

#### **Sunday, July 9, 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

#### **Wednesday, July 12**

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

Youth Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Adult Choir.....7:30 pm

**Thursday, July 13**

**R Team.....6:30 pm**

**Friday, July 14**

**Mission Team Returns**

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**July 4 — Independence Day**

**July 8-14 — SJBA Youth and Adult Mission Trip to Yankton**

**July 12 — Prayer Warriors 10:00 am**

**July 16 — Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting**

**— Collect for Food Pantry**

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

**July 23 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**July 23-27 — Vacation Bible School**

## **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 continue our study from Chip Ingram on *Why I Believe*. Hope to see you here.

### **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

This week will be our last session on *Max on Life* by Max Lucado. Come and hear this trusted pastor share his insight on some of life's important questions. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm!

## **Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip July 8-14, 2017**

We will minister in Yankton, South Dakota. Please be praying for the team as they serve. Going from our church are:  
Pam Battreall, Nancy McCamy, Emily Hendee, Lyle Hendee,  
Ellen Lane and Allan Lane.

### **FELLOWSHIP DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sunday, July 16,**

**Immediately following the Morning Worship Service.**

# Children's Camp

Children's Camp is  
July 17-21.

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

## *Vacation Bible School*

July 23-27

Mark your calendar!

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

**Save the Date!**  
**Area Men's Retreat**

**August 19**  
**8 am to 3 pm**

**Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church**

**Diversicare Nursing Home**

**July 23, 2016**

**at 2:30 pm**

Please join us as we  
minister to those who can no longer attend their  
own churches.

## *For the Record*

### **Attendance: June 25, 2017**

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Sunday School.....37  
Visitors..... 1  
Total..... 38  
Contacts Made..... 0  
Morning Worship..... 53  
Children's Worship.....N/A  
Sunday Night .....N/A  
Wednesday Night ..... 12

### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,040.52  
Offering Received ... \$ 2,450.96  
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## **Offering Received by Mail:**

### **July Counting Team:**

Fred Kerns and Jordan Lane

### **July Van Driver:**

George Burgess

Call 232-3747 **before 8 am**

### **July Member Birthdays:**

02... Mary Sharp  
05... Kathryn Beavers  
15... Bill Schottel  
17... Betty Anslinger  
20... Dorothy Post  
23... Flora McKahan  
24... Allan Lane  
26... Jack Conard  
26... Annette Schottel  
30... Bill Haskins

### **July Anniversaries**

#### **Don and Mary Sharp**

July 3, 1970

#### **Gary and Sharon Yarbrough**

July 8, 1978

#### **Don and Marcia Hart**

July 15, 1973

#### **Larry and Flora McKahan**

July 29, 1966

## ***Prayer Requests ...***

Mike Green—knee replacement  
Larry Danner—cancer  
Juanita and Bill Haskins  
Jo and Elmer Mayse  
Emily, Riley Jones, Tammy Panning  
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  
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 ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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