

## Morning Worship

August 13, 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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Welcome and Fellowship                      Allan/People

Chorus # 222              *I've Come to Tell*              Tim/People

Offering / Worship Prayer                      Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings                      People

Offering Music                      Sharon Waters

Anthem                      Worship Team

**Evangelism and Missions** Medley:              Tim/People

# 581 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

# 582 Send Me, O Lord, Send Me

# 597 Here Am I, Send Me

Message              **Revival under Hezekiah**              Allan Lane

Hymn #287      Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord              Tim/People

Prayer Concerns                      Allan/People

Chorus # 564      *Make Me a Channel of Blessing*              Tim/People

## Revival under Hezekiah

2 Chronicles 29:1-2

The revival in the time of Hezekiah is one of the most sudden recorded in the Scriptures. It began during the first month of his reign, and within two months the whole land was swept with a wave of spiritual enthusiasm. King Hezekiah issued three calls for a "whole-hearted" commitment to the leaders of Israel.

\* Thoughts taken from ***The Revivals of the Bible***, by Ernest Baker, compiled in Cape Town, South Africa, April 1906.

King Hezekiah issued three calls for a "WHOLE-HEARTED" commitment to the leaders of Israel. This whole-heart commitment is distinctly defined.

God wants to issue these same three calls today in the life of every leader in our fellowship. You may be thinking that you're not a leader and you can ignore the message today. I believe that God has called everyone here to be His servant here in His church. Some of you may need to consider taking a position of service in this ministry, or many of you may need to return to a position of service. So pay close attention and let the Spirit of God speak to your heart.

### **1. A Call for Separation . (29:3-7)**

**This is a call for PERSONAL PURITY!**

Hezekiah recognized the need for revival among God's people. More importantly, He recognized first his own need, and the need of the leaders of God's people. No organization will ever rise corporately above the level of commitment found in their leaders. Leaders lead. You can't escape this fact.

As Hezekiah took over the nation's command, he could have easily embarked on a strategy to rebuild the economy and the military and to strengthen the political base of a nation that was devastated. However, the King focused on spiritual reformation. He focused solely upon the basic need of the people, that of returning to the Lord and of

serving Him. Hezekiah knew if the people would return to the Lord, they would have the blessings of God as they sought to rebuild the nation economically and militarily. Scripture gives the complete details of this spiritual reformation.

His first act was to open the doors of the temple and call the leaders together and to challenge them spiritually to be cleansed. The challenge for spiritual separation and repentance focused on three areas of personal purity.

**a. Personal Repentance.** (Verse 5)

In order for there to be spiritual revival among the leaders we have to be willing to open the doors that have been closed far too long. We know the junk that is behind the doors, the garbage that needs to be cleansed and we know there will be no revival unless we have the courage to open the doors we have locked and clean out our whole hearts. It is the only way to be set apart for the type of service that is going to be necessary if there is to be real revival.

**b. Corporate Repentance.** (Verse 6)

The leaders needed this call of separation in order to be cleansed because all the evil and sins of their forefathers. They had forsaken the Lord. Notice that Hezekiah does not say "my father" but "our fathers." It was not just Ahaz who had been guilty of forsaking the Lord but the entire nation. For that reason, Hezekiah laid the guilt of apostasy at the feet of all the leaders and issued a call for corporate repentance. As a people we need to also ask God to forgive us for the actions of a nation and a people who have turned their backs on Him.

**c. Repentance of Prayerlessness** . (Verse 7)

Their fathers had shut the doors of the temple and put out the lamps, plunging the temple into total darkness. They had disallowed any worship there and even equally as important they had not burned incense to symbolize the offering up of prayers to the Lord. Simply stated, they had failed to seek the Lord in the obvious lack of their prayerlessness. Without the lamps of intercession they were refusing to seek atonement and reconciliation with the Lord. It has been far too long since we as God's people, His leaders, fell on our face before Him and cried out to Him. We trust far too much in what we can do in our own strength. We should fear a God Who is able to show us just what we can do by ourselves if we will not serious about trusting solely in Him.

If revival is going to happen in this church, it must begin in our hearts. We need to do some business with God first. We need to be cut to the heart with God's convicting Spirit. This is a concern in churches all across America. We are playing church and our churches are flat lining. Many of our spiritual leaders have been beaten down, they are tired, they need to return to the Lord and quit looking to man to meet the needs of the church and we need to be spiritually refreshed and revived.

**2. A Call for Surrender . (29:20; 27-28)**

**This is a call for powerful praise!**

Early in the morning on the day after the call for separation, Hezekiah led the people in a great rededication and surrender to service. He and the people rededicated both their own lives and the temple to the Lord. No time was wasted in demonstrating this new call for surrender. This fresh new start of personal surrender was best demonstrated in their worship of the Lord. Charles Spurgeon once said, "Anytime there is a dullness of religion among God's people, their worship is the first spiritual act to fall by the wayside."

In every revival recorded in Scripture, a renewed call to personal surrender demonstrated by a genuine spirit of real worship was a major factor in bringing about change. Singing is what we do with our mouth; Worship is what we do with our whole

heart. It is more than just coming to sit in a room to hear a message and sing a few praise songs or hymns. Worship doesn't come from the mind. It comes from the whole heart.

Scriptural worship always involves surrender. In our case, it is the surrender of oneself totally to God. This is what Paul referred to in Romans 12:1: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship."

God's call today is simple: Have you surrendered with a whole heart to the worship of the True and Living God; to our Savior and Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ?

### **3. A Call for Sacrifice . (29:31)**

#### **A powerful whole heart presentation!**

It is important to reemphasize this spiritual truth: when leaders have a whole-hearted renewal that is evidenced in repentance and worship then it is also witnessed by the outward expression of their sacrificial gifts to the Lord. The revived heart is a giving heart.

If God's leadership follows this pattern for revival first, then the people will follow the example of the leadership in recommitting their lives to the Lord. When we seek the Lord through Christ, our substitute sacrifice, God guarantees a new beginning in worship, whether corporately as a church body or individually.

After the dedication of the whole heart, Hezekiah challenged the leaders to come near and to bring their sacrificial offerings to the Lord. What we are seeing here is spiritual revival, a zealous return to God demonstrated by their whole hearts as they sacrificially gave their offerings.

Hezekiah's father, King Ahaz shut the doors of the temple. His leadership impacted other leaders that eventually impacted a nation. Apparently the priest and Levites also followed his example and neglected their duties. Church leaders, in all honesty you must be willing to ask yourself, "Have I been negligent in the responsibility that God has given me?"

#### **Conclusion:**

Did you know that you can go to this church Sunday after Sunday and do your "duty" and still be negligent in your responsibility?

The challenge for you today as leaders is a call for spiritual revival; a time to rededicate yourselves to the Lord and your position of service; a time to allow the Lord to make a genuine change in your life; a change that involves:

SEPARATION: SURRENDER: and SACRIFICE!

## ***We Need a Revival of God's Word!***

### **Resurrection Power**

One Sunday morning after church while waiting for lunch to be served, there were two brothers playing in their back yard. Their dog began thrashing around in the bushes that separated them from the neighbor's yard. He suddenly appeared with a rabbit in his mouth. It wasn't a wild rabbit, but one of the caged rabbits their neighbor kept as pets. The boys tried not to panic, but they were pretty worried that when Mrs. Clausen, their neighbor, came home from church, she would be furious. One brothers remembered that their dad often told them they would never encounter a problem that, with God's help, they couldn't all handle together.

After they told their father, he instructed them not to worry, just hose the little fellow off real well so that he looks nice and clean, brush him down with a towel, and stick him back in his cage. When Mrs. Clausen comes home, she will be upset, but presume he died a natural death. They did exactly as they were told, then hid in the bushes to get a good seat.

Sure enough, she did just as their dad said. She came out and headed for the rabbit cages. All of a sudden, they heard the worst screaming you can imagine. Mrs. Clausen went on and on hollering, shrieking, crying, yelling, and questioning God.

Their parents went over to calm her and asked her to explain what had happened. In between sniffs and sobs, she finally got it out. "But I buried that rabbit three days ago..."

Well, so much for rabbit resurrections. But the resurrection of Jesus gives so much hope, victory, and promise for our lives. Bernard Martin shares this in his book ***If God Does Not Die***.

*One day a pastor was called from a children's Sunday School party to visit a young woman whose world had collapsed. Following the death of her husband in an auto accident she had withdrawn from everyone and shut herself in her bedroom with the blinds pulled, and she didn't communicate with anyone, including her children, because she said they reminded her of her dead husband. The minister left the party in a show of confetti which the children had thrown at him. He brushed it from his hair and coat as he prepared to call on the depressed woman.*

*When he arrived, he entered her darkened bedroom and told her who he was, but there was no response. He could faintly see her pitiful form lying motionless on the bed. He tried to carry on a conversation with her, but she was unresponsive. He reached out to touch her hand, but it lay lifeless in his. So he just sat with her in the dark silence for a time.*

*Then he decided to act. Wanting to see her face to face while he read Scripture and had prayer, he turned on the bedside lamp. The woman blinked and stared at him blankly. As he took his New Testament from the pocket of his jacket, confetti fell from it all over her bed. After an anxious and flustered moment, the minister burst into laughter. That did it. First a smile appeared on the woman's face, and then she broke into quiet laughter. She reached out her hands to the minister in the joy of resurrection. They prayed together and she left her darkness to return to the light.*

No matter the circumstances of life, the resurrection of Jesus brings us out of the deepest darkness and into His glorious light.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

#### **Sunday, August 13, 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

Evening Worship ..... 6:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, August 16**

*School Starts—Fall Semester*

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

#### **Thursday, August 17**

O Team.....6:30 pm

#### **Saturday, August 19**

Men's Conference ..... 8:00 am

#### **Sunday, August 20, 2017**

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed  
Ushers: John Lewis, Joseph Coats, Gary Yarbrough, Isaac Waters  
Alternate: Larry McKahan

### **Monday, August 21**

#### ***Total Solar Eclipse***

We have glasses available.

### **Wednesday, August 23**

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm  
Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

### **Thursday, August 24**

Food Pantry Day  
W Team ..... 6:30 pm

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

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**August 13 — Special Offering for Associational Disaster Relief**

**August 16 — St. Joseph Public and Christian Schools resume**

**August 19 — Men's Retreat Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church**

**Don't forget to sign up in the hallway**

**August 21 — Total Solar Eclipse**

**September — 2 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Bob and**

**Karen Smith**

**September 9 — Missouri Baptist Children's Home Apple Festival**

### **GROW Team**

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

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#### **Sunday Nights**

We will meet tonight, Sunday, August 13th.

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

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray this week.  
Hope to see you at 6:30 pm!

**SJBA DISASTER RELIEF  
SPECIAL OFFERING IN MEMORY OF STEVE TIMMER**

Churches in our association were encouraged to receive a special offering for DR July 30th in honor of the late Steve Timmer who was instrumental in starting Disaster Relief in our association. We will observe this offering in our church today Sunday, August 13th. All gifts will go for DR supplies in our association.

### **50th Anniversary Celebration**

Bob (Lois Smith's son) and Karen Smith will celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 2 from 2-4 at First Baptist Church, Queen City, Mo. Bob is the pastor. The church will have a money tree. Send cards to 104 East Vine Street, Queen City, Mo. 63561. (Questions? Call Randy Harr, 617-1042.)

### **Missouri Missions Offering**

Emphasis is in September. This year's theme is 1 Corinthians 3:9a—"For we are laborers together with God."

### **Servants Needed**

Help! Our current van drivers need some relief! Would you be willing to drive one month out of the year? See George or Mike.

### **Biblical Manhood Men's Conference**

**August 19**

**8 am to 3 pm**

### **Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church**

Have you made plans to attend? Are you inviting someone to go with you? There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. Be sure to get your name on it so we know how many tickets we will need. We have 20 but we will get more if needed.

### **Apple Festival**

The Missouri Baptist Children's Home sponsors this annual event September 9th at First Baptist Church, Raymore, MO.

9 am to 3 pm

### **BY ALL MEANS**

Northwest WMU Retreat

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Grand Oaks, Chillicothe, MO

### ***For the Record***

#### **Attendance: August 6, 2017**

Sunday School.....	36
Visitors.....	6
Total.....	42

Contacts Made..... 0  
Morning Worship..... 51  
Children's Worship.....N/A  
Sunday Night .....N/A  
Wednesday Night ..... 11

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,040.52  
Offering Received ... \$ 2,361.50  
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**Offering Received by Mail:**

Eric and Shelly Thompson

**August Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

**August Van Driver:**

Mike Green  
Call 232-3747 **before 8 am**

**August Member Birthdays:**

02...Darlene Messner  
09...Dottie Wildberger  
18...Don Beavers  
18...Tonia Meers  
22...Beverly Lewis  
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**August Anniversaries**

**David and Annette Schottel**  
August 5, 1989

**Tim and Sharon Waters**  
August 10, 1985

***Prayer Requests ...***

John, Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Shawna Hughes—cancer  
Chad Bradford—heart surgery  
Delores Rinehart—cancer  
Susan King—brain cancer surgery  
Gary and Sharon Yarbrough  
Jo and Elmer Mayse  
Mike Green—knee replacement  
Larry Danner—cancer  
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  
Mary Sharp’s brother-in-law Jim  
Don and Marcia —Don’s Health  
Troy Griswold—cancer treatment  
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

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 & Juanita             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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