

Morning Worship

August 27, 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 # 440 *In the Presence of the Lord*

Tim/People

Offering / Worship Prayer

Bill Schottel

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Anthem *Signed, Sealed, Delivered* Worship Team

Praise and Adoration to Christ Medley: Tim/People

215 *Majesty*

216 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

217 *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Children's Worship

Scripture Reading *2 Corinthians 4:1-10* Allan/People

Message **Revival Under Josiah** Allan Lane

2 Chronicles 34 & 35

Hymn # 238 *Breathe on Me* Tim/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

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

Revival Under Josiah

2 Chronicles 34:1-3, 8, 12, 19, 21b

Josiah began to reign over Judah when he was eight years of age. At 16 he began to seek the Lord and at 20 he was confident he would be able to carry out an active campaign against idolatry. When he was 26 the work of repairing the temple was taken in hand. It was in this year, the eighteenth of his reign, that reformation issued in revival.

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

1. Josiah's Conversion .

a. He was sixteen when he sought the Lord.

We do not know what led him to seek the Lord, but he did it. His father died when he was eight, but his father was a wicked man. His grandfather had been penitent in his old age; but as Josiah was only five and a half when Manasseh died he could not have been influenced much by him. There were no religious services for him to attend. The Bible of the day was lost.

b. He was instructed second hand.

Those who taught him only knew its contents second hand. They had not seen the book themselves. In their younger days perhaps they may have been taught it by someone who once had seen and learned its contents. Its teachings were a tradition and a memory, yet sufficient was known to awaken in Josiah a desire to seek the Lord. God is found of those that seek Him; and in the course of time Josiah found the Word, which was a great help to a more perfect knowledge of God. The discovery of the law must be regarded as a Divine act by which God responded to Josiah's search. But during the years of seeking the young king must have made many mistakes. He must have held many heretical and harmful notions. His conception of God could not possibly be very clear. When he did find the Word, though then he had been serving the Lord for many years, he was surprised to find what a number of things were wrong. He was humbled by the discovery of the evils still requiring to be rectified. Things that had not appeared to him as bad were now seen to be intolerable.

But all the mistakes of thought, and all the wrong actions during the years of comparative ignorance, did not prevent him from finding the One he sought. We are not in Josiah's position today. We have a much fuller Book to guide us. But the Book itself may be obscured by interpretations and teachings that have been given to us from our earliest years. We read the Bible through the spectacles of our first teachers, and through the standards and creeds of our churches. There are truths that we need which those who taught us may not have seen, and in fact may have denied. If the teaching we have had has taken no cognizance of the need and possibility of the new birth; if it has said nothing about the duty and character of repentance; if it has not pointed us to the death of Christ as a death for our sins; if it has not taught us the possibility of rejoicing in the full assurance of a present salvation, we shall not at first see these truths even though they are so plainly written in a Book which is in the hands of us all. But however obscured the true teaching may be on account of our training, the light will come to the man who seeks.

c. He was not conformed to sin.

But though Josiah had ignorance as a hindrance, there was one great obstacle that he didn't have to overcome. There is nothing so hardening to the heart, and so blinding to the eyes, and so searing to the conscience as sin. "Those that seek Me early shall find Me." Men who seek late in life, if they truly seek, will find, but it will not be such easy work for them as it is for the young. Young people put off the search, not forever, but for a time, thinking it can be taken up whenever they please. The will to take up the search is lost by postponement, and the vision of God is made difficult by abandonment to sin. The pure in heart shall see God. The impure do not. "Their eyes they have closed, lest they should turn, and I should heal them." The greatest difficulty in the way of finding God is not the one made by the church, or by the times, but by our own sins. Even that can be overcome; but God is more easily, more surely, found by being sought for when we are young.

2. Josiah's Response to the Word.

- a. It was made plain to Him.**
- b. It was accepted by the People.**
- c. It always speaks for itself.**

How plain it seems to have been to him. A whole book was read to him at a sitting. Then he read the same book at one service. There seems to have been no comment. It was understood as read. There was no school of thought that said: "This Book can only be understood by the clergy." No fear was expressed because the people would accept its contents in their literal sense. Neither was the intellectual

atmosphere clouded by theories of allegorical or spiritualizing interpretations. The Book told its own story at once. If we would read it as these people did, the impression upon our minds would be very different from what it is now. Our interest would be captured, and our obedience would be secured.

3. Josiah's Tenderness of Heart.

a. God's Word moved him.

He could not read of the judgments that must befall the people, if they continued in apostasy, without being moved. He was immediately concerned for Judah and for Israel. He commenced to pray and inquire for himself, and for them. He saw the things that were wrong, and was anxious to remove them. He accepted the corrections of the Word. He did not rebel against them. And out of this tender heart, created by an early search for God, a prolonged reading of the Word, and a ready response to its teaching, the revival was born.

b. God's Word must be shared .

This Word that had spoken to his heart must be read to others. It must be obeyed. He must make a covenant, and his covenant to obey the law must be an example to his people.

Have we tender hearts? Are we concerned about the indifference and sinfulness of the people? Can we read and know that the way of transgressors is hard, and remain unmoved? Are we content to attend church, and get a few crumbs of comfort for ourselves? Is it nothing to us that the great majority of our citizens are disobedient to God and in great danger? If revival is to come, a tender heart that will be concerned for others must be ours. And if we have not a tender heart we must seek for one.

We must be prepared to yield our hearts for considerable periods at a time to the influence of the Word. We must pray for those who are ignorant of God's will. We must be anxious to spread the knowledge of the truth. We must make a covenant to obey the Word; and we must be prepared to urge others to a like implicit obedience. If we will do these things God will use us as He did Josiah, to produce a religious awakening.

God's Word Brings Revival!

What Makes Jesus Special?

Have you ever heard of Jemima Wilkinson? She was born in Rhode Island in 1752 and raised by Quaker parents who provided her a good religious education. She later became a religion unto herself. As a very persuasive speaker she convinced a following of 350 people that she had been raised from the dead at age twenty. They believed she was the Messiah. At one point in her ministry she took her flock to a lake and asked, "Do you think I can walk on this water like Jesus did?" They all affirmed she could, so the 'spiritual leader' said, "Then there is no point in me doing it." When she died in 1820, the sect followed her strict orders, "Don't bury me, because God is going to raise me from the dead." As Wilkinson's body decomposed, her following died off as well.

Many claim to be Godly, and some even God, but there's only one Messiah. The following was taken from The Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY, Newsletter, (www.southeastchristian.org).

Jesus. It's a little name. It is a small word.

Say this little name in public, however, in a way other than an obscenity, and stand back

and watch the fireworks. This little name is like a tiny detonator that triggers a nuclear warhead.

You can say "God," and you won't get a squeak.

You can say "Our Father in Heaven," and few will flinch.

You can say "Great Spirit," and people will nod in approval.

You can say "Allah" and you will be deemed tolerant.

But say "Jesus" and just wait for the sonic boom.

Articles will appear in the paper. Reprimands will be posted from the home office. Suits will be threatened by the civil liberties block.

So don't say Jesus.

Jesus is divisive, and now is a time for unity.

Jesus is an extremist, and that must mean right wing.

Jesus is exclusive, so His name amounts to hate speech.

Keep His name to yourself. Cloister it in your church. Lock it in your prayer closet. Close it between the covers of your Bible. But for God's sake, don't voice it in the public square! It's immodest. It's immoral. It's unloving.

Only one problem. Jesus is God. Only one problem. Jesus alone brings salvation.

Only one problem. All other gods are nothing. So speak His name aloud. Shout it from the mountain. Whisper it in the dark. Write it in the sky. That's not hate, it's hope."

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel, Ken Kirkpatrick, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Ken Nice

Diversicare Service 2:30 pm

Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Monday, August 28

Workers Meeting.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 30

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 3, 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

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

G Team 6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

August 28 — Sunday School Workers Meeting 6:30 pm

September 2 — 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for

Bob and Karen Smith, Queen City, MO, 2-4 pm

September 3 — Carry-In Dinner to Honor the Waters, NOON

September 9 — Missouri Baptist Children's Home Apple Festival

September 14 — BY ALL MEANS WMU Conference, Grand Oaks

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 27th.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

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

Sunday, September 3

Carry-In Dinner

In honor of Tim and Sharon Waters and family we will have a carry-in dinner immediately following our Sunday morning services. This will be Tim's last Sunday as our Worship Leader.

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.

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

Missouri Missions Offering

The theme is 1 Corinthians 3:9a:

"For we are laborers together with God." Envelopes will be in the pews for next week.

BY ALL MEANS

Northwest WMU Retreat

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Grand Oaks, Chillicothe, MO

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We will take the van if enough are willing to go.

For the Record-

Attendance: August 20, 2017

Sunday School.....	38
Visitors.....	6
Total.....	44
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	45
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Sunday Night	N/A
Wednesday Night	20

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ... \$ 749.50

Offering Received by Mail:

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

August Anniversaries

David and Annette Schottel
August 5, 1989

Tim and Sharon Waters
August 10, 1985

Prayer Requests ...

Steve Noyes—heart surgery
The Higgins Family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Shawna Hughes—home isolation
Chad Bradford—heart surgery
Gary and Sharon Yarbrough
Elmer and Jo Mayse
Mike Green—knee replacement
Larry Danner—cancer
Emily Jones, Tammy's daughter
Gina Harr—recovery
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 — house sale
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
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
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 ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
