

## Morning Worship

October 22, 2017

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

Piano — Marcia Hart

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

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

### Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

**Music** — Christy Hoagland

*Victory in Jesus*

*What a Beautiful Name*

*Your Glory / Nothing But the Blood*

*I Marvel*

**Preaching** — James Hoagland

**Music** — Christy Hoagland

*Be Still*

*It Is Well*

**Testimony** — Johnny Allen

**Invitation**

*I Surrender All*

**Prayer Concerns**

Allan/People

**Chorus # 387**

*Blest Be the Tie*

Don/People

## Freedom for Prisoners

Today we welcome ***Sing for the King Ministries***, a group specifically called to do prison ministries. At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus read these words from Isaiah, and applied them to Himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me...He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18).

In December 1944 German Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was celebrating his last Christmas on the earth. While only 39 years old, he had spoken publicly against the Nazi regime, and was promptly arrested and sent to prison. He would not survive the war. As Christmas approached, Bonhoeffer was sitting alone in his cell with his journal when the thought occurred to him: "How like being in a prison cell is the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. We putter around inside our stone walls and iron bars, and we long to be free. But the door is locked, and it can only be opened from the outside" (taken from Bonhoeffer's best-known book, *The Cost of Discipleship*). Being a disciple of Christ ultimately cost Bonhoeffer his life. A faith not worth dying for isn't worth living for.

At Christmas the Angel Tree ministry of Prison Fellowship encourages the purchase and delivery of gifts to children of prisoners, praying that those in prison find inner freedom by knowing Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed" (John 8:36).

Rev. Dr. Robert Leroe, a pastor who has visited people in state correctional facilities, suggests to

them that perhaps God was using this crisis experience to "get their attention." While most agree, usually someone adds, "I wish He had tried something else!" Leroe's usual answer for that inevitable reply is, "Perhaps He did, but you weren't listening." He says the greatest thing is when prisoners become free on the inside, having been set free through trust in Christ.

Someone said that people are enslaved by what they give power to. Peter wrote, "A man is a slave to whatever has mastered him" (2 Peter 2:19). We seek to escape reality only to find ourselves in prisons of indifference, materialism, and mindless recreation, and we look back to the freedom Christ made possible, inner freedom that helps us be victorious regardless of our circumstances. In Galatians Paul says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" (5:1). Freedom is life controlled by truth and motivated by love. Bondage is life controlled by lies and motivated by self-interest.

Zanzibar, an old city in East Africa, was the home of East Africa's largest slave market for nearly 300 years. However, about 150 years ago something happened there. A man walked into Zanzibar with a message of freedom for those who were bound by slavery. David Livingstone set thousands of slaves free, and even today the name of David Livingstone commands deep respect in East Africa. In Zanzibar, a Christian Church now sits on the very site of the former slave market, and the very same platform that used to display slaves as they were being auctioned off, is now the platform that holds up the altar in that place of worship.

This is a picture of what Jesus does in the hearts and lives of all His elect. He sets them free indeed. He meets us at the very place of slavery in our lives. He meets us at our very point of shame, the very place where darkness is holding us captive, and He makes His grace reign in that very place, so that our hearts which used to be enslaved are freed from sin and transformed into places of worship.

God Bless You!

*Bro. Allan*

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

#### **Sunday, October 22, 2017**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

#### ***Worship with Christy Hoagland***

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Joseph Coats, Gary Yarbrough, ? ? ? ?

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Diversicare.....2:30 pm

No Evening Worship

#### **Wednesday, October 25**

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

#### **Thursday, October 26**

W Team.....6:30 pm

#### **Sunday, October 29, 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, ? ? ? ?,

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, November 1**

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

### **Thursday, November 2**

G Team ..... 6:30 pm

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

**October 22 —Morning Worship with Christy Hoagland**

**Love Offering—Sing for the King Ministries**

**October 23-25 — Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting**

**October 22 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

**November 5 — Daylight saving time ends! Set clocks back 1 hour.**

**November 12 — Reception for Don and Jolette Boyer at Grand Oaks**

**Camp from 2-4 pm**

**— Operation Christmas Child Collection Day**

## **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 not meet tonight, Sunday, October 22.

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

Come pray for the direction of our church. Also, we will continue our study on ***Fearless***. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm

## **Servants Needed**

Help! Our current van drivers need some relief! Would you be willing to drive one month (or more) out of the year? (Thanks Joe Coats for volunteering!)

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Shoe Box Collection Day—

Sunday, November 12

There are a few boxes on the front pew along with some items Don Beavers has graciously donated.

Also, there are printed labels  
on top of the piano. The suggested shipping price for this year is \$9.00.

### ***Just a Reminder ...***

The whole month of October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**. Please let Pastor Allan and Ellen know how much they are appreciated and loved!

## **Grand Oaks Camp Reception for**

**Don and Jolette Boyer**

**November 12, from 2-4 pm**

Please come and share in a time of grateful appreciation for all the faithful years of service Don and Jolette have spent serving the Lord in the capacity of camp manager.

**Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour,  
Saturday night,  
November 4.**

### **Senior Adult Event**

Thursday, November 2, 2017

10:00am

**McCarthy Baptist Church,  
Saint Joseph**

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

#### **Attendance: October 15, 2017**

Sunday School.....	40
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	41
Contacts Made.....	4
Morning Worship.....	37
Children's Worship.....	N/A

Sunday Night ..... 6  
Wednesday Night ..... 16

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,040.52  
Offering Received ... \$ 2,761.54  
MMO total ..... \$ 1,569.00  
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**Offering Received by Mail:**

**October Counting Team:**

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

**October Van Driver:**

Mike Green  
Remember to call 232-3747  
**before 8 am** if you need a ride.

**October Birthdays:**

03...Don Hart  
08...Brigida Winans  
09...Elvera Crow  
10...Fred Kerns  
10...Jaden Schottel  
14...Dillon Burgess  
18...David Schottel  
18...Abby Schroeder  
19...Caitlyn Schottel  
22...Angie Liechti  
28...Ellen Lane  
31...Tim Izer

**October Anniversaries**

Mike and Martha Green  
October 1, 2005

***Prayer Requests ...***

Datha Dillon—deaths in family  
Emily Jones & baby  
Steve & Teresa Noyes—recovery  
The Waters Family—guidance  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Shawna Hughes—home isolation  
Chad Bradford—heart surgery  
Gary and Sharon Yarbrough  
Larry Danner—cancer  
Gina Harr—strength  
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 ...**

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

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**Five More New Families...**

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