

## Morning Worship

November 12, 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.**

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Operation Christmas Child Video

*Eva's Story 2*

Hymn # 615

*To the Work*

Don/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Hymn # 613

*The Servant Song*

Don/People

Hymn # 614

*Fill the Earth with Music*

Don/People

Offering Prayer

John Lewis

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Marcia Hart

Special Music

Children's Worship

Children are dismissed

Scripture Reading

Allan/People

Message

*Revival in Caesarea*

Allan Lane

Acts 10

Hymn # 324

*Have You Been to Calvary*

Don/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Chorus # 425

*He Keeps Me Singing*

Don/People

## Revival in Caesarea

Acts 10

Since this is the first New Testament revival recorded among the Gentiles, it has been called the Pentecost of the Gentiles. The Apostles were instructed by Christ to preach the Gospel to every creature, yet they took no steps to preach to others than to Jews. God Himself had to lead them out, and to overcome their prejudices about the Gentiles. The old law was very definite on the point of separateness from the nations; and as that law was of God, nothing short of a clear revelation of His purposes could make them feel sure in treading a path that Jews had not before trodden. Therefore this revival was the Lord's work. Notice:

### 1. The Background of the story.

Peter, as you know, was one of the twelve apostles. He was a devout Jew who came to know Jesus and accept his offer of salvation. He continued, however, to live according to Jewish law, something quite common among early believers.

The first Christians were, after all, Jews; the gospel came first to God's chosen people. It is important to understand that Jewish believers did not see Christianity as a new religion. They accepted Christ as their Messiah, but remained ingrained in Judaism.

Because of this, they continued to worship as their ancestors did and lived according to the laws of Moses; what devout Jews expected of each other.

One such law forbade Jews from having fellowship with Gentiles, considered unclean according to Jewish law. This does not mean they were physically dirty;

rather, they were ritually unclean because they were not Jews. The law prohibited the Jews from contact with Gentiles (eating with them or even being in their homes).

Peter's evangelistic efforts, however vast, were exclusively to the Jewish people, until God brought him to the home of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion. Cornelius was devout and "God-fearing" (10:2); this meant he was not a full Jewish proselyte, but he believed in one God and respected the moral and ethical teachings of the Jews.

Both Cornelius and Peter experienced visions from God, and despite Peter's reluctance, the two came together so that Cornelius could hear what Peter had to say.

This is important: Cornelius believes in God, prays, lives righteously and gives to the poor; yet, apart from the gospel Peter shares, he cannot have fellowship with God. Apart from God's grace, Cornelius will spend eternity in hell.

Salvation is for everyone; even those who don't resemble us. With Christ's help, we can put aside the partiality that binds us, and love people as He does.

## **2. The visit to Cornelius's house.**

Cornelius assembles his family and friends to hear Peter's message. When Peter arrives, Cornelius meets him and falls at his feet in reverence—this is the messenger sent by GOD! Peter bids him to rise, lest he worship a man rather than God.

He enters the house, where Cornelius tells him of his vision. He tells him that they have all gathered to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (33).

## **3. The meaning of Peter's Testimony .**

"I now see...God does not show favoritism..."

This is significant. Imagine how it affects Peter. All his life he held Gentiles in low regard. They were, simply put, beneath him. This sounds harsh, I know, but think about it—his people could not even enter the home of a Gentile nor share a meal with them.

What he understood of the gospel he believed was restricted to the Jews. Suddenly he sees that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. This is more than new understanding; it is a foundation-rocking, mind-bending change in theology.

God accepts men from all nations. No longer does one's heritage or ethnicity determine his accessibility to God. Until now, Peter was convinced otherwise; only his people had access.

God accepts those who fear him and do right. Those, like Cornelius, with a desire for holiness, a heart for benevolence and a love for God can receive everlasting life because of Christ.

Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Everyone, without exception. This is the message of the cross; that everyone receives the same offer of forgiveness; it is only for them to accept it.

## **4. The Challenge for us today.**

Sometimes, like Peter, we get to thinking we have a relationship with Christ that is a bit too exclusive; exclusive to those who think like me, act like me, and share the same ideals. This leads to stifled outreach. We only reach out to those with whom we are comfortable; those who are "like us." The rest of the community is on their own. Sometimes we feel this way toward others in the church. We begin to analyze others based on our criteria.

This leads to cliques in the church, which serve no purpose other than to glorify Satan and weaken evangelistic efforts. This is what happens when I separate myself

from others because of prejudice. When I find fault with others, I promote prejudice in the body, and Satan delights in another dead fellowship.

Understand your own position in Christ. Once you accept that your own salvation was a gift; one you did not qualify for; it is impossible to hold others to a different standard. Consider God's plan for those who are not like you. He's put that person into your path for a reason; what might it be? Can you have a positive influence on that person? Can he or she have one on you? You are both here to serve God; anything standing between the two of you stands between you and the goals God has set for you to accomplish.

Remember the impartiality of the gospel. Peter learned, much to his amazement, that the gospel was offered equally to everyone. That means those like you, and those not like you. In this light, we can extend God's love to everyone, just as he extended it to us. Salvation is for everyone; even those who don't resemble us. With Christ's help, we can put aside the partiality that binds us, and love people as He does.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."

## **Conclusion:**

Some people say they have no call to work for God. That is not true. God has given to every man his work. But it is true that some people have not heard the call. The call is a still small voice, and it is heard only by the soul that has withdrawn from the world, and is waiting before God. Some of our ears are only open to the world's sounds, to its business, pleasure, excitement, and crimes. The daily newspaper conveys much more to us than God's Word. The voice of God is drowned.

Isaiah was one day in the Temple. He was waiting before God. Presently the vision of God filled him. Everything else retreated. The whole horizon was ablaze with Deity. Then he began to hear voices. He caught the sound of sacred song.

The seraphim cried one unto another, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory." The contrast was so great to that with which Isaiah was familiar that he said, "Woe is me for I am unclean; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of an unclean people."

But Isaiah waited on. His lips were cleansed. He was told his iniquity was taken away, and his sin purged. Still he waited, and then came the call.

"I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'" By long waiting Isaiah was prepared for this, and also for the response, "Here am I; send me."

Jesus one day pointed out to His disciples the ripening harvest field, and He said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Then from the praying band He chose the twelve. Prayer about the field prepared them to hear the call.

All expansion of God's work calls for a direct putting forth of Divine power; but the expansion means, on man's side, enlarged ideas and sympathies, readiness for enterprise, susceptibility to the leading of the Holy Spirit; and for these qualifications, prayer is absolutely necessary.

***Salvation Is For Everyone!***

***Thank You, Veterans***

In God's providence it shouldn't surprise us that Thanksgiving Day comes just a few days after

Veteran's Day. After we have duly honored those who have defended our freedom, we have the opportunity to thank God for all His blessings, including the freedom we have in our nation as well as in Christ.

When Dwight D. Eisenhower was President from 1953 to 1961, he received a letter from eight-year-old Keith Aiken of Trumbull, CT. Kevin wrote, "After listening to the news about the cold war, I am worried about the people in the world. In thinking it over, I have a plan. Get all the leaders together who want war, put them in a ring and let them fight it out."

Perhaps many veterans of foreign war feel this way about war. Just let those who want to fight, do the fighting. Don't involve everybody else in it. Most vets who've been to war don't want to have any part of it again. Period. War is a terrible thing and yet it seems that war is inevitable in our world. In Matthew 24:6 Jesus said, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."

Most Bible commentators believe, however, that Jesus was talking about the coming destruction of Jerusalem, which took place about 70 A.D. But I believe that wars are also a sign of the second coming of Christ. Wars do seem inevitable.

General Sherman is famous for saying, "You don't know the horrible aspects of war. I've been through two wars and I know. I've seen cities and homes in ashes. I've seen thousands of men lying on the ground, their dead faces looking up at the skies. I tell you, war is hell!" While many of us can't question Sherman's feelings and convictions about war since we've never been there, based on Scripture, perhaps it's better to say "War is Hellish," but not Hell.

World War II qualifies as perhaps the worst war in history. In all, 61 countries with 1.7 billion people, three-fourths of the world's population, took part. In terms of money spent, it has been put at more than \$1 trillion dollars, which makes it the most expensive war of all. The human cost of lives, not including the 5 to 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust, is estimated to have been 55 million dead – 25 million of those military and 30 million civilian.

Some aspects of war are never right, regardless of the war, but we must support those who are willing to go and give on behalf of their country. Someone wrote the following entitled, "It Is the Veteran."

*It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble. It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote. It is the VETERAN, who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag.*

This week we honored all our armed service veterans. To you, veterans, we owe a debt of gratitude because you were willing to go, to serve and to give on behalf of the United States of America. Thank You!

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

**Sunday, November 12, 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, ? ? ? ?

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, November 15**

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, November 16**

O Team ..... 6:30 pm

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: KenNice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp ? ? ? ?

Alternate: ? ? ? ?

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, November 22**

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, November 23**

W Team.....6:30 pm

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

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

**Camp from 2-4 pm (leave at 1 pm from the church)**

**— Operation Christmas Child Collection Day**

**November 19 — Business Meeting and Dinner at Noon**

**— Collect for the Long Family**

**November 23 — Thanksgiving**

**23 — 24 Office will be closed.**

**November 26 — Diversicare**

**November 27 — Workers Meeting**

**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, November 12.

## **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.

## **Grand Oaks Camp Reception for Don and Jolette Boyer Today, 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. We will leave at 1 pm.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Shoe Box Collection Day—

Today, Sunday, November 12

There are a two boxes left on the front pew yet to be adopted. It only takes a little time to pack one.

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

## **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!)

## **THANKSGIVING DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING**

We will have our  
Thanksgiving Dinner and  
regular business meeting

immediately following the  
morning worship service  
next Sunday, November 19.

## *For the Record*

### **Attendance: November 5, 2017**

Sunday School.....39  
Visitors..... 2  
Total..... 41  
Contacts Made..... 10  
Morning Worship..... 48  
Children's Worship.....N/A  
Sunday Night .....N/A  
Wednesday Night .....17

### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,040.52  
Offering Received ... \$ 3,283.00

### **Offering Received by Mail:**

Bro. Al Brown  
Eric & Shelly Thompson

### **November Counting Team:**

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

### **November Van Driver:**

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

### **November Birthdays:**

07...Alva Lou Schottel  
13...Shirley Wilson  
14...Ann Riddle  
16...Nancy McCamy  
22...Linda Dotson  
23...Floetta Conard  
27...Linda Kerns

### **November Anniversaries**

Bill and Donna Dunn  
November 3, 1995  
Jack and Flo Conard  
November 4, 1956  
John and Dottie Wildberger  
November 23, 1962  
Jim and Brigida Winans

November 28, 1975

***Prayer Requests ...***

Brigida Winans—heel surgery  
Mike Green—infection and knee  
Gina Harr—surgery recovery  
Joe Coats—pacemaker  
Don Beavers  
Van Meter family  
Curtis Conard  
Emily Jones & baby  
Chad Bradford—heart surgery  
The Waters Family—guidance  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Shawna Hughes—home isolation  
Gary and Sharon Yarbrough  
Larry Danner—cancer  
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister  
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim  
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son  
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     Kevin Duty  
Ellen Blanton     Lois Ulmer  
Jim Winans     Nellie Reynolds  
Madeline Swink     Ann Riddle  
Kathryn Beavers     Keon McKahan  
Louanne Laurence     Leona Reynolds  
Jozy Winans     Kenny Duty  
Pat Means     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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