

Morning Worship

November 26, 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

Hymn # 595

Send the Light

Don/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Hymn # 576 *Take the Name of Jesus With You*

Don/People

Hymn # 586

We've a Story to Tell

Don/People

Offering Prayer

Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Marcia Hart

Special Music

Children's Worship

Children are dismissed

Scripture Reading

Allan/People

Message

Revival in Europe

Allan Lane

Acts 16:6-15

Hymn # 326

All On the Altar

Don/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Chorus # 425

He Keeps Me Singing

Don/People

Revival in Europe

Acts 16:6-15

In dealing with the revivals recorded in the Acts, we have omitted many important centers wherein great spiritual blessings were experienced. These articles would reach a much larger total if all the New Testament revivals were included. We have therefore contented ourselves with dealing with those that can be characterized as turning points, or beginnings of new things. As the Book of Genesis is a book of beginnings, so the Book of Acts can be similarly described. The gift of the Spirit meant the beginning of a whole series of movements.

Pentecost was the commencement of the Christian Church. But the church of Jerusalem was entirely a Jewish one. The revival in Samaria was the beginning of the work outside the Jewish nation. The work at Caesarea was the first to reach the Gentiles.

Antioch first included Jews and Gentiles in one local church. It was at this latter place that the disciples were first called Christians; and it was from this city that the first missionaries, Saul and Barnabas, were sent on their first missionary tour. Before we have completed the series of beginnings, we must deal with the coming of the gospel to Europe.

"Praying Hyde," John Nelson Hyde, a missionary in India in the Punjab region, prayed, "Father, give me these souls, or I die." Hyde had an insatiable desire to reach people for the kingdom of God.

Once we find Christ in salvation, too many of us lose our zeal to share Christ with others. We get comfortable hanging around with other Christians instead of looking for ways to share Christ with those without Him.

Friends, we must always have a vision of the harvest fields. We must regularly rekindle in our hearts a burden for the lost: who aren't in God's family; who haven't experience. God's grace; who don't have eternal life.

It is well to note that the events that turn the course of human history are always Divine. Great as was the evangelistic zeal of Paul, he did not propose the European tour. His heart was in Asia, and his efforts were towards the older continent. It was the Spirit that forbade him, and Paul eventually concluded from the course of events that God called him to Europe. [Let's look at four things in our text that will stir our hearts this last revival call example.](#)

1. We See a Vision . (Acts 16:9)

A. THE NEED FOR A VISION

Paul had a supernatural vision of a man beckoning, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." We need a vision today -- a mission, a goal, a direction for our church and for our lives. Proverbs 29:18 says "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."

God's people move when they get a vision—but they are absorbed into their culture when they don't have a vision—when they don't clearly see God's mission and their part in it.

Why is this church here – as a people of God? Why are you here? What's your mission? Why did God leave you here on this earth? If we can't answer those questions, then we lack vision and are destined to wander aimlessly in this life.

B. EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS THE GREAT COMMISSION

Five times in his remaining days on earth, Jesus gave some form of the Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21, Acts 1:8. God has called you and me, and this church collectively, to share the Gospel of Christ and send the Gospel of Christ to every corner of the earth, so that people can come to faith in Christ and be baptized and discipled and brought to spiritual maturity so that they too can carry on the mission of the church.

2. We Hear a Voice . (Acts 16:9)

A. THIS LIFE FULL OF SADNESS

Job said that our days are "Few...and full of trouble" Job 14:1. Marriages fall apart. Husbands and wives bicker, fight, and are unfaithful. Divorce rates hover near 50%. Jobs are lost; loved ones die before their time; there's never enough money; children go off the deep-end and their lives are hit by a tsunami of problems. People often say, "I'm so grateful I have Jesus! I don't know what people do without the Lord!" They don't do well. We look on the outside of people and they look like they're ok, but statistics show they're not. Check out the millions of sedatives and stimulants prescribed. Psychologist's offices are jammed. Everywhere people are sad and live with tragedy.

B. THE GOSPEL IS THE ONLY HOPE

People will never be fulfilled without God in their lives. We're empty without God being in our spiritual lives. There's a sense of estrangement from the Creator. The Bible says, "But the [godless] are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest.... "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked" (Isaiah 57:20-21). David said, "My soul finds rest in God alone!" People are hurting and we have the answer. Only Jesus can really improve their lives. We have to tell them. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

C. PEOPLE ARE GOD'S FOCUS

Notice that Paul saw a MAN pleading. It was not an angel or the voice of God. God wants to impress upon us that our focus ought to be on PEOPLE and not primarily on the pursuit of fun and entertainment, or accumulating money, or material things.

A Missionary was waiting in a Pastor's office. When the Pastor entered, the missionary commented, "You have an impressive library." Just as the proud young preacher was about to agree, the missionary said, "Too bad it's all going to burn up some day!"

You know what, the same can be said of your car, furniture, stereo, computer and house and all the money you have in the bank. It's all going to burn up someday, so why we invest so much in that what is temporary? That doesn't mean God doesn't want us to have fun, to save for our future or have some nice things. The question is, is that our primary focus? Our primary focus should be on God and His kingdom – on reaching PEOPLE. Why? Because we can take people to heaven when we go. GOD'S focus is on people. Jesus died for people. Paul said in 1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." Since Jesus so loved people—we also ought to love people.

3. We Sense a Vineyard . (Acts 16:10.)

A. WE ALL HAVE A PLACE OF SERVICE

When the Holy Spirit pointed Paul to where his vineyard was – the place where Paul was to serve – Paul’s ministry team immediately endeavored to go there. That was Paul’s heartbeat – to be in the Lord’s vineyard – to be working, laboring to see a great ingathering of people into Christ’s kingdom.

Did you know that you too have a vineyard? God has a place where the lost are calling out to you to tell them the Good News. God put you in Saint Joseph, Missouri to witness for Christ! Saint Joseph is your Vineyard! GOD put you and I here so our neighbors can find God’s forgiveness; so our co-workers can see the Light, so our friends can hear the Gospel. Saint Joseph is your vineyard.

B. THERE IS URGENCY IN THIS CALL

When Paul got his Macedonian call, Luke records that: “IMMEDIATELY we endeavored to go into Macedonia....” Many Christians are too busy with earthy pursuits and the things of this world to see any kind of URGENCY about their neighbors going into eternity without Christ. Many of us get along great with our friends and neighbors and co-workers. You men talk sports with them, or the women talk about home or kids. You argue politics barbecue together, and play video games with them. But have you ever shared your faith with them to them? Have you ever even invited them to church? Have you ever told them how they can find forgiveness and peace and purpose in Jesus Christ?

Lastly, how many of you know that your life isn’t where it needs to be? Maybe you’re not as close to the Lord as you used to be, or you haven’t been praying/reading your Bible, or maybe some area of sin has snuck in. God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. We all need a new vision of the Harvest field. We need a new commitment to our Vineyard – this Church and Reaching Saint Joseph. Let’s all pray for forgiveness and a burning zeal/urgency to reach our families, co-workers, friends and neighbors before Jesus comes back.

4. We Consider the Vessels . (Acts 16:10b)

They recognized that God wanted to use them as vessels to take the Gospel to Macedonia. Luke said, “...assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.”

Folks, we can say exactly the same thing about ourselves. We can assuredly gather that the Lord has called every single one of us to be VESSELS for the Lord’s use to spread the Gospel in Saint Joseph and in Missouri and in North America and throughout the world.

The vision Paul had here is often referred to the “Macedonian call.” Well folks, we have a “Saint Joseph call” or a “North Missouri call.” It doesn’t quite have the same ring to it, but God help us to answer that call.

Everyone here is either a mission field or a missionary:

- If you have never wholly placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you're a mission field. You need to turn from whatever it is that is keeping you from coming to Christ, and put your trust in Him to give you eternal life.
- If you've already a believer, well...you are a missionary.

Five times in His remaining days on earth, Jesus gave some form of the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19-20 – "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."

Mark 16:15 – "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Luke 24:46-47 – "And [Jesus] said unto them,...that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

John 20:21 – "Then said Jesus to them...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Acts 1:8 – "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The differences in wording in each of these verses in 5 separate books of the New Testament indicate that in His days between His resurrection and His ascension into heaven, on at least 5 separate occasions, Jesus gave the same commandment, but in different words. In other words, these are not the different Bible writers recording the same command given only once. They're too varied from one another. This is 5 DIFFERENT occasions Jesus gave the Great Commission with each one having a slightly different emphasis and focus. This was so important to Jesus that He stressed it over and over again.

But the Great Commission was not just for the apostles. It's directed to US as well. It's the marching orders of our Great Commander-in-Chief for His troops.

And He said the same thing 5 DIFFERENT TIMES. Now, whenever God speaks once, we should listen. But if He repeats the same command FIVE times in FIVE different ways, we'd better sit up and REALLY take notice! Brethren, God is trying to get our attention! He's saying EVERY Christian is called to be a missionary.

A missionary may be defined as "one who shares the Good News of salvation with others." Some are called to share the Good News AT HOME. Some are called to share the Good News ABROAD.

Christian, listen—God has called you to the mission field! It may be here in Saint Joseph, or it may be to go to Thailand, or Kenya or Guatemala, but we're ALL called to go bring others into the kingdom and to discipleship.

Let me share with you some very specific ways you can labor in the Lord's vineyard in the great task of evangelism:

First, how can you labor here in Saint Joseph?

- One way is simply to invite friends and acquaintances to church.
- Another way is to drop church fliers in mailboxes in the housing areas.
- Third, develop relationships with your neighbors that can open doors of evangelism.
- Learn how to take the Bible and lead someone to Christ.

Every believer should know how to do that.

May God help us to answer the call to the vineyard God has given us.

Conclusion:

I am stirred by the words of a young pastor in Zimbabwe, Africa which he delivered before his martyrdom for his faith in Jesus Christ. He said:

I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have the Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line.

The decision has been made—I'm a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean in His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer and I labor with power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions are few, my Guide reliable my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the enemy, pander at the pool of popularity or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, or let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach with my all now and work till He stops me. And, when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me...my banner will be clear!

My heart's prayer is that each one of us would take up the banner of that martyred saint! May those words burn in our hearts! May we become gripped with the mission of getting the message of Christ to those without Him and without hope. May the

winning and discipleship of people for whom Christ died be our heart throb. May we, like Praying Hyde cry out to God, "Father, give me souls, or I die."

May God Help Us Answer The Call!

Types of Christians

Last Sunday morning seven different kinds of Christians were mentioned. Here's the list again.

1. The Unfed Christian – He won't eat. He cannot say as Jeremiah, in Jeremiah 15:16 (HCSB), "Your words were found, and I ate them."

2. The Lazy Christian – He won't work. He has never obeyed the command found in Matthew 21:28 (HCSB), "My son, go, work in the vineyard today." Jesus set the example when He said in John 9:4 (HCSB) "We must do the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work."

3. The Worldly Christian – He won't separate. He does not believe James 4:4 (HCSB, "Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the world's friend becomes God's enemy") and 2 Corinthians 6:17 (HCSB, "Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord; do not touch any unclean thing, and I will welcome you.")

4. The Tied-up Christian – He won't yield. A perfect picture of a tied-up Christian is Lazarus going about in his grave clothes (John 11:44).

5. The Timid Christian – He won't take a stand. A good text for a timid Christian is Joshua 1:9 (HCSB), "Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

6. The Defeated Christian – He won't trust. Isaiah the prophet cried (Isaiah 34:16 HCSB), "Search and read the scroll of the LORD: Not one of them will be missing, none will be lacking..." and (Isaiah 42:4 HCSB) "He will not grow weak or be discouraged until He has established justice on earth."

7. The Victorious Christian – He will succeed. He says, "I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 HCSB). John the beloved disciple of Jesus said, "Because whatever has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith" (1 John 5:4 HCSB).

There are only three times in the Bible where the word "Christian" is used:

♦ Acts 11:26 – "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch."

♦ Acts 26:28 – "Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'Are you going to persuade me to become a Christian so easily?'"

♦ 1 Peter 4:16 – "But if anyone suffers as a 'Christian,' he should not be ashamed but should glorify God in having that name."

The city of Antioch was one of the most sinful, ungodly, unrighteous, unholy, sensual places on the face of the earth. The fact that the handful of Christians began to attract attention is a testimony to the power of Jesus Christ. They had it right. God's people ought to live, talk, and act in such a manner that they are noticed for being different. Today, however, our actions don't evoke the same response. Instead of, "Wow! They're different! They must be a Christian!" it's more "Man, and I thought he was supposed to be a Christian."

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

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

Alternate: ? ? ? ?

Diversicare.....2:30 pm

No Evening Worship.....

Monday, November 28

Workers Meeting.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 29

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

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 3, 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

Monday, December 4

Wednesday, December 6

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

No Worship Team

Up-Coming Events.....

November 26 — Diversicare

November 27 — Workers Meeting

December 2 — Baby Shower for Emily Jones 11:30 am

December 3-10 — Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 13 — Prayer Warriors

December 10 — Christmas Tea with the Lanes

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, November 26. Please join us as we minister at Diversicare at 2:30 this afternoon.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Come pray for the direction of our church. Also, we will begin a new study. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm.

Baby Shower for Emily Jones

(Tammy Panning's Daughter)

Calvary Baptist Church

December 2, 2017

11:30am-2pm

Lunch will be provided

RSVP by November 24

660-853-9572

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 and Larry McKahan for volunteering!)

CHRISTMAS TEA WITH THE LANES

December 10

2—4 pm

You are invited to enjoy an afternoon of Christmas Fellowship at the parsonage. Plan to come and relax for a moment during the busy holiday season. We're looking forward to seeing you!

For the Record-

Attendance: November 19, 2017

Sunday School.....	32
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	33
Contacts Made.....	7
Morning Worship.....	39
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Sunday Night	N/A
Wednesday Night	??

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ...	\$ 851.00

Offering Received by Mail:

December Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

December Van Driver:

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a ride.

December Member Birthdays:

03 ... Brent Fortune
08 ... Madeline Swink
09 ... Allison Adkinson
11 ... George Ferbert
15 ... George Burgess
16 ... Addison Leichti
16 ... Doris Richardson
19 ... Jessica Kirkpatrick
20 ... Leona Reynolds
20 ... Brenda Burgess
23 ... Joseph Coats

December Anniversaries

Bill and Alva Lou Schottel
December 22, 1962

Prayer Requests ...

Brigida Winans—heel surgery
Mike Green—infection and knee
Arlette Duty—carpal tunnel
Gina Harr—surgery recovery
Joe Coats—pacemaker
Don Beavers—heart and health
Van Meter family
Curtis Conard—recovery
Emily Jones & baby
Gary & Peggy Fewins and family
Chad Bradford—heart surgery
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Karissa and Matt Long and family
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
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 ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
