

# Morning Worship

November 26, 2017

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

Worship and Fellowship Adult, People  
Hymn # 595 *Send the Light* Don/People

Hymn # 333      Send the Light      Ben/People  
Worship Prayer      Allan Lane

## Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 576, *Take the Name of Jesus With You*, Den/Reom

Hymn # 576 Take the Name of Jesus With You Doh/Ped  
Hymn # 586 We've a Story to Tell Doh/Ped

Hymn # 586      *We've a Story to Tell*      Don/People  
Offering Prayer      Fred Karpas

## Offering Music Marcia Hart

## Special Music

## Scripture Reading Allan/People

Message      *Revival in Europe*      Allan Lane

Message Revival in Europe Allan Lane

## Acts 16:6-15

Hymn # 326      *All On the Altar*      Don/People

Chorus # 425      *He Keeps Me Singing*      *Don/Pec*

# 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 experienced 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 primarily 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!**

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### **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 Study ....6:30 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...**