

## Morning Worship

February 11, 2018

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)

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Hymn # 12

*Great Is the Lord*

Don/People

Responsive Reading #1 **God the Father**

Allan/People

Hymn # 61

*Savior, Like a Shepherd*

Don/People

Hymn # 422

*Surely Goodness and Mercy*

Don/People

Chorus # 427

*For He Alone Is Worthy*

Don/People

Offering Prayer

Bill Schottel

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Marcia Hart

Children's Worship

(Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:11-3:12

Allan/People

Message

"Success Through Submission" Allan Lane

Hymn # 317

*Only Trust Him*

Don/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Chorus # 23

*God Is So Good*

Don/People

## Success Through Submission

1 Peter 2:11-3:12

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Peter declares who he is (1:1-2), who we are (2:9-10), and settles any identity crisis we might have. Then he goes on to give messages of hope in the midst of troubled times. When we know who we are, we can easily submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Our world emphasizes the importance of being successful in all we do. Yet the world's idea of success is to dominate others and become superior to them. Jesus set a different model – to live by dying, to lead by serving, and to find true success through submission.

Biblical submission does not mean accepting abuse from others, but honoring God while accepting His sovereignty. Biblical Submission ...

### 1. ... Recognizes God's Authority. (2:13-20)

If we consider the relationship between author and authority, you will agree that an author has "authority" because he is the originator, the creator.

**a. Human Rulers Represent God's Rule.**

**b. Doing Good Silences God's Enemies.**

**c. Acting with Faith Honors God.**

**2. ... Respects Christ's Example. (2:21-25)**

**a. Christ Suffered for Others .**

**b. Christ Suffered with Dignity .**

**c. Christ Suffered for a Purpose .**

**3. ... Requires Mutual Commitment. (3:1-12)**

Or should it be called "unqualified commitment?" A college man walked into a photography studio with a framed picture of his girlfriend. He wanted the picture duplicated. This involved removing it from the frame. In doing this, the studio owner noticed the inscription on the back of the photograph: "My dearest Tom, I love you with all my heart. I love you more and more each day. I will love you forever and ever. I am yours for all eternity." It was signed "Helen," and it contained a P.S.: "If we ever break up, I want this picture back."

**a. Christian Wives Follow Godly Examples.**

**b. Christian Husbands Show Spiritual Understanding.**

**c. Christian People Demonstrate Sacrificial Love.**

When the explorer, Cortez, landed in Mexico with his 500 men, he did a wise thing; he burned the ships. His men realized that they must be committed to staying and to succeeding here because there was no turning back.

Families have to have that type of commitment... no holding back, no turning back. Marriage has become a sort of temporary thing; if it doesn't work out we'll just walk away.

**Conclusion:**

For many years Admiral Hyman Rickover was the head of the United States Nuclear Navy. His admirers and his critics held strongly opposing views about the stern and demanding admiral. Rickover personally interviewed and approved every officer aboard a nuclear submarine. Those who went through the interviews usually came out shaking in fear, anger, or total intimidation. One Rickover interviewee was Jimmy Carter, who later became president of the United States. Carter described his interview with Rickover this way:

*We sat in a large room by ourselves for more than two hours, and he let me choose any subject I wished to discuss. Very carefully, I chose those about which I knew most at the time—current events, seamanship, music, literature, naval tactics, electronics, gunnery. Then he began to ask me a series of questions of increasing difficulty. In each instance, he soon proved that I knew relatively little about the subject I had chosen.*

*He always looked right into my eyes, and he never smiled. I was saturated with cold sweat. Finally, he asked a question, and I thought I could redeem myself. "How did*

*you stand in your class at the Naval Academy?" Since I had completed my sophomore year at Georgia Tech before entering Annapolis, I had done very well, and I swelled my chest with pride and answered, "Sir, I stood fifty-ninth in a class of 820!" I sat back to wait for the congratulations, which never came. Instead, he asked this question: "Did you do your best?" I started to say, "Yes sir," but I remembered who this was and recalled several of the many times at the Academy when I could have learned more about our allies, our enemies, weapons, strategy, and so forth. I was just human. I finally gulped and said, "No, sir. I didn't always do my best."*

*He looked at me for a long time, and then turned his chair around to end the interview. He asked one final question, which I have never been able to forget, or to answer. He asked, "WHY NOT?" I sat there for a while, shaken, and then slowly left the room.*

One day at the judgment throne, Christ will ask you. "Did you do your best?" "No, sir, I didn't always do my best," we will have to respond. "Why not?" he will demand.

## ***Are You Doing Your Best?***

### **Marriage Under Siege**

In case you didn't know, marriage is in trouble in America. The traditional idea of marriage as a lifelong commitment has been undermined by the divorce revolution. Nearly half of all marriages end in divorce. The traditional idea that marriage is the only appropriate context for sexual relations has been undermined by the sexual revolution. Premarital sex, cohabitation, promiscuity, and infidelity all stretch traditional boundaries to the breaking point. Now, the most fundamental definition of marriage itself - as the union of one man and one woman - is being challenged by homosexuals who demand the right for same-sex couples to "marry." At the same time, social science research has uncovered a large and growing body of evidence that marriage has significant benefits for husbands and wives, and for their children. Put simply, families headed by married husbands and wives are happier, healthier, and more prosperous than people in other types of households. Given the clear social benefits of marriage, and the threats now facing it, it is important to ask, what can we as the church do to protect marriage from being deconstructed, redefined, or simply rendered irrelevant? To answer that question, we must first address a more fundamental one: What is marriage for?

Marriage is an institution created by God. That much is clear from Genesis 2:18-24. Because it was included as a part of the original creation, it is clear that God's fundamental intention for marriage applies to all human beings. However, a look at the whole of Scripture reveals that marriage has special meanings for the people of God.

The Christian doctrine of the Trinity says that there is only one God, but that God exists as three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Spirit are the same in that they all possess the same divine nature; yet they differ in roles and personality. This combination of "sameness" and "difference" also characterizes humanity. Indeed, it may be this combination that reflects "the image of God" (Genesis 1:26). In Genesis 2, Adam names the animals, but they are not "suitable" companions for him, because they are not the same as him - they are not human. To create a "suitable helper" for Adam, God takes a part of Adam's body to fashion one the same as Adam - another human being. Yet the person God creates is also different from Adam - a woman, not a man. The human race is incomplete without both male and female. Yet when they unite to become "one flesh" (Gen. 2:24), their oneness - despite their difference - reflects the oneness of God, despite the plurality of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the Old Testament, the covenant of marriage serves as a metaphor for the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The worship of other gods (idolatry) is viewed as the equivalent of adultery, with Israel as the unfaithful spouse (see Jeremiah 3:6, 8). In the New Testament, marriage is seen as a metaphor of the relationship between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:21-33; Revelation 19:7-9).

In the Old Testament, God's desire to live in community with humankind (those who bear His image, yet are different from him) is manifest in his relationship with the nation of Israel. Yet the nation is the outgrowth of the 12 tribes, which are the outgrowth of extended patriarchal families, which are the fruit of marriage and procreation. Thus, marriage is the seed for the community of

God's people on earth. In the New Testament, loyalty to the biological family of nation and tribe is largely supplanted by loyalty to the family of Christ - that is, the universal church. However, marriage, family, and home retain important roles in the spread of God's kingdom through evangelism. This role is fulfilled in the witness of a believing spouse (1 Peter 3:1-6), in the teaching of children (Ephesians 6:4), and in the service to the church offered by couples such as Priscilla and Aquila (1 Corinthians 16:19).

While marriage has certain specific meanings, both symbolic and functional, within the order of salvation, it also has some broader purposes that are rooted in the order of creation itself. Therefore, these purposes apply to all marriages, even those of unbelievers or of other faiths. These purposes, such as companionship, the regulation of sexual behavior, procreation and child-rearing must therefore lie at the heart of our civil laws defining and regulating marriage.

So how can we protect marriage? Here are some steps that you can take personally.

- Work on the quality of your own marriage. Take time to be alone together and enjoy one another. Talk to your spouse openly and lovingly about any problems in your marriage. Seek counseling if you are having serious difficulties.
- Teach your children to honor marriage. Teach them to abstain from sexual relations before marriage. Be a good model for them of the proper relationship between man and woman, husband and wife, and mother and father.

There are also steps that churches can take.

- Require premarital counseling for every couple seeking to be married in your church.
- Offer marriage counseling for those who need help in their marriages.
- Set up mentoring programs whereby older married couples can serve as mentors to engaged or recently married couples.

And finally, there are steps that we can and must take as citizens to protect and defend marriage.

- Urge public officials to support marriage and family-friendly policies that give positive incentives for marriage and that reward responsible parents.
- Urge state legislators to roll back "no-fault divorce" laws and implement marriage reforms such as "covenant marriage."
- Urge schools to adopt marriage and family curricula that encourage sexual abstinence until marriage.
- Urge state legislators to adopt or strengthen Defense of Marriage Acts or state constitutional amendments that limit marriage and its legal benefits to unions of one man and one woman.
- Urge your Member of Congress, Senators, and President Trump to support a federal marriage amendment to the U. S. Constitution, which would define marriage as being limited to one man and one woman and would bar judges from granting marriage or its benefits to same-sex couples, the unmarried, or groups.
- Support, volunteer for, donate to, and vote for candidates for public office at all levels who pledge to limit marriage and its benefits to unions of one man and one woman.
- Actively oppose and vote against candidates who refuse to defend the definition and institution of marriage.
- Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper urging your neighbors to do all of the above.

Fifty years of the sexual revolution has led to an explosion of pornography, promiscuity, cohabitation, and divorce, and all have weakened marriage. Yet now, powerful forces in our society want to change the very definition of marriage itself - in effect, defining marriage out of existence. Unless we as Christians (or as Jews, or simply as Americans) speak up, we could lose marriage within the next generation. The time to speak in defense of marriage is now. Speak now - or forever hold your peace.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

(content from a sermon by Reverend Peter Sprigg)

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed  
Ushers: ? ? ? , Ken Kirkpatrick  
Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel  
Alternate: Ken Nice  
Diversicare.....2:30 pm  
No Evening Services

**Wednesday, February 14**

**Happy Valentines Day!  
You are Loved!**

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am  
Prayer / Bible Study ....6:30 pm  
Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

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

**January Bible Study.....**

Immediately following the morning service.

**Wednesday, February 21**

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

**Thursday—Saturday,**

**February 22-25**

**2018 Great Commission  
Conference**

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

**February 12 — Lincoln's Birthday**

**February 14 — Valentine's Day**

**— Prayer Warriors 10 am**

**February 18 — Collection for the Longs**

**— January Bible Study at Noon**

**February 22 — Food Pantry**

**February 22-25 — Great Commission Conference**

February 25 — Diversicare 2:30 pm  
March 4 — January Bible Study at Noon

## **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 on Sunday evenings until the weather gets better. Attend January Bible Study next Sunday, February 18th!

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

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study.

## **January Bible Study**

**Our next January Bible Study will be February 18th. Bro. Jack Conard will be leading one of the sessions. We will finish up on March 4th with Don Beavers leading a session.  
Please plan to join us!**

## ***Prayer Warriors***

Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00 am  
All available ladies are encouraged to attend.

## ***Thank You!***

*Happy Valentines Day,*

*Thank you for your recent donation of assorted food items. We appreciate your faithful giving.*

*God Bless You,*

*Maggie Wall*

*Patee Park Baptist*

*Food Pantry*

# 2018

## GREAT COMMISSION

### CONFERENCE

The host for this year's conference is First Baptist Church, Harvester. This event, February 22-25 and sponsored by the Missouri Baptist Convention, features nationally recognized speakers and offers break-out sessions, fellowship meals, and other networking opportunities. The theme of this year's conference is "Reconcile," based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. Bro. Allan and Ellen plan to attend. If you have an interest, please let them know.

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (ESV)

Mark the dates, and register now. There is no charge for admission; costs are covered through your generous gifts through the Cooperative Program.

### *For the Record-*

#### **Attendance: February 4, 2018**

Sunday School.....	26
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	27
Contacts Made.....	6
Morning Worship.....	32
Children's Worship.....	9
Wednesday Night .....	5

#### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,286.39

Offering Received ... \$ 2,582.00  
Long Family-January.... \$ 100.00

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**Offering Received by Mail:**

**February Counting Team:**

Larry McKahan and Jordan Lane

**February Van Driver:**

Mike Green

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

**February Member Birthdays:**

05...Matthew Mayse

06...Eileen Smith

**February Anniversaries**

George and Brenda Burgess

February 25, 1995

***Prayer Requests ...***

Those with illnesses

Donna Dunn—recovery and treatment

Flo Conard—eye

Katie McIntosh—surgery recovery  
(Dillon Burgess's girlfriend)

LoLeta Middleton

Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health

Rick and Mary Bruntmeyer

Brigida Winans—scooter free!

Arlette Duty—carpal tunnel

Gina Harr—recovery and strength

Don Beavers—heart and health

Curtis Conard—recovery

Emily Jones & baby

Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery

Karissa and Matt Long and family

The Waters Family—guidance

Stephanie & Jason Terpack

Shawna Hughes—home isolation

Larry Danner—cancer

Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim

Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son

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  
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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