

## Morning Worship

April 1, 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)

Scripture Reading	Psalm 16:8-11	Don/People
Hymn # 160	<i>Low in the Grave</i>	Don/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship		
Chorus # 33	<i>Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb</i>	Don/People
Missions Moment		<i>Here and Now</i>
Solo	<i>He's Alive</i>	Don Beavers
Hymn # 159	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 407	<i>Because He Lives</i>	Don/People
Offering Prayer		Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Marcia Hart
Anthem	<i>O The Blood of Jesus Medley</i>	Worship Team
Children's Worship		(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading	Luke 24:13-39	Allan/People
Message	"Walking with a Risen Savior"	Allan Lane
Hymn # 307	<i>Just As I Am</i>	Don/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Chorus # 33	<i>Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb</i>	Don/People

## Walking with a Risen Savior

Luke 24:13-39

A while back CBS had a television show called "Undercover Boss." It is a reality show that took the owners and CEO's of major corporations, disguised them, and send them out to work with the employees of their company. There was one where the CEO of "Roto Rooter" went from his cozy office out on the road with a technician and had to fix toilets and clean clogged drains. Yuk! The low level employees talked about the company and the things they would like to see changed. Most of the time the employees were brutally honest. In one episode a lady was unknowingly venting her frustrations about the CEO to...the CEO. Always at the end of the show the CEO would reveal his true identity to the shock and sometimes embarrassment of his employees.

In this selected text we find the resurrected Christ walking on the road to Emmaus with two men who were talking about Him yet they had no idea who He was. They were discouraged about the events of the past few days and began to share with Him their thoughts. God had hidden the fact that this was Jesus from these men. Jesus asked them what they were discussing. In verse 18 Cleopas, responded that he must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days. Jesus asked what things? They began to describe Jesus and the things that He had suffered and His rumored resurrection. Then Jesus began to reveal the Scriptures to these men and spent the evening with them. Eventually their eyes were opened and they saw Jesus for who He was. Jesus then left

them and they said "our hearts burned within us, while he talked with us, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?" Though these men were unaware that they were walking with Jesus, there is much that we can learn from their story.

This event happened on the day Jesus rose from the grave. These men were confused, concerned and grieving the loss of their Master. Jesus approached them and joined the conversation. As Jesus revealed things to them, He ignited a fire within their hearts. I pray that He will light a fire in your heart today. When He does, there will be:

### **1. A Desire to Connect with the Scriptures. (verse 25-27)**

The burning within these men came when Jesus "opened up the scriptures." Jesus revealed the truth of the scriptures and the scriptures reveal the truth of Jesus. Do you want to encounter the risen Savior? Open His Word. It cannot be stressed enough, the importance of personal time in God's Word. It is not enough to simply read your Bible. You must study your Bible. God's Word has the answer to all of your questions. You can see Jesus Christ from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. We are told that Jesus "expounded" the Word to these men.

**Expound** means to explain thoroughly. This should be the goal of preachers and those who listen. Some people want to hear exciting sermons. Some want to be entertained. But it would be better to see people informed. When the Word is expounded and people truly see Christ for who He is and what He has done there will be excitement. When you get into His Word you will have an encounter that can change your life. Let's see a couple of things about the Scriptures:

#### **a. Scriptures Require Faith .**

The literal translation for the phrase "Slow of heart" in verse 25 means to have a dull understanding. Jesus is telling them they should have listened to (and believed) the prophets.

Notice that Jesus did not show them His scars as He did with Thomas. He shared with them the Scriptures. This is a matter of faith. We have not had the opportunity to view the nail prints in His hand. We have not seen the imprints from the crown of thorns. We have never seen the piercing in His side. Everything we know of Jesus comes from the Scriptures. Romans 10:17 reminds us that if you have been truly saved it is because someone shared with you the precious infallible Word of God. And if you are going to grow in you walk with the Risen Savior it requires time in His Word. Believing the Word of God requires faith. Consider:

- We read about a God we have never seen.
- Who sent His only Son to earth to be born of a virgin.
- To live a perfect sinless life.
- A man who was 100% man while at the same time being 100% God.
- He was to be the Savior of mankind.
- He would die on a Roman cross.
- Through dying this death he was to die for the sins of the whole world.
- After this horrible death He rose from the dead on the third day.
- Then He ascended to heaven and is sat down at the right hand of the Father.
- Through His sacrifice He has delivered us from Hell (a horrific place of torments that we have never seen).
- He is coming back to take us to our home in Heaven (another place we have not seen).

Believing all of this requires faith. But through faith and the scriptures we can walk with The Risen Savior. Not only do the Scriptures require faith, they also reveal fulfillment of the prophecies.

## **b. Scriptures Reveal Fulfillment .**

Jesus asked the question in verse 26 "ought not Christ to have suffered these things?" These things were prophesied many years before by the prophets. Isaiah 53:3-5 is one example that speaks about the suffering of the Messiah.

The prophecies, the Law, the Old Testament and The New Testament all confirm that Jesus is Messiah. And it is the Scriptures that show us the fulfillment of the prophecies. The scriptures (through prophecy) also show us what is to come (The rapture, millennial reign, judgment and eternity).

If you are saved it is because you connected with the Scriptures. If you desire to live a life pleasing to God it will happen when you connect with the Scriptures. If you are going to fight the daily battle against the enemy it will require a connection to the Scriptures (Ephesians 6:17).

Do you seek the opportunity to "Walk with the Risen Savior?" Open up His Word and you can have an encounter that will set your heart on fire for Him. When you have that burning fire within your heart, there will be a desire to connect with the Scriptures. We also see:

## **2. A Desire to Connect with the Savior. (verses 28-31)**

They said "Did our hearts not burn within us: - while he talked with us by the way?" If we are honest there are people in this life that we would rather not have to deal with. But there are some people that we have a desire to be around and spend time with. When your heart is on fire for Jesus, there will be an intense desire to spend time with Him. Do you have that desire to commune with your Savior? Notice:

### **a. Spiritual Hunger is Involved.**

These men came to their destination and it appeared that (Jesus) was going to continue on His journey. So they invited Him to remain with them. Remember they had no idea who they were with. They were simply excited about this man who had "opened up the Scriptures to them." Jesus "expounded the Scriptures" and revealed the truth about the Messiah to them and they desired for Him to continue. They had a hunger for more.

Have you ever sat down with the goal of reading only one chapter of the Bible and find yourself reading many chapters instead? Have you sat down to hear a sermon and when it was over you still wanted more? Have you ever been in a worship service and when the last amen was said you were not ready to leave? When you truly "encounter the risen Savior" you will not want that experience to end. There will be a "spiritual hunger." And when we possess that spiritual hunger Jesus will remain with us just as He remained with these men on the road to Emmaus. Also consider:

### **b. Special Honor is Involved.**

Jesus agreed to tarry with these men. They went in and broke bread together. During this fellowship "their eyes were opened" and they knew that Jesus was with them. When we have a burning desire for Jesus in our heart and we have a spiritual hunger Jesus is there. Not only is He there but He will make His presence known. We take it for granted that we have this special honor to have Jesus reveal Himself in our lives. How long has it been since you have experienced this special honor? How long has it been since you have communed with the Savior? When you encounter the Risen Savior you will have a heart on fire for Jesus.

## **3. A Desire to Communicate with Someone. (verses 32-35)**

When we walk with the risen Lord, we will witness and testify of Him. Our text tells us that they got right up and returned to Jerusalem to tell the eleven remaining disciples what they had experienced.

### **a. There was Urgency .**

Notice, they did not say, "Let's wait until the next time we see the apostles and the other disciples and then we can tell them about our experience with the risen Christ." No. They show a real sense of urgency. They immediately rushed right off to tell the world about Jesus. Do you think if they had been more reticent, shy and hesitant with their witness we might not even be reading about them in the Word? Their holy boldness is a consistent characteristic of those who have really been with Jesus. That's what it tells us of Peter and John in Acts 4:13, that they were bold and knew they had been with Jesus.

**b. There was Unity .**

Notice that while they were witnessing to their experience Jesus immediately came and stood with them. What a lesson for those who are bold enough to witness in His Name. He will go before us, with us, and even come behind us. There is a unity in His presence and power. Both are guaranteed (Matthew 28:20). Perhaps you can personally testify that He and His spirit have come and stood beside you again and again when by His grace and strength boldly witnessed His Word.

**Conclusion:**

These two men said that their "hearts burned within them as Jesus opened up the Scriptures." Our word "to burn" takes the place of two Greek words in this instance. The first word means "I was" and the second "to set on fire."

Do you have an intense desire to see Calvary Baptist Church "set on fire" for Jesus! Folks, it can happen and it should happen. But it will not come as a result of newer programs, reviving old programs, a series of revival meetings, Bible conferences, singing groups, or any other gimmicks churches may use to attract people into the church.

If we are to become a church that is "set on fire for Jesus" it will come when people truly encounter the Savior. Many of you have experienced that fire in the past but for some reason it has burned out. Maybe your fire has burned out and you don't realize it just yet. We have found evidence of that "burning fire" in our text today. When that fire is burning:

- i. There Will Be A Desire To Connect With The Scriptures.
- ii. There Will Be A Desire To Commune With The Savior.
- iii. There Will Be A Desire To Communicate With Someone.

Have you ever accepted Jesus as your Savior? If you have then you can walk with the Risen Savior. If not I implore you: Look to the scriptures. The prophecies have been fulfilled. Jesus is the Messiah. He came to die for your sins. Come to Him today.

## ***Are You On Fire for Jesus?*** **The Resurrection Is No Joke**

Some of you might be thinking why would God allow Easter Sunday be celebrated on April Fools Day. Well, throughout history Easter Sunday has fallen on April 1 in the years 1725, 1804, 1866, 1877, 1923, 1934, 1945, and 1956. It will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> again in 2029 and in 2040 should any of us live that long. But the world needs to know that Easter on April Fools Day is no joke.

Lee Strobel, author of the new book *The Case for Miracles* and the bestseller *The Case for Christ*, created a 3-minute video that quickly summarizes the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. Lee ties in the fact that Easter is on April Fools Day this year, but that the resurrection is no joke. Here's where you can find it on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZRODC7VibE&feature=youtu.be>

In Strobel's book, *The Miracle of the Resurrection*, he says, "The resurrection miracle

begets personal miracles of forgiveness, redemption, and new life." Even for a decorated cold-case homicide investigator, this was a formidable challenge. J. Warner Wallace had used his considerable detective skills to solve murders that were decades old, but he had never tackled a case that stretched back for two millennia.

What's more, this time he wasn't merely attempting to identify the perpetrator of a long-ago crime; instead, he was trying to determine whether the victim was truly deceased—and whether he defied all naturalistic explanations by rising from the dead three days later. This was quite an assignment for someone who was at the time a hyper-skeptical atheist.

Wallace is the son of a cop and the father of a cop. His dad fought crime in Torrance, California, a residential and high-tech enclave south of Los Angeles. Initially, Wallace resisted the temptation to follow in his father's footsteps. He started out with a career in the arts, earning a degree in design and a master's degree in architecture, but before long the lure of the badge proved too strong.

After doing training through the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Wallace joined the force in Torrance, working on the SWAT team and the gang detail and investigating robbery and homicide cases. Later he became a founding member of the department's cold-case homicide unit, assigned to crack murders that nobody else had been able to solve.

His success brought accolades and opportunities. Soon he was being featured on NBC's Dateline and news outlets seeking expertise on what it takes to arrest killers who thought they had gotten away with murder. Through the years, Wallace's street-honed skepticism served him well.

"As a cop, if you believe everything people tell you, then you'd never arrest anyone," he said. For him, facts need to be solid; witnesses have to be credible; evidence must be persuasive; corroboration is always crucial; and alibis have to be dismantled. In short, he was the kind of skeptic even Michael Shermer could admire. Wallace's skepticism as an adolescent cemented him into atheism. His parents divorced when he was young. His father, at his mother's insistence, would drop him off at the Catholic church on Sundays, where he would attend a Latin mass by himself. "I didn't understand a word, but it didn't matter," he said. "I didn't believe any of it. Plus, I didn't have any Christian role models who could explain why they accepted this stuff."

It wasn't until Wallace was thirty-five that he subjected the gospels to months of painstaking analysis through various investigative techniques, including what detectives call "forensic statement analysis." This skill involves critically analyzing a person's account of events—including word choice and structure—to determine whether he is being truthful or deceptive. Eventually, Wallace became convinced that Christianity is true beyond a reasonable doubt.

"In a sense," he said, "it was my skepticism that led to faith, because it pushed me to question everything, to doubt my own doubts, and to demand answers that could stand up to scrutiny."

The answers ended up convincing him that Jesus, in time and space, actually did conquer his tomb and thereby provide convincing evidence of his divinity. It was that meticulous investigation of the miraculous resurrection that prompted Strobел to jump on a plane and fly to Southern California, where he met with Wallace at his ranch-style house in Orange County. {A full Interview is contained in *The Case for Miracles* by Lee Strobел.}

Even if you are convinced of the resurrection and other miracles reported in the Gospels, do you believe that God is still in the miracle business today? Whether seeking answers for yourself or equipping yourself to respond to those who doubt, the book *The Case for Miracles* shows not only that the miraculous is possible, but that God still does intervene in our world in awe-inspiring ways. Even if it is April Fools Day.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

**Sunday, April 1, 2018                      Happy Easter!**

Breakfast.....8:15 am

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice,

Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: ? ? ? ?

No Evening Services

**Monday, April 2**

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 4**

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Sunday, April 8, 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: ? ? ? ?

Evening Services.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 11**

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, April 12**

VBS Workers Clinic FBC St. Joseph.....6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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

**April 1 — Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Breakfast and Devotion 8:15 am**

**April 2 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm**

**April 5 — Grand Oaks Board Meeting**

**April 7 — Keyboard Festival 8:30am—Noon**

**April 11 — Prayer Warriors 10 am**

**April 12 — VBS Workers Clinic FBC Saint Joseph 6:30pm-9pm**

**April 15 — Collect for the Longs**

**April 22 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**April 29 — Semi-Annual Meeting, FBC Maysville**

## **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 have Sunday night services tonight. We will resume Sunday night services on April 8.

### **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.

### ***Food Kitchen***

*We will serve Monday, April 2, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.*

### **Keyboard Festival**

**April 7**

**Calvary Baptist Church**

**8:30 am—Noon**

### **Prayer Warriors**

Wednesday, April 11 at 10:00 am

### **Vacation Bible School Workers Clinic**

April 12, 2018 6:30—9:00 pm

First Baptist Church

1225 Francis Street

Saint Joseph, MO

All church VBS Directors, teachers and workers are encouraged to attend this training.

### **Diversicare Nursing Home**

**Sunday, April 22, at 2:30 pm**

We minister to those who are unable to attend their own churches.

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

**Attendance: March 25, 2018**

Sunday School..... 26

Visitors..... 6

Total..... 32

Contacts Made..... 8

Morning Worship.....	37
Children's Worship.....	4
Wednesday Night .....	12

### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,516.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$ 1,180.00
Long Family-March...	\$ 80.00

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

### **April Counting Team:**

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

### **April Van Driver:**

Mike Green

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

### **April Member Birthdays:**

05... Datha Dillon  
13... Alice Coats  
15... Larry McKahan  
25... Jo Mayse  
30... Nikki Garber

### **April Anniversaries**

Joe and Pam Battreal  
April 17, 1999  
Bill and Juanita Haskins  
April 17, 1948  
Joseph and Alice Coats  
April 29, 2000

### ***Prayer Requests ...***

Daniel and Amy Harr—house fire  
Larry McKahan—surgery recovery  
Donna and Bill Dunn—health  
Joyce Cook—health  
Jack and Flo Conard  
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health  
Arlette Duty—strength  
Gina Harr—strength  
Don Beavers—heart and health  
Curtis Conard—recovery  
Emily Jones & baby Liam  
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
The Waters Family—guidance  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Shawna Hughes—recovery  
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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