

## Morning Worship

April 8, 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)

Chorus # 5	<i>All Hail King Jesus</i>	Don/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship		
Scripture Reading	I Corinthians 15:53-57	Don/People
Hymn # 426	<i>Victory In Jesus</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 424	<i>Heavenly Sunlight</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 425	<i>He Keeps Me Singing</i>	Don/People
Offering Prayer		John Lewis
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Marcia Hart
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)	
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:1-14	Allan/People
Message	"Resurrection Certainties"	Allan Lane
Hymn # 296	<i>Jesus Is Lord of All</i>	Don/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Chorus # 33	<i>Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb</i>	Don/People

## Resurrection Certainties

Acts 1:1-14

Our world holds many uncertainties. Our financial futures are unstable. World peace is constantly threatened. Terrorism is on the rise, now even in America. Someone has said the only thing that is certain, is uncertainty itself. But the Scriptures offer us the best certainties.

### **1. Christ is Risen .**

The Apostle Paul states this fact in 1 Corinthians 15:20. The resurrection was the subject of Jesus' teaching to his apostles for nearly 3½ years. Paul also affirmed it in Romans 4:25. Elsewhere he also says it in Romans 1:3-4.

#### **a. Evidence of Proof.**

Christ's resurrection was the subject of eye witness persuasion (1 Corinthians 15:5-11, Acts 9, 22, 26).

#### **i. The Subject of Prophecy .**

Notice these Old Testament scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Isaiah 53; Psalms 2, 16, 22, & 110. All of these references make some reference to his death, burial, resurrection, and the exaltation of Jesus Christ and His kingdom. Paul referred to these texts.

## **ii. The Subject of Apostolic Preaching .**

Christ's resurrection was the subject of apostolic preaching (1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 12-19). It was the subject of Peter's preaching on Pentecost (Acts 2:29-36) and Paul's preaching (Acts 17:19-34). The resurrection of Christ is an established fact in history, as well as His death and His life. One cannot deny His resurrection which we learn from scripture and accept His life and death which we also learn from scripture.

### **b. Theories Against.**

There are at least four theories being advanced today regarding the resurrection of Christ. Let's consider each of them as we proceed in this lesson.

#### **i. Spiritual , not Physical .**

Some believe Christ's resurrection was spiritual not physical (John 2:19-21). Yet He was seen after his resurrection (Luke 24:36-49). They saw His body with the holes in His hands and His side (John 20:24-31).

#### **ii. The Disciples Stole His Body.**

His body was stole by the disciples. How could this be true? These frighten men were hiding for fear of the Jews (John 20:19). They had forsaken Him (Mark 14:50). They denied any knowledge of Him. Surely these cowardice men did not steal the body. Testimony at the tomb does not bear such witness. Notice the references to the linen cloth that His body was wrapped in (John 20:5-7, John 19:40, John 11:44, and Luke 24:12). Why would they take time to unwrap the body? If they stole the body, they would have gotten out of there as fast as possible. They wouldn't have taken the time to unwrap a body. The grave clothing is enough by itself to prove positively He was raised.

#### **iii. He Swooned Away.**

In this theory it is believed that Jesus did not really die. It just appeared that way. So we are to believe that He was beaten, drug a cross to Calvary, was nailed to it, hung there for more than 6 hours, a soldier pierced His side, and yet He pretended to be dead. Then explain how He burst the linen cloths, broke down the door and over powered the guards to flee. It takes more faith to believe this than the written testimony of the scriptures: He was dead, buried and raised from the dead (John 19:40, Matthew 28:1-10).

#### **iv. The Wrong Tomb.**

Those incompetent women went to the wrong tomb. If so, then the officials sealed the wrong tomb. The soldiers guarded the wrong tomb. The angels went to the wrong tomb. The disciples inspected the wrong tomb. And God, the Creator of the Universe, did not know where His Own Son was buried. How foolish. But why was Jesus raised? He was raised for our justification, to declare His Son-ship, to sit on David's throne, and to reign over His kingdom until He returns.

## **2. Christ is Reigning .**

He is reigning. The second certainty that each Christian can know, is that Christ is reigning over his kingdom NOW.

### **a. His Reign has Begun .**

Peter states in his sermon on the day of Pentecost when Christ began his reign Acts 2:29-36). Peter said Jesus was raised to sit on David's throne (Acts 2:30). Therefore, He began His reign after He took His seat on David throne. The Ancient of Days gave

Christ His throne and He began His reign after returning to heaven (Hebrews 1:3, 12-13).

**b. His Kingdom is Spiritual .**

Jesus declared His kingdom is spiritual, not of this world (John 18:36). Daniel the Prophet spoke of the kingdom of God in Daniel 2:44.

**c. His Kingdom is Now .**

Christ's kingdom is NOW. Jesus promised the kingdom to appear in the apostles lifetime (Mark 9:1). They sought it before Christ ascension (Acts 1:6-7).

**d. His Reign is Until .**

Christ's reign is "till." He will continue to reign "till" death has been destroyed. Paul said, "For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Till is an adverb of time. It began when He sat; and will continue till He return to destroy death and the grave.

**3. Christ is Returning .**

The Scriptures affirm the second coming of Christ. We can be certain this will occur (1 Corinthians 15:20-24. Also, see Leviticus 23:9-11).

**a. The Promised Resurrection .**

Paul says death shall reign until Christ returns. At that time there shall be an "end" to death, because all the dead shall be raised (1 Corinthians 15:25-26).

**b. The Final Judgment .**

The judgment will come at the last day (John 12:48). There are many Scriptures that affirm this (Acts 17:30-31, Matthew 25:31-46, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10, 1 Peter 4:17-18).

There will be a time for rewards (Revelations 22:12).

**c. The Commanded Readiness .**

Are you ready for his return? These are the last days. Christ has prolonged His return to give all time to repent (2 Peter 3:9-10. See also, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4, Jeremiah 8:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58). We shall not all sleep, but all shall be changed.

The gospel plan of salvation is clear (Acts 2:36-38, 2 Corinthians 6:2).

## ***Today Is the Day of Salvation!***

### **After the Resurrection**

Let's go back to last week. We had a great Easter. Breakfast was tasty and we had a good crowd in spite of the weather. Worship focused on the meaning of the resurrection. Bro. Don sang "He's Alive" and made us all shout hallelujah.

In the weeks leading up to Easter, there are a lot of spiritual activities. We see people fasting and giving up other things temporarily as they prepare for Easter. Some start this period 40 days before Easter, a time known as lent. On a secular basis, the stores gear up for Easter by bringing in their new spring line of clothes with bright pastels signifying that spring is here. And, of course, there's lots and lots of candy.

When Easter morning finally arrives, some dress in new clothes and head to church to celebrate Christ's resurrection. We celebrate the newness of our resurrected life with an emphasis of enjoying a highly spiritual-lifting worship service. During the service we think about what Christ's resurrection means and we are glad that He chose to die for our sins. The music is special and we get our Easter sermon. When the service is over, we fellowship with our fellow members for a little while and then go to Easter brunch or home to enjoy a great dinner with family and friends. We relax and enjoy this time of internal reflection about what it means to be a Christian and to have had Christ die for our sins some 2000 years ago. When all of the celebrations are completed, we go to bed and wake up to another Monday morning.

Another Easter has passed. Another holiday has come and gone. Another season of Easter is behind us. Now it is time to return back to the daily routine of living. After the resurrection celebration, we go back to normal and we do not take the celebration into the days and weeks that follow.

What did you do on Monday morning? Did you get up and start your day as any other day? Were you dreading what was planned for the day as you thought about your calendar and to do list? Let me ask you another question. Did you tell anyone about your celebration on last Sunday on Monday? What about on Tuesday? Last Sunday we all celebrated the most important day in our lives. Last Sunday we celebrated Christ's resurrected which opened the door for us to have eternal life. We sang praises to God with raised hands as we celebrated. With all of that celebration going on, it's sad that it started on Sunday morning and ended on Sunday afternoon. This victory does not get reported on the news on Monday and if you searched every newspaper in the country you would have a hard time finding an article on the celebration happening after Easter.

When Christ rose from the dead, a major change happened. It was noticeable in those who had been with Jesus. When the Holy Spirit came, those around the disciples could tell the difference. This change is what we celebrate on Easter. Christ's resurrection has changed us forever – and yet we are quiet about the most important victory we will ever experience.

God Bless You!

*Bro. Allan*

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

#### **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

#### **Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Larry McKahan, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Services.....6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, April 18**

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

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

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

**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 have Sunday night services tonight at 6:30 pm.

### **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.

## ***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**

Please join us as we  
minister to those who can no longer attend their  
own churches.

**SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting  
April 29, 2018  
4:00 pm**

First Baptist Church, Maysville

***For the Record***

**Attendance: April 1, 2018**

Sunday School.....	31
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	33
Contacts Made.....	9
Morning Worship.....	48
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Wednesday Night .....	6

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,516.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$ 1,840.00
Long Family-March...	\$ 80.00

**Offering Received by Mail:**

Eric and Shelley Thompson

**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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