

## Morning Worship

January 13, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

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Welcome and Fellowship		Allan/People
Hymn # 227	<i>Praise Him, Praise Him</i>	Don/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Hymn # 191	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Liveth</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 192	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	Don/People
Offering Prayer		Bill Schottel
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Alva Lou Schottel
Children's Worship		(Children are dismissed)
Special Music		
Message		Allan Lane
Hymn # 320	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	Don/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Closing Chorus	<i>Praise the Name of Jesus</i>	Don/People

## Seeing the Real Jesus

Revelation 1:1-20

The book of Revelation is one of the most exciting and controversial books in the Bible. Marcion felt it was not a New Testament Book. Martin Luther felt it should not be included in the Canon of Scripture. Some charge that much of the image of Jesus in Revelation is antagonistic to a loving and forgiving God. Sometimes judgment comes across that way. Surely the picture of Jesus in the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ makes many people uncomfortable. It's because it is not the image of Jesus coming to establish the New Covenant (New Testament). Instead, it is the image of Jesus come to finally and forever fulfill the requirements of the Old Covenant. Therefore, some of the criticisms are valid, in that the book of Revelation is not fundamentally about the New Covenant. But the critiques are wrong that somehow conclude, therefore, that the book is not a part of the inspired Word of God.

So before we go too far, let's examine some presuppositions and biases. Many call the Revelation a "closed book," and there are parts we will never understand or apply to our lives today. But I believe the proper response is to look at it as an

understandable Revelation. After all, the first word in the book is *apocalypsis*, which means “the unveiling.” It is not the concealing, or closing, or sealing, or confusing. It is *The Revelation*.

There are 4 main approaches to the book.

1. It was written for Christians at the end of the first/beginning of the second Century.
2. Its predictions have been fulfilled already by various events in history.
3. Most of its predictions will be fulfilled in the future.
4. It is intended as an analogy, describing the fight between good and evil, and (thank goodness) good wins in the end.

Some commentators focus on one approach to Revelation to the exclusion of others. But if you agree that the book is to be taken as genuine Scripture, you cannot apply a different method of interpretation to this book than you do to other books. All Scriptures are a revelation of who God is and a record of His interaction with His creation throughout history. Interpretation should always begin with what it teaches us about God. And I believe Scripture is the best commentary on Scripture.

I also believe the Revelation has a message to the church of John’s day and for the church in all times. Jesus, John, Peter, Paul, and all New Testament writers seem to understand prophetic utterance as requiring a literal fulfillment. Therefore, I expect to see literal fulfillment of the prophecies of Revelation, many of which have been fulfilled, and many of which shall be fulfilled in the future. The symbolic nature of the Revelation, also, cannot be denied. That it presents an apocalyptic perspective of events, in which God is in control of human history and good triumphs in the end, is undeniable. Therefore, I believe all four approaches have some valuable contribution. Throughout our study we will approach the text from all four perspectives at various times in the study.

Of the 400+ verses in Revelation, there are more than 400 direct and indirect quotations of the Old Testament Scriptures. This should give us a hint as to the nature of the book. All of the symbolic images in the Apocalypse are found in, and should be interpreted based on, the Old Testament. Some early church father said, “In the Old Testament concealed, in the New Testament revealed” (most attribute the statement to Augustine). In other words, the wars, cultic practices, and prophetic utterances of the Old Testament are sometimes incomprehensible, but can often be understood when viewed through the filter, or lens, of the New Testament Scriptures. In the book of Revelation many see this trend as reversed. In the book of Revelation concealed, in the Old Testament Scriptures revealed. In other words, the images, symbols, and events described in the Revelation have a direct correlation with some passage in the Old Testament, and when there is confusion about the Revelation, a quick look at the Old Testament Scriptures will probably clear it up a bit.

Jesus wants us to know Who He is. By having a clear vision of Jesus, we can face persecution and even the end of the world with confidence.

## **1. Receiving the Revelation of Jesus. Verses 1-3**

- a. God’s desire for us to known who Jesus is. 1a
- b. God’s servant who received the revelation: John. 1b-2
- c. God’s blessing to everyone who receives. 3

## **2. Reviewing the Work of Jesus. Verses 4-8**

- a. Jesus is eternal. 4
- b. Jesus is faithful. 5a
- c. Jesus is liberating. 5b

- d. Jesus is empowering. 6**
- e. Jesus is returning. 7-8**

### **3. Reporting of Jesus. Verses 9-11**

- a. John's suffering for the faith. 9**
  - 1. A partner with all who suffer**
  - 2. A prisoner on Patmos**
- b. John's sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. 10**
  - 1. In the Spirit**
  - 2. On the Lord's Day**
- c. John's assignment from Jesus to the churches. 11**
  - 1. A personal assignment for John**
  - 2. A public word to the seven churches**

### **4. Revealing the Power of Jesus. Verses 12-20**

- a. The Son of Man appearing in power. 12-16**
  - 1. Walking with power among the churches. 12-13a**
  - 2. Clothing like a priest. 13b**
  - 3. Hair symbolizing purity. 14a**
  - 4. Eyes glowing with discernment and judgment. 14b**
  - 5. Feet that walk in holiness. 15**
  - 6. Hands that hold the church. 16a**
  - 7. Words that speak the truth. 16b**
  - 8. Face that reveals His glory. 16c**
- b. The messenger responding with humility. 17a**
- c. The Christ speaking with authority. 17b-20**
  - 1. Trust Jesus. 17b**
  - 2. Trust Jesus because He is eternal. 17c-18a**
  - 3. Trust Jesus because He is powerful. 18b-19**
  - 4. Trust Jesus because He is the head of the church. 20**

### **Conclusion**

Philip P. Bliss, the outstanding hymn writer whose life was cut short at 38, captured these great truths in the hymn "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" written and published in 1875.

"Man of sorrows" what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood,  
Sealed my pardon with His blood,  
Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,  
"It is finished," was His cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high,  
Hallelujah, What a Savior!

When He come, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing,  
Hallelujah, What a Savior!  
To which we only can add: "AMEN and AMEN!"

### **What A Savior!**

## **Bible Study Goals**

As a new year begins, have you also selected a Bible reading plan? One of the noblest pursuits a child of God can embark upon is to get to know and understand God better. The best way we can accomplish this is to look carefully at the book He has written, the Bible, which communicates Who He is and His plan for mankind. There are a number of ways we can study the Bible, but one of the most effective and simple approaches is one that we talked about last Sunday night. It's a three step process.

- 1. Observation**, which deals with the question "What do I see?" Those of us who have been a Christian for a while often jump to interpretation too quickly because we think we know what the Bible says. As we read the Bible text, we need to look carefully at what is said and how it is said.
- 2. Interpretation**, which deals with the question, "What does it mean?" This process leads to discovering the meaning of a passage, the author's main thought or idea. Five clues (sometimes called "the five C's") can help you determine the author's main point(s). Context, Cross-references, Culture, Conclusion, and Consultation all help us to get to the author's main intent.

After we have seen what it says and found out what it means it is time for:

- 3. Application**, which deals with the question: "How should this affect my life?" Or in other words, "What should I be doing now?" Biblical principles should be applied to your life. Application is why we study the Bible. We want our lives to change. We want to be obedient to God and to grow more like Jesus Christ. You'll want to ask the following questions of every passage of Scripture you study.

- \* How does the truth revealed affect my relationship with God?
- \* How does this truth affect my relationship with others?
- \* How does this truth affect me?
- \* How does this truth affect my response to the enemy, Satan?

The key isn't simply answering these questions, but in putting them into practice.

It also helps to use the proper Bible Study resources. Here's some suggestions.

- 1. Bible** – I suggest a Bible translation that you can understand. For Bible study I do not recommend a paraphrase. You need to find a Bible that takes the original language and strives to put it in an understandable English translation. You may want to look at more than one translation in order to get a better grasp of what is being said.

- 2. Concordance** – Next to the Bible this is perhaps the most important tool out there. The concordance will list every word in the Bible and will give you a text reference. This becomes very helpful if you can remember a portion of a verse but do not know where the verse is located. You can look up one of the words in the verse and then look at the references and find the verse you were looking for.

- 3. Commentaries** – Commentaries are books of comments written about a particular book of the Bible. These are helpful if you want some insight as to what the passage is saying. They are other people's interpretations of what the text means. Remember: they are only other people's interpretations. In other words – they are giving you their opinions.

- 4. Electronic apps** – Another resource becoming more and more popular is for those who use electronic devices. One of the best is found at: <https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/> The **YouVersion** of the online Bible gives you access to different Bible study programs any electronic internet device.

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan ☺

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

### **Sunday, January 13, 2019**

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

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

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship .....6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, January 16**

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

Worship Team.....7:30 pm

### **Thursday, January 17**

Food Pantry Day

### **Saturday, January 19**

VBS Clinic.....10:00 am

### **Sunday, January 20, 2019**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

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

Alternate: ? ? ?

Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting..... Noon

Evening Worship ..... 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, January 23**

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

Worship Team.....7:30 pm

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

**January 17 — Food Pantry**

**January 20 — Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting**

**January 21 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**January 27 — Diversicare 2:00 pm**

**January 31 — BSU Food for Evening Meal**

## **GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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## **Sunday Night**

We will have Sunday evening service tonight at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you here!

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

This past week we began a study entitled “Unseen, But Certain.” Dr. Danny Akin shares topics such as Angels (last week), Satan, Demons, Hell, and Heaven. And our prayer time is such a vital part of everything a church does. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church.

## **Christmas Cards**

Leftover cards have been placed on the table or left in the Sunday School room where you are a member. Be sure to get them!

## **Directory Corrections**

### **Birthdays:**

Storm Kelly—November 10

816-294-2763

Ann Riddle—November 14

Let us know - we'll try to fix it!

## ***VBS Directors and Pastors Workshop***

January 19, 2019

10 am—12 am

Rolling Hills Upper Story

## **Business Meeting and Carry-In Dinner**

We will have our regular business meeting and carry in meal immediately following the morning worship service January 20.

**Diversicare Nursing Home**  
**January 27, 2019**

**at 2:30 pm**

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

***Please Excuse Our Mess!***

Corey Whorton is scheduled to remove the rest of the paneling in the entryway and hall.  
Please continue to pray for the renovations to the entryway.

***Thank You***

Thank you for the food you donated to our food pantry and for thinking of us.

Cheryl Meeks  
Patee Park Food Pantry

***For the Record***

**Attendance: January 6, 2018**

Sunday School.....	29
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	30
Contacts Made.....	6
Morning Worship.....	50
Sunday Night.....	7
Children's Worship .....	??
Wednesday Night .....	7

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 3,066.00
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 1,695.00
Long Family –Dec. ...	\$ 60.00

**Offering Received by Mail:**

**January Counting Team:**

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

**January Van Driver:**

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

**January Member Birthdays:**

01... Carol Helean  
01... Marcia Hart  
08... Al Shirley

19... Juanita Haskins  
13... Britney Griswold  
22....Eric Thompson  
23... Pat Puckett  
24....Aubrey McCamy  
27... Gary Yarbrough  
28... Donna Dunn  
29... Sharon Waters

### **January Anniversaries**

Allan and Ellen Lane  
Married January 2, 1983

Philip and Kelsey Lane  
Married January 3, 2009

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

The Family of George Ferbert  
John Wildberger  
Brendan Conner—Swymeller's Grandson  
Joyce Winfrey and family  
Whitesville Baptist Church  
Mike Green  
Jack and Flo Conard  
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery  
Sandy and Stanley Wilson  
Ruth Anne Bush—healing  
Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia  
Linda Huff—cancer treatment  
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings  
Arlette Duty—strength  
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health  
Donna and Bill Dunn—health  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
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  
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister  
Doris Richardson June Fritchle  
The Waters Family Betty Campbell  
Jim Winans Kevin Duty  
Nellie Reynolds Ann Riddle  
Don Beavers Tim Izer  
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty  
Pat Means Buddy Means  
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands  
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard  
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane  
Carolyn Houts Seth Long  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service Women and Men

Terrorism in our world

**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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