

## Morning Worship

April 28, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

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

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Scripture Reading

Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 140

*Down at the Cross*

Romey/People

Missions Moment

Hymn # 142

*There is a Fountain*

Romey/People

Offering Prayer

John Lewis

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Alva Lou Schottel

Hymn # 581

*We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* Romey/People

Hymn # 177

*There's Something about that Name* Romey/People

Special Music

Cindy Hoover

Children's Worship

(Children are dismissed)

Message

"Easter Emotions: Celebration"

Allan Lane

Hymn # 294

*Have Thine Own Way*

Romey/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Closing Hymn # 178

*He is Lord*

Romey/People

## Easter Emotions: Celebration

John 20:1-20

How many of you like to attend parties, I mean really good parties? What does it take for a party to be a really good one? Americans don't need too much excuse to party: a Wedding, The Super Bowl, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Retirement, the Weekend, and Funerals? What would it take to make a funeral a "really good party"?

What if the dead came back to life? Not to just check on the Last Will and Testament, but what if they really came back to life?

If the dead were to come back to life, that would be a reason to celebrate. That would be a real party. It has happened before:

- Dead man who fell on Elisha's bones;
- Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones;
- Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus after 4 days;
- Eutychus fell asleep and out a window. Not sure what that says about Paul's sermons.

But last Sunday the world celebrated the one who topped them all: Jesus. When Jesus arose from the dead was a reason to celebrate.

There are plenty of reasons for us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But what about those who were actually there? What might their reasons have been?

### **1. Joseph of Arimathea got his tomb back.**

We can celebrate with Joseph of Arimathea because he got his tomb back. There is a good feeling that accompanies finally getting something back from someone who borrowed it. There is a day coming in heaven where the celebration will be like that. We who are believers in Jesus Christ are stewards of the Gospel, and the grace of God. One day as His stewards, we will give back to Jesus all that He has given to us on loan: His Spirit, His gifts, His accomplishments in us and through us. And like crowns, we will cast them all at his feet. That will be a wonderful celebration. That gives us hope in this life.

### **2. The Disciples got their Friend back.**

We can celebrate with James, Andrew and the other Disciples because they got their friend back. There is always something special about seeing good friends. It brings the best out in us. It makes us more alive and helps us to be the best person we really want to be. It's like an accountability partner. Jesus again was with them, and even though it was for a brief time, there was a special reunion they shared.

Because of Jesus, the friends we have in Christ here will be friends over there. That will be a fantastic celebration. That gives us hope in this life.

### **3. Peter got his reputation back.**

We can celebrate with Peter because he was forgiven. Forgiveness is a second chance. There is always something special about having second chances.

On the computer keyboard, there is this command I use a lot because I mess up a lot. It happens when I hold the control key and then press 'Z'. Control Z "undoes" what I just did. In fact, in some programs, Ctrl Z can undo several times back, up to 20-40 times. Some programs have the back arrow, does the same thing.

Ever wish you could Ctrl Z a day? Maybe even your whole life? Second chances are wonderful. Because of Jesus, we have 2nd chances, and 3rd, 4th, 5,000ths! And because we have been forgiven much I believe God, if we want to be like Him, expects us to grant second chances to others. And knowing we are forgiven, and in God's eyes our reputation is not ruined, now that's a reason to celebrate.

### **4. John got his beloved back.**

We can celebrate with John, the disciple Jesus loved, because he got his best-good-friend back, that is, the person he loved the most with all of his heart came back into his life.

There is something about a good nickname that takes you right back to the moment you got it: "The disciple Jesus loved."

Because of Jesus, John would always be known as "the disciple Jesus loved." And because of Jesus, we too, like John, will never be out of His love. Love is a wonderful reason to celebrate.

There are many others we can celebrate with:

- \* Mary Magdalene, because Jesus didn't let her keep thinking he was the gardener.
  - \* Nicodemus, because now he knows exactly what Jesus meant when he said, "You must be born again."
  - \* Jewish believers, because they now know the fullness of the Law and Prophets is in Jesus.
  - \* Gentile believers, because they have been adopted into His family.
- Just one more to mention...

## **5. Mary got her son back.**

We can celebrate with Mary, the mother of Jesus because she got her Son back. I have heard it said, "Parents should never outlive their children." Many do. But because of Jesus, our family in Christ here will be with us forever when we enter into eternity over there.

### **Conclusion:**

Do you see why we can celebrate Jesus? Jesus gives us many reasons to celebrate. Let's summarize these five points.

1. Family is forever in Jesus.
2. Friends are forever in Jesus.
3. Love is forever because of Jesus.
4. Forgiveness and 2nd chances are available because of Jesus.
5. His presence and power are forever and that gives us hope to live by.

Good food, good folks, a very good host --good fun. Now that's a reason to celebrate. When the dead are raised at a funeral, we can all go home. With Jesus Christ, we always have a reason to celebrate. Jesus has been raised. He is risen!

But sometimes it appears the church has forgotten how to celebrate. We don't know how to party. Maybe it is because we have forgotten what Jesus has done for us. Or maybe because the stories the Bible have gotten old and we haven't been around any new believers to remind us of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

That reminds me of a story of what happened to a tribe in the jungles of East Asia, when missionaries showed them the Jesus film. Back when it first came out it was a big deal and there were several great stories about how God was using it. The movie was being shown as an evangelistic tool to people all over—in the desert, and in the jungles. Not only had some of these people never heard of Jesus, they had never seen a motion picture. And on one unforgettable evening, they saw it all—the gospel in their own language, visible and real.

Imagine again how it felt to see this good man Jesus, who healed the sick and was adored by children, held without trial and beaten by jeering soldiers. As these East Asians watched this, the people came unglued. They stood up and began to shout at the cruel men on the screen, demanding that this outrage stop.

When nothing happened, they attacked the missionary running the projector. Perhaps he was responsible for this injustice. He was forced to stop the film and explain that the story wasn't over yet, that there was more. So they settled back onto the ground, holding their emotions in tenuous check.

Then came the crucifixion. Again, the people could not hold back. They began to weep and wail with such loud grief that once again the film had to be stopped. The missionary again tried to calm them, explaining that the story still wasn't over, that there was more. So they composed themselves and sat down to see what happened next.

Then came the resurrection. Pandemonium broke out this time, but for a different reason. The gathering had spontaneously erupted into a party. The noise now was of jubilation, and it was deafening. The people were dancing and slapping each other on the back. The Christ is risen, indeed!

Again the missionary had to shut off the projector. But this time he didn't tell them to calm down and wait for what was next. All that was supposed to happen—in the story and in their lives—was happening. Because of the resurrection, every day is a celebration.

Have you ever watched a movie that you've already seen? Maybe the first time it was suspenseful, but not so the second time because you know how the story ends—you know the good guy doesn't fall off the cliff and the bad guy eventually gets caught. But you still enjoy the movie. In fact, since you're not all tied up in the plot, you begin to appreciate other aspects of the film: clever dialogue, outstanding camera work, the use of a special effect, and so on. Since you know the ending you can enjoy the movie on a whole different level.

That's how we can enjoy life--as if we are viewing it for the second time. We don't have to sweat the outcome because we know God's ultimate outcome. We need not wonder if He will take care of us, or if He will cause all things to work together for His good. We know the outcome. And we know that since Jesus conquered death, we can, through Him, conquer life. And in the process, we can enjoy the journey. Every day is part of the celebration--even the tough days. That's God's promise. And that's our hope!

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you" (Romans 8:11).

The story of Easter doesn't have to end here today. It wasn't meant to. It can continue on in your life. The hope of that first Easter morning lives on in the believer's heart, and that makes all the difference. For when you have a reason to celebrate, and you do, then that makes all the difference because you don't celebrate in vain.

In all of sports, there is perhaps no basketball rivalry quite as intense as that between the Universities of Duke and North Carolina. The campuses are only eight miles apart. Both teams have different shades of blue for their primary color, so North Carolinians are told, "Choose Your Blue!" Duke fans take their allegiances seriously. Every fan is a cheerleader. Once when the two teams played each other in Duke's Cameron Arena, home fans (or "Crazies") were given the following instructions.

"This is the game you've been waiting for. No excuses. Give everything you've got, and we will walk away the victors. Cameron [Arena] should never be less than painfully loud tonight.

At Coach K's request, please focus on our team tonight. Better to bring our team up than put theirs down. Especially coming out of timeouts, we need to be incredibly loud. During their free throws in the second half, forget the novelty stuff, just be unbelievably loud. This is a huge game. Stay in the bleachers and go nuts."

Perhaps we Christian worshipers have something to learn here. You have a reason to celebrate—As the angel said, "He is not here. He is risen! Go and tell! Go nuts!" Easter makes all the difference.

## **Easter Doesn't Have to End!**

### **Thanks to All**

We are a society of complainers. We've heard it all before. We find fault with everything from the environment to the way our government is handling foreign affairs. We are never satisfied--the economy is bad, gas is expensive, my third wife is as bad as my first two ex-wives, etc. Consequently, we are not a happy people.

But the Bible tells us that we are to show gratitude. I'm extremely thankful for a wonderful Easter Resurrection Worship last Sunday. It began with a great breakfast, thanks to three generations of Schottel men who deserve credit for making it taste so good. The day continued during the Sunday School hour where some of the best Bible teachers and students I know interacted together and gained new insight into our wonderful God and His abundant life gift for all who receive Him. It concluded with great worship led by God's most recent gift for our church, Bro. Romey Keith accompanied by another longstanding gift, Alva Lou our pianist. We are so blessed!

Yet why do we fail to show our gratitude more? According to a preacher named Emil Bonoig, here's a short list of reasons why we need express our thankfulness.

First, gratitude breeds happiness and contentment. A Roman orator, lawyer, politician, and philosopher almost a century before Christ was born wisely observed that gratitude is the parent of all virtues. One who appreciates life more becomes more happy and contented. One contemporary author believes that gratitude is the secret to happiness. He argues that complaining makes one unhappy but having a grateful attitude makes one really happy.

Second, gratitude fortifies the soul. One writer describes gratitude as a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic. A vaccine is a preventative, an antitoxin kills poison, and an antiseptic is a cleansing agent. A grateful person is a healthy soul. Staying grateful keeps your soul from poison. Actually, it keeps removing wrong attitudes from your life.

In the Hebrew language, the word for gratitude is also the word for confession. To say "thank you" is to admit your dependence on someone that has actually benefited you. You are admitting that someone else has actually made your life better.

Thirdly, gratitude is Godly. Luke 17:11-19 records a story in the life of Jesus where Jesus encountered ten lepers to whom He gave healing instructions. As they followed His orders they were in fact healed. Yet only one returned to offer his gratitude to Jesus. We are told in the text the Lord Jesus actually asked where the other nine healed lepers were. It's as if He was waiting and expecting them to return and say "Thank You, Lord, for healing me." To the Lord Jesus, it is "right" and "proper" to say "thank you." We can imagine He felt very sad that the other nine lepers did not say "thank you."

Throughout His earthly life, the Lord Jesus practiced thankfulness. He thanked God for something as simple as "bread." He also thanked God for opportunities and never complained for anything.

In the Luke 17 text the Lord Jesus expressing that the act of saying "thank you" is glorifying to God. It is a Godly thing to say "thank you."

We must start by thanking God for sending His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. Let me illustrate how important this is.

A liberated slave told President Lincoln that he would not accept his freedom as a gift. So the slave proposed to pay for it with a silver dollar. The president tried to show the man that he could not pay for his liberty, that the fact that he thought he could proved the man did not fully appreciate the priceless gift. When the freed man insisted, the president took him to the

window and showed him the row of soldiers' graves across the river in Arlington. The president asked the man how he thought his money could actually begin to pay back the lives that had been given in order that he might live in freedom. When the man asked what he might do, the president told him that the only thing the man could do was to be grateful and live as a free man.

During the Vietnam War a young lieutenant died trying to rescue one of his wounded soldiers. After the war, the lieutenant's family invited that soldier to their home for dinner. During the dinner, the soldier was rowdy and obnoxious, telling off-color jokes and showed no gratitude for the sacrifice of their son who died to save him. The grieving parents did the best they could to make the man's visit worthwhile, but their efforts went unrewarded. Their guest finally left. And as the story goes, when the lieutenant's father closed the door behind him, the mother collapsed in tears and cried, "To think that our precious son had to die for somebody like that."

Friends, we do not want to grieve the heart of God by neglecting to thank Him for our precious salvation. We must not only say "thank You" to God, but we should also say "thank you" to one another. Think of someone who has been a blessing to you. Go to that person and say "thank you." Now is always the best time to do it.

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan ☺

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

### **Sunday, April 28, 2019**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, John Lewis, George Burgess, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

No Evening Worship

SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting..... 4:00 pm First Baptist Church Weston, MO

### **Wednesday, May 1**

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

### **Thursday, May 2**

Senior Adult Event....10:00 am

Crossroads Chapel

### **Sunday, May 5, 2019**

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Ken Nice, Gary Yarbrough, Don Sharp

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship

### **Monday, May 6**

Mission Trip Meeting 7:00pm at the Mission Center

**Wednesday, May 8**

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

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

**April 28 — SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting, FBC Weston**

**May 2 — SJBA Senior Adult Event, 10:00 am,  
Crossroads Chapel**

**May 6 — Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 pm Mission Center**

**May 12 — Mother's Day**

**June 3-7 — Youth Camp**

**June 11-16—SJBA Mission Trip to Yankton, South Dakota**

**First meeting—May 6, 7 pm @ Mission Center**

**June 21 & 22 — Intro to Camping for Children grades 1-3**

**July 15-19 — Children's Camp**

### **GROW Team**

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

### **Sunday Night**

We will not be having Sunday evening service tonight. Please attend the SJBA Semi-Annual meeting today for a time of fellowship and inspiration.

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

A few weeks ago we began a study entitled “Unseen, But Certain” by Dr. Danny Akin. We’ve covered topics such as Demons, and Hell, and now we’ll focus on Heaven. Our prayer time is also important. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church.

### **Thanks for supporting the Food Kitchen Ministry**

We have done this ministry for several years and it is still effective. But we could use more servants! Is God calling you to serve in this area? Pray about it!

***Saint Joseph Baptist Senior Adult Event***

*Thursday May 2,  
at 10:00am  
Crossroads Chapel*

**SJBA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**Today, April 28, 2019  
First Baptist Church  
Weston, Missouri  
4:00 pm**

We will plan to go and take the van for all who want to attend. We will leave the church around 3 pm.

**Youth Camp**...is June 3-7. Forms are available. There are openings for guys and gals if anyone is interested. Also, coaches are needed. Please pray about how you can serve.

**Children's Camp ...**

...forms are available soon.

**Children's Camp is  
July 15-19.**  
Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

**Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip**

**June 11-16, 2019  
First meeting—  
May 6, 7 pm**

***For the Record-***

**Attendance: April 21, 2019**

Sunday School.....	21
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	21
Contacts Made.....	10
Morning Worship.....	80
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship .....	??
Wednesday Night .....	10

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 955.00
Long Family – March..	\$ 75.00
Annie Armstrong .....	\$ 1,630.00

## **Offering Received by Mail:**

### **May Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

### **May Van Driver:**

Joe Coats and/or

Rodney Swymeler

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a  
ride.

### **May Member Birthdays:**

03... Vicki Long

11... Hannah Schottel

17... Arlette Duty

20... Pam Eldredge

20... Erin Molloy

20... Mike Green

### **May Anniversaries**

Russ and Nancy McCamy

May 22, 1982

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

Lillie Williams—strength & recovery

Dottie Wildberger—recovery

Jim Winans

Gary Hurst—cancer

Alice Coats—elbow

Nellie Reynolds

Mike Green—Knee Surgery

Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister

Swymeller's Grandsons

Jack and Flo Conard

Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery

Sandy and Stanley Wilson

Ruth Anne Bush—healing

Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia

Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!

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 Elmer Mayse  
Betty Campbell Kevin Duty  
Ann Riddle Tim Izer  
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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