

Morning Worship

July 7, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane	Piano — Alva Lou Schottel
Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis	Organ --- Robert Brinkman
As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.	
(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)	
Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Scripture Reading	Romey Keith Davis
Hymn # 630 <i>America the Beautiful</i>	Romey/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Hymn # 633 <i>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory</i>	Romey/People
Offering Prayer	Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	
Hymn # 634 <i>My Country 'Tis of Thee</i>	Romey/People
Hymn # 71/224 <i>On Eagle's Wings/Holy Ground</i>	Romey/People
Special Music	
No Children's Worship	(summer break)
Message	Bro. Allan
Hymn # 312 <i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	Romey/People
Prayer Concerns	Allan/People
Closing # 178 <i>He Is Lord</i>	Romey/People

Believing in America

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Even though our nation has its problems, it is still the greatest place in the world. In this passage we find several things the Apostle Paul said we should do to prove our commitment to and belief in America.

1. Pray for America.

A lady named Barbara Kerby told the story of how her father took her to the high school parking lot for a driving lesson. For one particular lesson, Barbara's three-year-old sister rode along in the backseat. While trying to negotiate a turn, Barbara hit the curb. From the backseat she heard a small voice say, "God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food." Barbara slammed on the brakes, turned around to the backseat and yelled, "What are you talking about?" Her little sister replied, "Your driving is scaring me, and that's the only prayer I know."

Dr. E. M. Bounds said these two things about prayer:

"Prayer concerns God, whose purposes and plans are conditioned on prayer. His will and His glory are bound up in praying."

"When the church is in the condition of prayer, God's cause always flourishes, and His kingdom on earth always triumphs. When the church fails to pray, God's cause decays, and evil of every kind prevails."

Few observant souls would deny that evil of every kind seems to be prevailing in our beloved country. Why is this so, if our God is able "to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think?" (Eph. 3:20) Could the answer be, "You do not have, because you do not ask?" (James 4:2)

There is no greater motivation for prayer than this: Jesus lived a lifestyle of prayer. He left us an example, so that we might follow in His steps. (1 Peter 2:21, Mark 1:35, Luke 3:21, Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12)

Dr. Henry Blackaby wrote in *Experiencing Prayer With Jesus – The Power of His Presence and Example*, "At this critical time in history, we don't need simply 'more prayer' from God's people; we need specifically the kind of praying exemplified in the life of Christ."

Blackaby explains it like this: God desires a praying people and a people who will pray in union with Christ Who intercedes from heaven. God shapes the world through prayer and when God's house on earth is a house of prayer, then God's throne is busy with plans and interventions in the affairs of earth. The more praying there is in the world, the better the world will be and the mightier the forces of good will be against evil everywhere. God has declared that His house will be a house of prayer. (Isaiah 56:7; Mark 11:17)

Why must we pray?

a. God commands it.

(Matthew 6:5-9, Luke 18:1, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

b. Circumstances require it.

- i. James killed by Herod and Peter arrested. (Acts 12:1-5)
- ii. The Apostle Paul imprisoned. (Philippians 1:12-19)
- iii. We are to pray "in everything." (Philippians 4:6-7)

c. The times demand it. Ephesians 6:18)

- i. These are times of difficulty. (2 Timothy 3:1)
- ii. These are times of deception. (1 Timothy 4:1)
- iii. These are times of danger. (1 Corinthians 15:30)
- iv. These are times for diligence in prayer. (Colossians 4:2)

2. Live Righteous Lives.

Righteousness is the breastplate that covers not only our body but also our soul. Righteousness is the character or quality of being right or just that conforms to the claims of higher authority which is God's uprightness or standard.

Therefore when Paul said that we must put in place the breastplate of righteousness, it means that we protect our lives by the righteous and just character that conforms to God's standard.

When a person put his faith in Jesus Christ, we were given a status or right of being righteous. This righteousness is God's gift to us based on what Christ did for us on the cross. The truth is when you put your faith in Jesus, you are declared free from guilt and sin as if you have acted in accord with the divine law. You were released or forgiven from all your sins.

How does one maintain the breastplate of righteousness? Just like any piece of the armor, the breastplate needs to be maintained. How?

a. Let God's word dwell in us richly.

(2 Timothy 3.16)

b. Offer your body as slave of righteousness.

(Romans 6.19)

c. Daily put on the breastplate of righteousness.

i. Confess your wrong and accept God's forgiveness (1 John 1.9)

ii. Turn away from your wrong (Ephesians 4.22)

iii. Turn to good (James 4.17)

iv. Live a life worthy of the calling you have received from God (Ephesians 4.1)

v. Thank God every day for the righteousness He has given you.

3. Share Christ.

A. Are people lost ?

Remember that we are to be fishers of people and those who are fished for are to be respected as God's most valuable commodities. Remember the story of the lost coin, the lost sheep, the lost Son? You know what they all had in common? They were all extremely valued, they were treasures, they were special, and they were missed.

Too often we misuse the word "lost." Too often we use it in a derogatory manner. Maybe we should stop referring to those who are not Christians as "LOST" and start referring to them as "Missed by God," "Loved by God," or "Valuable to God."

And if they are valuable to God their value, their infinite sacred worth should and must be respected by us as well. St. Francis of Assisi once said: "Preach the Gospel everywhere you go, and if necessary, use words."

B. Are people without hope ?

We all need hope to survive. Jesus had become their HOPE. How could they possibly live in this terribly difficult world without hope? All of us need something we can hang on to, some glimmer of hope that things will get better or that there is hope for a better life or that there is some meaning to this existence. By nature, we are energized by hope.

A number of years ago researchers performed an experiment to see the effect hope has on those undergoing hardship. Two sets of laboratory rats were placed in separate tubs of water. The researchers left one set in the water and found that within an hour they had all drowned. The other rats were periodically lifted out of the water and then put back in the water. When that happened, the second set of rats swam for over 24 hours. Why? Not because they were given a rest, but because they were given hope. Those animals somehow hoped that if they could stay afloat just a little longer, someone would reach down and rescue them. There is great power in hope. We all need hope. It's as simple as that.

C. Are we bothered by sin?

Conclusion:

Psalm 33:12 reminds us "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord:" When our nation, including those who call themselves Christians, cease to look to God, we cease to bless God.

Someone said "Our forefathers claimed this nation for God. It's up to our generation to re-claim America for God." How do we do our part? We must pray for our leaders and our country. We must live righteous lives, standing on the on the

principles of and values of God's Word. We must shine forth the light of Christ and let others see that Jesus is the only hope for America. We must ...

Reclaim America for God!

The Promise of Freedom

The hymn writer and poet William Cowper said, "He is the freeman whom the truth makes free, And all are slaves beside."

Friends, the Declaration of Independence has been and continues to be the model for freedom around the world. America is the longest surviving democratic republic because of the principles that are recorded in this document. There is a reason that over the past 200 years that millions of immigrants have come to our shores. The American dream is fundamentally about the principle of freedom. But make no mistake the American dream of freedom was birthed by those who were seeking religious freedom, people who had been persecuted and driven from their homes came to America to freely practice their religious faith. You will find references to the God that they worshipped at least four times in the Declaration of Independence, and it is evident that these men traced their rights to this freedom, not to a human government or an earthly monarch but to the Creator and Supreme Judge of the universe. We could learn a lot from their acknowledgment.

Back in the 80's Ann Landers wrote about her experience as a newspaper "answer lady." People would write to her with their problems and ask advice on how to deal with their children, their spouses, their bosses, etc. In her book, *The Ann Landers Encyclopedia A to Z*, Landers explained that one of the most difficult things that people struggled with is guilt and shame. "I've received letters brimming with self-recrimination - letters that prove no punishment is so painful as the self-inflicted kind. No matter how many freedoms our nation gives us, it cannot give us the freedom from the shame and guilt imposed upon us by our sins.

Hazel Felleman wrote a poem about this:

*I wish there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again
Where all our mistakes, and all our heartaches
And all our selfish griefs
Could be cast like a shabby old coat at the door
And never be put on again.*

There is a place called the land of beginning again and it is the place that Jesus has bought and paid for with His own life's blood and you can have title to a plot, when you believe on Him. When you do you will be freed from the guilt and shame of your sins, you will no longer be under the penalty of sin but you will have the peace that only Jesus can give. The penalty is "death" but the gift is "life."

Bono is the lead singer of the popular rock group U2. He once made this observation:

"At the center of all religions is the idea of Karma. You know: what you put out comes back to you: an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, or in physics-in physical laws-every action is met by an equal or an opposite one... And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that.... Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff."

Now, I don't know if Bono is a Christian, or if he even claims to be one... but he's nailed this. God will forgive us our sins -- not because we deserve it, or have done

enough good to outweigh our sins. God will forgive us for only one reason: He loves us.

It has been said "No man is truly free, but he in whose heart the power of sin is destroyed, and who has received the Spirit of adoption, through which he cries, Abba! Father!"

The famed psychiatrist Karl Menninger once said that if he could convince the patients in psychiatric hospitals that their sins were forgiven, 75% of them could walk out the next day.

Is there ever going to be a time when sin is not going to be a problem, when we will be totally and completely free from all of the consequences of sin? The answer is yes. There is not sin in heaven my friend and that means that all those who love Jesus and have already passed on have entered a place where there is no hint, hurt or haunt of sin and they wait and worship for all those who will join them by faith in Jesus.

True freedom and independence comes when we receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. He is the source of truth. All truth resides in Him. There is no truth besides Him. He is God and if you want to know God you must come to Jesus for "no man comes to the Father but by Him."

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Ken Nice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp, Dillon Burgess

Alternate: LeRoy Bush

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 10

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

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

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

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

Alternate: Joe Coats
Evening Worship.....6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 17
Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events

July 10 — Prayer Warriors

July 15-19 — Children's Camp

July 20-21 — VBS (two days only)

July 28 — Business Meeting (notice the date change)

August 1 — Senior Adult Event, 10:00 am FBC Maysville

August 17 — Biblical Manhood Conference

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 Night service tonight. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm. We are looking at some of the sayings of Jesus. Come join and be a part.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We will begin a new study this week. We always need reminders to pray. Please attend and pray for the direction of our church.

VBS
July 20-21
Be thinking of someone you can bring!

Children's Camp ...

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July 15-19.

Please be in prayer for our
campers and coaches.

Biblical Manhood Conference: Men On Mission

**August 17, 2019
8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Frederick Boulevard
Baptist**

As a sponsor, the church will have 20 tickets. Invite a friend (lunch included).

Plenary Speaker:
Micah Fries
Senior Pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church

Worship Leader:
Brian Richardson
Worship Pastor of Lenexa Baptist Church

Find more info at
Facebook: Biblical Manhood
Conference 2019 Saint Joseph, MO or Website: [biblical manhood.wixsite.com/bmcstjoe](http://bmcstjoe.biblicalmanship.com)

For the Record-

Attendance: June 30, 2019

Sunday School.....	33
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	34
Contacts Made.....	7
Morning Worship.....	60
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	7

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ... \$ 2,311.00
Long Family – June ... \$ 95.00

Offering Received by Mail:**July Counting Team:**

Fred Kerns and Jordan Lane

July Van Driver:

George Burgess
Call 232-3747 **before 8 am**

July Member Birthdays:

02... Mary Sharp
15... Bill Schottel
20... Dorothy Post
23... Flora McKahan
24... Allan Lane
26... Jack Conard
26... Annette Schottel
30... Bill Haskins

July Anniversaries:**Don and Mary Sharp**

July 3, 1970

Gary and Sharon Yarbrough

July 8, 1978

Don and Marcia Hart

July 15, 1973

Larry and Flora McKahan

July 29, 1966

Prayer Requests ...

Family and Friends of Alicia McKinnon

Randy Harr

David Dotson

June Fritchle—going home

Mike Green—knee recovery

Lillie Williams—surgery recovery

Gary Hurst—cancer

Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister

Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys

Jack and Flo Conard

Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery

Sandy and Stanley Wilson

Ruth Anne Bush—healing

Sharri Duty

Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!

Romey Keith Davis—Music

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—guidance
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son-PTL!
Lisa Bowers—Conard's daughter-PTL!
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Doris Richardson Elmer Mayse
The Waters Family Kevin Duty
Betty Campbell Tim Izer
Dottie Wildberger Ann Riddle
Keon McKahan Nellie Reynolds
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess 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 ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
