

## Morning Worship

August 18, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

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

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Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Scripture Reading Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 406 *The Solid Rock* Romey/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 493 *Onward Christian Soldier* Romey/People

Offering Prayer Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music

Hymn # 422 *Surely Goodness and Mercy* Romey/People

Hymn # 418 *I've Got Peace Like a River* Romey/People

Special Music LeRoy Bush

Message Bro. Allan

Hymn # 345 *Now I Belong to Jesus* Romey/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Closing Chorus # 386 *Family of God* Romey/People

## Jesus Will Bless Your Socks Off

Luke 5:1-11

Obedience is a great quality to have. As you probably know, hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. One student nurse tells the story of arriving at a hospital room to transport a discharged patient. When she entered the room, she found an elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet. The elderly gentleman insisted he didn't need the nurse's help to leave the hospital. But after a little chat about rules being rules, and how everyone had to obey them, the elderly gentleman reluctantly agreed to let the nurse wheel him to the elevator.

In the elevator, on the way down, the student nurse asked if his wife was meeting him at the discharge area. The elderly man replied, "Well, I not sure. As far as I know she's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

Obedience is a great quality.

According to internet blogger Doug Wilson, while it seems a little old-fashioned, the saying "Bless your socks!" as an alternative to "Bless your heart!" is gaining popularity. Its meaning is either "Thank you" or just "Bless you" (affectionate

expression). I assume "Bless your socks" is like "Bless your soul" but that's firm information. There is the little saying "Bless your (little) cotton socks," which would seem to be an elaboration with unchanged meaning (my own casual speculation).

"Bless your socks off" appears likely to be a conflation of "Bless your socks" with "knock your socks off" (that is, "thrill/amaze you" or "have an overwhelming effect on you"). "Bless your socks off" seems to be used mostly in an evangelical [Christian] context; there are a number of Web occurrences. It's rumored there's even a book by this title, but I wasn't able to find it during my limited search on the internet.

Apparently the sense is "bless you forcefully" as in "[May] God bless your socks off" or "This [spiritual] music will bless your socks off" or "Doing this [good deed] will bless your socks off," etc. Someone said "I guess it's better to bless your socks than to darn them" (as in repair or curse?).

The outcome of obedience to God will always bring blessing. The Lord's simple requests often serve as stepping-stones to life's most wonderful blessings. In our text today Simon Peter illustrates what can happen when we say yes to God.

The Lord wanted to use Peter's boat as a floating platform from which to address the multitude, so He asked the future apostle to push the vessel out a little way from shore (v. 3). In and of itself this was not a particularly remarkable request. But Peter's compliance to His request paved the way for a life-changing blessing.

From his example, we also learn how essential it is to obey God in even the smallest matters. The noisy crowd received the first blessing of Peter's obedience; the people could now clearly hear Jesus' words. At the conclusion, the Lord said to Peter, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch" (v. 4).

Here's a second opportunity for Peter to say yes or no. But this time, Peter may have felt tempted to decline. After all, he was a seasoned fisherman. He had worked the entire night for a catch but had returned empty-handed. Now this young teacher—a carpenter, by the way, not a fisherman—was asking him to go fishing again?

Peter's reply demonstrates the beginning of a lifetime of faith in God. He said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets" (v. 5). The soon-to-be disciple chose to obey the Lord and to leave the consequences of his decision to Him.

But notice what happened as a result of Peter's obedience. Jesus demonstrated His power and sovereignty. Peter and his partners may have started the day off thinking their efforts had yielded nothing. But they ended it in complete amazement because they pulled in not one but two overflowing boatloads of fish (v. 7). Saying yes to the Lord's request resulted in a miracle that transformed not only one fisherman's life but the lives of the entire group.

Consider three reasons why obedience is critical to the successful Christian life:

### **1. It is essential to obey the small things.**

Obeying God (in small matters) is an essential step in receiving God's greatest blessings. Suppose Peter had said, "Look, I'm busy cleaning my nets right now. I can't help You because I'm going to fish again tonight." Or he could have said, "Why don't You ask to use that other boat, over there?" Or, "I've already been fishing today; it would be a waste of time to go again."

If Peter had said anything other than yes, he would have missed the greatest fishing experience of his life. But because of Peter's obedience, the Lord arranged a miracle that he would never forget. Often, God's greatest blessings come as a result of our willingness to obey something despite the fact that it appears very insignificant.

So ask yourself, "Has God been challenging me to do something seemingly unimportant that I have not yet made an effort to accomplish? Is there anything I

have rationalized by saying, "It's too difficult, I don't want to," or "I'll have to pray about it first?"

In Genesis 22:15-18 the Lord tells Abraham that He will surely bless him because of his obedience and faith. Because of his obedience and faith blessings will come. This indicates not just blessings, but abundant blessings will be showered on Abraham. The Lord is waiting to surely bless you and me as well. He is waiting for your absolute surrender to Him, and your obedience to His Word, Way, and Will for your life.

There are many general commands that we need to follow:

- Obedience in surrendering our will to His daily, take up our cross.
- Obedience in finding and marrying the right mate.
- Obedience in serving God as He told us to "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."
- Obedience in seeking and discovering His will for our lives.

## **2. Our obedience benefits others.**

Think of how many people were blessed by Peter's obedience. Not only could the crowd see the Lord and hear His lesson, but Jesus Himself also benefited. Preaching from the boat enabled Him to sit down in comfort while He spoke (v. 3).

Then, of course, Peter's friends had a very profitable day—they took in two vessels so full of fish that both began to sink. More importantly, they had the opportunity to witness the Lord's supernatural provision. God's call to obedience always demands our response. God often rewards us and people around us, especially those closest to us—as a result of our obedience.

For example, when a father obeys the Lord, his entire family reaps the reward of God's blessings. Likewise, a child's obedience will bless his or her parents. When we live obedient lives, those who know and love us will sense the peace and joy He has given us. Instead of conflict, there will be contentment—and that is just one part of experiencing God's goodness. His call to obedience always demands our response.

Moses told the people in Deuteronomy 30:19-20 there were two choices before them – blessing or cursing, which will lead to life or death. While following what seems right to us in our human heart might lead to momentary satisfaction, ultimately following God will lead to blessing for us and our descendants, and life abundant and everlasting.

## **3. We are never disappointed when we obey.**

Peter no doubt assumed that Jesus' fishing instructions would amount to a waste of time. But when he complied with the Lord's simple request, Christ brought about a miracle that gripped the disciple with amazement. Jesus turned an empty boat into a full one.

We, like Peter, must recognize that obeying God is always the wisest course of action. Perhaps you have hesitated to obey God because you fear the consequences of your decision.

Moses hesitated to obey God for the fear that something wrong might happen to him. When God instructed him, Moses answered (Exodus 4:1-4). God often calls us to do something to see if we trust Him enough to obey Him, even when it doesn't make sense to us.

The lesson for us is God doesn't need our abilities. But He does demand our availability to obey. He asked Moses a question I want to ask you today, "What is that in your hand?" For Moses, it was his rod. God told him to throw it down and when Moses did, it turned into a snake. God used Moses and that Rod to get the people out of Egypt because of his obedience and not because of his abilities. With the Rod, Moses:

- struck the Nile River and it turned to blood (7:17),

- brought a plague of frogs out of the waters (8:5),
- struck the dust and turned them into gnats (8:16),
- stretched it toward heaven to bring down fire, thunder, and hail (9:23),
- brought a plague of locust (10:13),
- divided the Red Sea (14:16),
- struck a rock with it and got water (17:6)
- held it high in the air, and his warriors prevailed in battle (17:9).

We learn that what Moses called "just a staff" was so much more. So, what do you have in your hand? Remember young David when the people of God were being taunted by the Philistines. This young boy was just a lad, he was not a warrior, yet he answered the call. We might ask, "What's that in your hand David?"

"Well it's just a sling and a few rocks, but in the name of the Lord that uncircumcised Philistine shall fall!"

What's that in your hand, Andrew? "Well it's just a few fish and some bread." Jesus said, "Give it to me and we will feed five thousand people today."

When God tells you to do something and you know without a doubt it is His will, then you need to obey based solely on Who is doing the commands. When you choose to obey the Lord, He will bless you.

### **Conclusion:**

Sometimes people say they do not understand why God is asking them to do a certain thing. It seems illogical and not at all practical. But if they will obey Him, He will reward them with a sense of peace and joy that compares to nothing this world has to offer.

Therefore, set a goal to obey the Lord and watch Him work in your life. If you want God to bless your life, then you should be obedient to His Word for your life? God wishes to grant everyone the desires of their hearts to bless them beyond imagination.

But, it all begins with obedience.

### ***Obedience Always Brings Blessing!***

## ***School Days***

I officially declare this day, August 18th, Don Beavers Day! It's his birthday and if you're counting, he would have been 62 years old. It's not likely that it will ever be repeated, since the legacy of deceased heroes doesn't always live too long after their passing. But Don's life will not soon be forgotten.

Our church has seen multiple people whose lives have been lived in such a way that they will never be forgotten, at least by those of us who knew them. I can't even begin to mention them all, the most recent being George Ferbert who passed back in December and Don's beloved mother Kathryn who went to be with the Lord just a few days after her son.

One of the many things Don did was to provide school supplies for children in the church and anyone else who needed them. If you've been to the church basement this month, you'll see tubs of supplies set out for children to "shop" through to be prepared for school. Don saw to it that there was plenty for this year and possibly next year, too. It's like it was his birthday gift to himself - sharing supplies with anyone who needed them. He loved to shop all the back to school sales, and was really excited when he thought he'd got THE bargain of the season. It's just another part of his legacy.

Ellen shared with me a Facebook article from an old classmate of hers named John Rummel. He tells how recently going shopping with his grandson for school supplies brought back fond memories. He noticed that his grandson's school supply list did not include crayons. Why, he thought that was awful! After all, a new box of crayons was like a rite of passage. All the

other supplies didn't hold the same "WOW" factor as new crayons. After all, he said, "there's just something magical about that crayon smell, those sharp points, and the endless possibilities of coloring to come. Crayons symbolized the promise of fun and good times."

Don Beavers, with his collective tubs full of school supplies, has left a legacy for every child who through the years has benefited from his generosity. Not sure if someone else will step up and continue the work (Has God put this ministry on your heart?), but for now there's been supplies for this year and some for the next.

Mr. Rummel, in his Facebook post, said while new crayons symbolize the promise of fun and good times, his belief in Jesus Christ gives him "a promise of much more than fun and good times ahead. It provides him the promise of an eternal life. That promise is available to everyone."

Don Beavers would agree with that message. Giving school supplies was one thing – giving eternal life is another. Don's hope was that through meeting the needs of some, they would see their greater need of God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. We minister to others to obey Christ and to share the Gospel message of hope.

School is in session. Pray for a safe, productive and fun-filled year for all school staff and students. Pray that each day would be as wonderful as starting the day with a new box of crayons.

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan ☺

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

#### **Sunday, August 18, 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

No Evening Worship.....

Concert ..... 6:30 pm

Van leaves by 5:30 pm

Bring a lawn chair!  
And bug spray!!

#### **Wednesday, August 21**

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

#### **Sunday, August 25, 2019**

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

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

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship.....

**Wednesday, August 28**

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

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

**August 18 — The Ball Brothers, Clarksdale, MO Park 6:30 pm**

**September 14 — Missouri Baptist Children's Home**

**Apple Festival, Raymore, MO 1-3 pm**

**September 22 — SJBA Annual Meeting, 4:00 pm,**

**McCarthy**

## **GROW Team**

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

### **Sunday Night**

We will not have Sunday Night service tonight. Instead, we will take the van to The Ball Brothers Concert. Come be a part!

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

We are really enjoying the *Anxious for Nothing* study by Max Lucado. But there's only one session left. Won't you please attend and pray for the direction of our church?

### **Missouri Baptist Children's Home Apple Festival 2019**

First Baptist Church  
Raymore, MO  
September 14  
1:00 pm—3:00pm

# The Ball Brothers in Concert

*(in the Park)  
Clarksdale, MO  
Tonight, Sunday,  
August 18, 2019  
6:30 pm*

We will plan to take the van, leaving the church before 5:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair and bug spray! A love offering will be taken.

## ***Thank You***

*Thank you for honoring Becky, Shelly's sister, with the donation of Bibles.  
Shelly and Eric Thompson*

### **Urgent Prayer Need Youth Sunday School Teacher**

Is God calling you to be a part of building up our youth program and leading teens in discipleship? Praise the Lord! One person has already expressed a sense of God's call, but it's a big job. It would be good to have more than one person. Pray about it! God may be calling you, too! For more information, talk to Bro. Allan.

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

### **Attendance: August 11, 2019**

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School.....        | 27  |
| Visitors.....             | 3   |
| Total.....                | 30  |
| Contacts Made.....        | 0   |
| Morning Worship.....      | 46  |
| Sunday Night.....         | N/A |
| Special Youth Event ..... | 7   |
| Children's Worship .....  | N/A |
| Wednesday Night .....     | 7   |

### **Financial Record:**

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Budget .....     | \$ 2,286.39 |
| Offering Received ...   | \$ 1,086.15 |
| Long Family – July .... | \$ 165.00   |

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

Eric and Shelly Thompson  
Nellie Reynolds  
Betty Harr

### **August Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

**August Van Driver:**

Joe Coats  
Call 232-3747 before 8 am

**August Member Birthdays:**

09...Dottie Wildberger  
18...Tonia Meers  
22...Beverly Lewis  
24...LeRoy Bush

**August Anniversaries**

David and Annette Schottel  
August 5, 1989

LeRoy and Ruth Anne Bush  
August 5, 1966

Tim and Sharon Waters  
August 10, 1985

***Prayer Requests ...***

John Lewis  
Jack and Flo Conard  
Jeanette Shirley  
Brigida and Jim Winans  
Curtis Conard  
Chuck and Gloria Stewart  
Family and Friends of Alicia McKinnon  
June Fritchle—infection recovery  
Mike Green—knee recovery  
Lillie Williams—surgery recovery  
Gary Hurst—cancer  
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister  
Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys  
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 ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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