

Morning Worship

November 17, 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 Romey/People

Scripture Reading 1 John 5:9-15 Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 595 *Send the Light* Romey/People

Worship Prayer Marty Sykes

Hymn # 581 *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* Romey/People

Hymn # 559 *Rescue the Perishing* Romey/People

Offering Prayer Bill Schottel

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Alva Lou Schottel

Hymn # 205 *Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know* Romey/People

Hymn # 177 *There's Something About that Name* Romey/People

Message Marty Sykes

Hymn # 288 *Where He Leads Me* Romey/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Closing Chorus # 384 *The Bond of Love* Romey/People

Today's Message

Scripture: 1 John 5:9-15

We are blessed today to have Marty Sykes as our guest speaker. Please give him your full attention as he shares God's Word.

Prayer Brings Peace

The November 11th Devotionals Daily was a portion of Charles Stanley's book The Gift of Prayer. I cut it down to fit here. Thought you might find it helpful.

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan ☺

Many decades ago, one of my college friends gave me a small picture that has meant a great deal to me. There is nothing remarkable about it from an artistic standpoint, but it has given me great comfort during some important times nonetheless. In fact, not long ago, I asked the Lord for direction about a difficult situation. I felt very alone. Confused and unable to discuss my difficulties with others, I got down on my knees in a quiet room and cried out to God to help me, strengthen me, and change the situation that was causing me pain. I asked, "Father, please don't leave me like this. Show me what to do." As I was praying, I looked up, and there was that picture. In it, the Lord Jesus is standing behind a young man, pointing out the right course for the fellow to take. The Master's hand is on his shoulder, as if saying, *I am with you always.* — Matthew 28:20 and *This is the way, walk in it.* — Isaiah 30:21

In that instant, God showed me that He was in complete control of the situation and that He would help me get to the destination He planned for me. Like the young man in the picture, I needed to stay focused on the path that the Master was pointing me to. And if I would obey Him — even when the road seemed dark—He would certainly bless my faith in Him.

I tell you this because, inevitably, there will be times in your life when you just don't know what to do. You may feel overwhelmed by the questions that plague you and shut down — becoming paralyzed and unable to move forward. Or perhaps you lie awake at night, consumed by the details of your circumstances and rehearsing them repeatedly in the hope of making some sense of them. Either way, you feel trapped, because you have no idea how to proceed.

You will feel as if your anxiety is tearing you apart. And that is what fear does — it scatters your thoughts, pulling you in different directions with all the "what ifs." But this stands in direct opposition to what the Father desires for you.

Jesus said, *I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace.* — John 16:33

Peace. It is a word that in the Greek means "joined or bound together." For example, through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, we can have peace — or be united — with Him and be fully reconciled to the Father (Colossians 1:20).

However, peace also means an internal sense of harmony and tranquility. Everything within us is calm — confident "that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). It is Jesus' goal that we would possess the inward composure that comes from having a personal relationship with Him and enjoying His provision. And He has given us the gift of prayer for this purpose.

Philippians 4:6-7 promises, *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

The word there for guard means to "garrison you about, hem you in, and protect by a military sentinel." As you exercise the gift of prayer and walk with God, He encompasses you as your Protector and Provider — and no one can break through His defenses. The Father encircles you with His own matchless presence, and the only way anything can get to you is if He Himself opens the door and allows it. That is the greatest security you and I could ever ask for.

Do you need peace in some area? Are you facing a situation that is confusing—that is tearing you apart? Do you lack a clear course of action? Jesus knows exactly what you really need and how to provide it in the most loving and edifying way possible. He is committed to seeing you become all He created you to be.

Jesus' hand is on your shoulder, and He's pointing you in the right direction—the right path for your life. Are you listening to Him and submitting to His guidance? Or are you living your life the way you want to — in your wisdom rather than His?

All of us need a reliable guide to instruct us, and none is more trustworthy than the Savior who laid down His life on our behalf. But perhaps you are unsure—can you truly trust the Lord with the situation that is currently causing you so much stress and anxiety? Here are two reasons why I am confident you can and should.

The first reason trusting Jesus to guide you will bring you peace is because you know He will never lead you astray. As I said previously, His character is above reproach. His comprehension of all things past, present, and future is beyond compare. He not only has the wisdom to counsel you, but He loves you and always has your best interest at heart (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Second, trusting Jesus to guide you will bring you peace because He is leading you on a road that is unique to you. This world offers many one-size-fits-all solutions to our problems, and often they do not work or cause even more damage. But Jesus' knowledge of you is perfect—He understands your personality, strengths, weaknesses, joys, sorrows, needs, temptations, desires, and concerns. Also, He created you for a distinctive purpose (Ephesians 2:10).

In Psalm 32:8, He promises, *I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.*

Will you trust Him to do so? I hope you will. He knows exactly where you are, what you need to do in the situation you're facing, and how to get you to the wonderful destination He's planned for you. He is your Protector and Provider and has everything necessary to get you to the goal even when the path seems impossible. Only the Lord can meet those high standards that can ensure your peace. Pray to Him and trust Him to be your leader in every situation, because surely He will bless you with His peace that transcends understanding as you follow Him.

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ????, Gary Yarbrough

Ken Nice, Don Sharp

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LarryMckahan, John Lewis,

George Burgess, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Thanksgiving Dinner and Business Meeting.....Noon

Evening Worship6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 27

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

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. Come study together with our church family as we continue to study *The Ten Commandments* next week.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

This week we will begin a new study. Won't you please attend and pray for the direction of our church?

Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week:

November 18-25

Our Collection day is today

Sunday, November 17

Urgent Prayer Need

Youth Sunday School

Teacher

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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

We will have our Thanksgiving Dinner and regular business meeting immediately following the morning worship service Sunday, November 24.

Plan to attend this special fellowship.

For the Record-

Attendance: November 10, 2019

Sunday School.....	21
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	21
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	49
Sunday Night	11
Children's Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	6

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,318.59
Long Family – October	\$ 115.00

Offering Received by Mail:

November Counting Team:

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

November Van Driver:

Joe Coats
Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

November Birthdays:

07...Alva Lou Schottel
13...Shirley Wilson
14...Ann Riddle
16...Nancy McCamy
22...Linda Dotson
23...Floetta Conard
27...Linda Kerns

November Anniversaries

Bill and Donna Dunn
November 3, 1995
Jack and Flo Conard
November 4, 1956
Jim and Brigida Winans
November 28, 1975

Prayer Requests ...

Jim and Brigida Winans
Janette Shirley—Al's daughter-in-law
Ruth Anne Bush and Family
Carl Conard—Jack's cousin
John Lewis

Mike Green—ankle surgery
Jack and Flo Conard
Bill Dunn, Donna's husband
Sharon Russell—George's sister
June Fritchle
Gary Hurst—cancer
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister
Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!
Romey Keith Davis—Music
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Tim Waters
Chuck and Gloria Stewart
Sharri Duty
Stephanie & Jason Terpack—guidance
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Doris Richardson Elmer Mayse
Kevin Duty Tim Izer
Betty Campbell Nellie Reynolds
Ann Riddle Kenny Duty
Keon McKahan Buddy Means
Jozy Winans Curtis Conard
Pat Means Seth Long
Bill & Juanita Brenda Burgess
Pat Puckett
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
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...
