Those To Serve

Sunday, April 9, 2023

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Gary Bridgman

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Chris Ball

Closing: Ray England

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Singing: Randy Harris

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, April 2, 2023

AM 61 PM 32 [Average for the Year] AM [51] PM [34]

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

38 [Average for the Year] [34]

Contribution:

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Actual \$ 2,327.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00 [Year-to-Date] \$ 32,636.00 [Average] \$ 2,331.14 [+/- Budget] \$ (173.00) [YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,364.00)

Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for April 9, 2023

A.M.—Encounters with Jesus:
Meeting Jesus at the Cross
and the Tomb

P.M.—The Believer's Heavenly
Possessions

Scripture: John 20:11-18

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Elders

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Thoughts from Bill:

Encounters with Jesus:

Meeting Jesus At the Cross and the Tomb

Today, we conclude our studies on encounters with Jesus where the earthly walk of our Lord and Savior ended and where a new hope was born. We look at the encounters with Christ that took place while He was on the cross and after His resurrection on that third day.

During the first three hours that Christ was on the cross, Jesus encountered soldiers who gambled for His clothing (Lk. 23:34); a sneering mob who along with the religious leaders said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God"; and two thieves who were crucified on each side of Him (Lk. 23:33). Jesus would say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" to those who had crucified

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Him. Did they hear Him, and if so, did it have any impact at all? There is no recorded conversation between Christ and those who sneered at Him. The only conversation recorded from the cross during these first three hours would take place between Christ and the two robbers who were crucified with Him (Lk. 23:39 -43). One thief would die without hope, but one who acknowledged Christ and the fact that He did not deserve death was promised a meeting with Christ that same day in Paradise (23:43). John records the fact that during that first three hours Christ saw His mother and placed her in the care of the apostle whom He loved whose name was John (John 19:26-27).

The only other encounter Christ would have on the cross took place between noon and three p.m. during the time when darkness covered the earth in the middle of the day. It was an encounter that was strange in that Christ had a one-sided conversation with a party that was not present. That party was none other than God the Father Himself who at least in the mind of Christ had forsaken Christ (Mk. 15:34). And thus, Christ committed His Spirit to God (Lk. 23:46) and said, "It is finished" (Jn. 19:30).

Now we want to turn our minds to encounters at the tomb on that third day, that Sunday morning when the Lord rose from the dead. The tomb of our Lord had been found empty by the group of ladies who went to anoint the body of Jesus (Mk. 16:1-7). Later that morning, Mary Magdalene returned (Mk. 16:9-11; Jn. 20:11-28) and met the risen Lord whom she first mistook as the gardener. This encounter gives us hope because the Rabboni or Teacher was alive never to die again. Christ was risen and would ascend to His Father and God in heaven to show He had finished what He set out to do even before the world began. Mary had news to share and that news was "I have seen the Lord"!!!! Christ would also appear at a later time to the other women who would hold on to Him and worship Him (Matt. 28:9-10), and again they would be able to tell the others, "He is risen."

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: Pam Bachman, Noel Baldridge, Dana Barber, Bill Cline, Victoria Covington, Brenda Pollard Davidson, Carol Farrar, Kenny Fitzhugh, Lou Gillihan, Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin and Jane Hudson, Joy Hutson, LaKrista Knabe, Laura Knabe, Carl Lawrence, Jane Massey, Lou Massey, Paula Millikin, Glenda Mitchell, Dalton Philips, Billy Scroggins and family, Patsy Thomas, Brenda Wren, Marilyn Wolford, and Jacob Wright

Elders and Deacons Meeting: The Elders and Deacons Meeting for April will be this afternoon at 3:30. If you have anything that needs to be discussed with them, please let them know.

Help for Tornado Victims: We will be collecting donations for victims of the recent tornado in Wynne. Donations will go toward helping three families in the congregation at Wynne who lost their homes. If you would like to give, please give your donation to one of the elders. You can give cash or a check. If you give by check, please write in the memo line "Tornado Relief".

Visitation Meeting: There will be a Visitation Meeting today after the evening service.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cold Cereal

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Change for Children: Thank you for giving to the Children's Home Change for Children campaign last year! The total given by this congregation was \$594.97, and the final total of the campaign was \$343,234.03.

Mark 16:6-7—But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.