

"The Thief on the Cross"

Steven Higginbotham

The cross of Jesus stands as the central event in human history. Of all the great accomplishments of mankind, none can rival what Jesus accomplished on the cross.

That being the case, why then is the record of Jesus' death, the greatest accomplishment in human history, cluttered with peripheral information about the death of an irrelevant thief, who happened to die on the same day?

As an answer to that question, may I suggest that the death of the penitent thief was not an irrelevant, peripheral event, but an important part of a greater story? You see, while the cross of Jesus proclaimed the depth of God's love in that he was willing to give his only begotten Son (John 3:16), the thief's cross proclaimed the scope of God's love.

The message of the thief's cross was not intended to be a polemic point on whether one should or shouldn't obey the Lord in baptism, but rather it was a message to all of us who struggle with guilt for wasting so much of our lives in sin. It speaks to those of us who have waited much too long to surrender our lives to Jesus. It speaks to all who have little more to offer to God than an apology. The thief's cross announces that God is a God of grace and forgiveness, and we are not beyond his reach!

I would imagine that the seemingly peripheral cross belonging to the thief was a purposeful revelation intended to give us hope. Together, both crosses announce a message of hope concerning the depth and scope of God's love.



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct.

"Likewise, the
Spirit helps us in
our weakness."

Romans 8:26

24th

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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Today's Lessons

AM.....The Holy Spirit – Our Helper
PM.....Never Ending Work

Men to Serve

Announcements.....
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald
Opening Prayer.....
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatricks
Sermon.....Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- There will be a men’s business meeting today.
- Heath Stapelton will be with us on Nov.14th
- If you have other announcements to be added to next week’s bulletin, please give them to Corey.

Oct 30th – Fall Festival / Trunk-or-Treat
Oct 31st – Church Homecoming

Records

Sunday AM.....Wednesday PM.....N/A
Sunday PM.....Contribution.....N/A

Birthdays:

11.....Harper McDonald
22.....Amber McDonald
22.....Shirley Morris
23.....Trish Fisher
24.....Carol McDonald
25.....Dwayne Baker
26.....Fred Johnson

Anniversaries:

02.....Corey & Mattie
14.....Bobby & Reba

Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we’ll be more than happy to help you.

If you’re looking for a Church home, we’d love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation’s family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

- Dwayne Baker
- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams
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Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright
- Kyle Shavers
- Danny Roberts
- The Walter’s family
- Steve Martinka
- Shawn Gunter
- Susan Golden
- Kyle Tantillo
- Donna Melton
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