

The Crucifixion: Who won?
(Sequel to "God-Likeness")

Elizabeth Dean



"The expression of Christian character is NOT good-doing but God-likeness. How does the transformation into God-likeness in sinful man take place? The Spirit of God, received at the moment of salvation, transforms you within so that you will exhibit "Divine" characteristics in your life, not "good human" characteristics.

How is the Spirit of God present in our lives? When we believe that Jesus died on the cross for us, when He becomes our Lord, we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit transforms us and it starts with the cross.

We believe:

1. The cross did not HAPPEN to Jesus. He came on purpose for it - "the lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:8); prophecies in the O.T. were fulfilled, i.e., "no bones were broken" (Ps. 24:20) and "his side will be pierced." (Zec. 12:10-14)
2. He made a way for every son of man to come into communion with God;
3. Jesus is God manifest in the flesh and the Son who became sin. God became incarnate (flesh) for the purpose of putting away sin;
4. The cross was a "superb triumph" in which the foundations of hell were shaken. Then "Jesus said, It is finished. With that He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit." (Jo.19:30)

Who won? We won! "Jesus bore our sins in His own body on the tree. By His wounds, we were healed." (2 Pe .2:24)

Jesus was not a good man who was helplessly mistreated and killed by those nasty Romans and Jews. The cross is not the cross of a man, but the Cross of God. . . the gateway by which any individual can enter into union with God. . . we abide in the life to which the cross is the gateway.

No wonder there are crosses in sanctuaries of worship, around peoples' necks, and on tombstones. No wonder the cross is an offense to the enemies of God.

As a result of the cross, transformation into "God-likeness" can take place? Next month - How the Holy Spirit makes "God-likeness" possible in the life of a believer.

References:

My Utmost for his Highest, Oswald Chambers.
The Holy Spirit, Billy Graham.

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TRUNK OR TREAT

Sue Bolander

With the chilly weather this year on October 31st we decided to move our Trunk or Treat inside so that we would not be completely numb by then end of our event. As the planning was coming to and end and the preparation was taking over I had no idea how many folks would come. After all, it was inside and it was COLD. But who knew? Not me! But God knew. We had folks arriving 45 minutes early when we weren't completely set up and it didn't stop til the very end. Kids, everywhere, families were all around and it was a blast. Candy being carefully selected, and chips and smiles and laughter. We had bubbles and bracelets and stickers and hotdogs for all. Well all except the last few who didn't get buns with their hotdogs. Next year. God is so good. Brookdale Church, both young and not as young hosted a station, and those who purchased candy or helped out in anyway..... Thank You for all you do and did. You are appreciated.

Session Summary-October 2023

Session met with elder and deacon candidates and approved the nomination slate.

Pastor Drew Henderson led the session in a discuss about needs and concerns of the church.

Giving fell about \$1600 below expenses in September and we are about \$10,000 down for the year. We anticipate higher giving as the last quarter of the year is typically the strongest giving quarter.

We will celebrate communion on Sunday, November 5, 2023, and on the first Sunday of each month moving forward.

Session thanked Elder Brandon Furlong for his hard work in organizing the preaching schedule and order of worship over the last year. Pastor Henderson will be assuming those duties moving forward.

Pastor Henderson informed Session that even though is working part-time, he will be available to handle any need even when he is not at the church. Please feel free to contact the church office you would like to contact him. His cell phone number is (913) 952-4579.

Session is working to compile the results of the listening sessions with the congregation. If you have not had the opportunity to meet with a listening session yet, please contact the church office.

The next Session meeting will be a joint meeting with the Deacons. The date is to be determined.

New Church Officers**Elders**

Brent Colgan
Donna Smith
Ron Bachman
Jerry Zweerink

Deacons

Joyce Clibon
Don Weston
Mitzi Hargis
Kelsey Corcoran
Jenny Hudgens

Trustees

Corey Lemon
Andrew Beggs
Dylan Corcoran
Randy Poggemiller

Appreciation goes to our Nominating Team At-Large

Tim Larson
Susie Thornton
Pati Jones
Patty Seever
Beth Bachman



Trip to Weston!

Sue Bolander

You know it's a great day when the weather is perfect, the kids are awesome and you just get to enjoy the goodness of God. I love fall and all of the changes that take place. The leaves change colors and fall to the ground, you never know what the weather will be. There is relief from the summer heat and lots of movement as animals prepare for the winter.

Our day included two different hikes, short ones, and a trip to an orchard. The first hike we followed along the river and the path was straight, flat and wide. It was also exposed to the sun so it did get a little bit warm. It was easy and we didn't have to pay close attention to where we were going. Our second hike was winding, hilly, cooler because of all the trees and had plenty of roots to carefully avoid. As we walked along this path we had to pay attention to where we were going, we had to look down so that we wouldn't trip like the poor man did as we passed by him. As we walked we talked a little bit about Proverbs 3:5-6 and how we can trust in the Lord in all we do. Even when our path was hilly the views we had were so beautiful when we stopped, more so than the easy path we took along the river. There are times we enjoy the easy path, but trusting the Lord may take us places that we might not see if we don't take the chance to trust and follow him faithfully. It was just so wonderful to enjoy the wonderful creator and his creation.

Who is Drew Henderson?

Son, husband, father, brother, pastor, counselor

Where did Drew go to school?

Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina
Vanderbilt University, Divinity School

What degrees and certifications has Drew earned?

Bachelor of Arts (Center for Special Studies) at Davidson
Master of Divinity, Vanderbilt

Advanced Coursework in Biblical Counseling, Westminster Theological Seminary,
Philadelphia, PA

Certificate in Spiritual Formation, The Upper Room, Nashville, TN

Certificate in Non-Profit Management, Center for Non-Profit Management, Nashville, TN

Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC

Transitional Pastor training with EPC, Nov. 6-7, 2024

What is Drew's work history?

Drew began preaching and teaching as a supply pastor in Nashville, TN, while serving as campus minister and university chaplain at Vanderbilt. Drew then became the Associate Pastor for Mission and Outreach at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Drew was then called to Colonial Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, MO, as the Wornall Campus Site Pastor. Drew is presently a pastoral and biblical counselor at Deep Water Care and Counsel, located at Colonial's Wornall site.

There is so much more to share about Drew, his life experiences, his passions, and what a transitional pastor will be doing at Brookdale. As he learns more about us we will also learn more about him! Watch for future newsletter articles, sermons, casual conversations, and meetings where Drew will be joining and/or leading us.—Written by Ann Weston



MOB Camp-Out

Jerry Zweerink

The men of Brookdale Church gathered on October 5 for their annual fall camping trip. They arrived at Indian Cave State Park near Fall City, Nebraska that Friday for three days of fellowship, spiritual growth, hiking, games, campfire time, and good camping food. Our focus was on the power of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the book of Acts. Thirty one men attended with twenty six camping overnight. Nine father son pairs were in attendance.

Dave, Brent, and Travis arrived on Thursday to reserve camp sites. They did a wonderful job, picking a lush green, treelined meadow for the campsite. Men arrived Friday evening to a dinner of chili, with all the toppings, apple slices and beverages. They lined the meadow with a rainbow of tents. At campfire time we made and ate S'mores followed by a devotional from Acts 2, led by Brent with much discussion around the campfire. Bright and early Saturday morning we enjoyed breakfast followed by a day of hiking and games. Two, five to six mile, hiking loops were chosen by Dave and Brent. Steep inclines led to beautiful vistas of the Missouri river valley and colorful fall foliage. Some historical sites were encountered along the way.

Most of the group drove to the Indian Cave rock outcropping and viewed the petra cliffs there. During our free times, Bobby organized cornhole and washer toss tournaments.

At the end of the strenuous day, Brent planned a wonderful fajita dinner with all the toppings. Ed and Jerry prepared the chicken on Thursday, and Dan and Mike cooked the vegetables and put it all together. There was none left after the ravenous crew finished. Again, we finished the day with campfire time, having Dave's famous Dutch oven cobbler. After Mike led the singing, Dave gave the devotional on Acts 3, talking about the power of the Holy Spirit. This was followed by a lively discussion with many excellent comments made around the campfire.

We had a good breakfast Sunday morning. Following this Brandon led our worship service with Jeremy leading the singing. Brandon spoke on the trial of Paul before Agrippa from Acts. He made the point that even though Paul was on trial that he witnessed in the power of the Holy Spirit to Agrippa about Jesus Christ. Dave prepared and served communion.

There was much excitement as we struck camp. We were ready to come back in the power of the Holy Spirit, but also sorrowful that we had to leave such a powerful experience behind.



November Birthdays

- 2 - Tessa Miller
- 3 - Drew Beggs, Terri Lansbury
- 5 - Gwen Bachman, Lara Miller
- 9 - Taylor Peek
- 18 - Linda Miller, Leah Peek
- 21 - Ashton Larimore
- 22 - Ben Hadle
- 25 - Vernon Clibon

- 26 - Paige Colgan
- 28 - Tim Larson, Morgan Walley
- 30 - Janet Smith

December

- 1 - Barbara Colby
- 4 - Kelsey Corcoran
- 5 - Suzanne Shepherd
- 6 - Alice Denver, Scott Hinde



GRIEF SHARE
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
 November 12, 2023
 2:00 pm
 Brookdale Presbyterian Church
 203 S. 31st Street - St. Joseph, MO



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ITS TIME TO START FILLING SHOEBOXES FOR BROOKDALE!

***YOU MAY USE A STANDARD SIZE SHOEBOX OR ONE OF THE OCC SHOEBOXES THAT THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE.**

ALL SHOE BOXES NEED TO BE FILLED AND TURNED IN BY NOVEMBER 19TH

CONTACT DON GLADHART OR JANET SMITH FOR MORE INFO

**SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK
 NOVEMBER 13-20, 2023**




YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR
Christmas Luncheon
Friday, December 8th 12pm
Turkey, Ham, Sides and Dessert
\$10
 ST. JOSEPH CHRISTIAN CHOIR WILL ENTERTAIN
 PLAY CHRISTMAS BINGO
 HOSTED BY SALT-ALL ARE WELCOME
 SIGN UP SHEET AT THE WELCOME CENTER



Christmas Choir
 Join Brookdale's Multigenerational Choir
 Practice Starts
 November 19th 2-3pm

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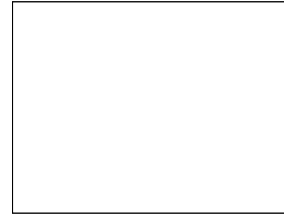
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/ Communion 6:30 Youth	6 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:15 Finance	7 6:30 Men's Ministry No Deacons Meeting 7:00 Personnel	8 6:30 Men's Prayer Break- fast 10:00 Women's Bible St. 11:00 Daytimers 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Women's Bible Study	9 9:30 BSF 10:00 Griefshare 6:00 Griefshare	10 6:30 Mens Bible Study 2:00 Book Club at Doris Wykcoff's house	11 10:00 Dance Fit
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Surviving the Holi- days-Griefshare 6:30 Youth	13 10:00am Women's Bible Study	14 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Trustees 6:00 Session/Deacons/Staff	15 6:30 Men's Prayer Break- fast 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Prayer	16 Haven House Food Kitchen 9:30 BSF 8:30 Griefshare 6:00 Griefshare	17 6:30 Men's Bible Study	18 10:00 Dance Fit
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bring the beauty of the Gospel
to the brokenness of life.*

