



CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 21, 2019

What Isn't There

(Psalm 51; John 20:1-8)

We are familiar with the fruit of the Spirit. Those attributes or virtues that become part of our lives as we become more like God created us to be. We are familiar with looking for evidence to confirm our faith in what the Bible says. Apologists serve the church very well in this regard in answering to physical science and philosophy. The gospel from which our text is taken this morning has, according to some, as one of its themes – “seeing is believing.”

Yet in the gospel account we read that one of the disciples went into the tomb and saw – no body – and he believed – even though he did not fully understand what the Scriptures said about Jesus rising from the dead. Of all the possibilities that could have caused Jesus’ body to be gone, this disciple chose the thing that was impossible. In this scene of the gospel story resurrection, renewal, salvation, and hope were all bound up in those empty folded burial garments. The wrapping that indicated that a body was dead was no longer of any use and was neatly set aside as evidence that there was life instead of death.

There are times when we are given hope and courage by something that is not there. What comes to mind immediately are things connected to damage or disease. And there are interactions that we have with people that are affected by what we don’t see in terms of negative intent or attitude. Those cases when the affect of a person says more than the words.

But there is more to resurrection than “life after death.” Ok, technically that is what it means, but I believe that we can see evidence of it not only by what we can see (the fruit of the spirit), but by what we no longer see.

The psalmist’s misery in our Psalm today is caused by “sin being ever before me.” He begs for mercy and forgiveness and yet knows that he is helpless to do anything about it. The solution is to ask God to look at him and not see his sin. This is not asking for denial, or even from taking responsibility. The request comes along with a plea for a new and cleansed heart. Not seeing sin in this context is perhaps what the psalmist (probably David) wants to teach transgressors as “thy ways.”

It is true that it is impossible to move toward God, or even toward God’s people if one’s sin is constantly paraded for all to see. What must be seen is the person that needs salvation, the one that desires to repent, the one that desperately wants to be free from the burden of sin and the chains that bind.

When we look at others who are damaged and hurt and injured by life we must make it clear that our vision is affected by God and there are things that we don’t see, because we believe. It is all possible because he is risen – we believe because of what was not in the tomb.

Read: Three Sections of Psalm 119

Next Week: I Samuel 15

WELCOME

We are glad you've joined us for worship today!

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly.

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



TONIGHT: We will meet at 6pm.

Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, 6:45pm class

Note from Landon: **West TN Work Camp is June 1-6.
Deadline to sign up is May 15.**



Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders) Christopher Goodale-USMC
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry) Hans Niestrath-USNA
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz) Conner Wiseman, Fort Bragg (Moore)
Jason Rushing-Air Natl Guard (Hampton) Ty Naifeh (USA)

Worship Order

Order of Worship Sunday, April 21, 2019

Congregational Reading: Psalm 51:1-3

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

I Believe In Jesus

Because He Lives

Prayer—Dan Rust

Comments

Contribution

Prayer—Ronny Stubblefield

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-8 **Wayne**

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Low In The Grave He Lay

Lord's Supper

K. Ashby T. Hampton

Tim Ashby Tim Scott

M. Wilkerson Titus Scott

Presiding: Kenneth Ashby

My Chains Are Gone

Benediction: John 20:25-29

ALTERNATES:

Please meet in case you are needed to serve as a sub for the Lord's Supper

April:

J. Stubblefield

Byron Pruitt

Prepare communion:

April: Rust

May: Adams

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 84

Worship: 142

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 68

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Monitor: Jon Stubblefield

Nursery: KennaTeel

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Parker Mathis

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Prayer: Landon Moore

Prayer: Wayne Adams

Scripture: Mark Wilkerson

Monitor: Butch Blanton

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children's Church:none

Serving the Lord's Table:

K. Ashby T. Hampton

Tim Ashby Tim Scott

M. Wilkerson Titus Scott

Presiding: Terry Hampton

Sound Booth—Landon Duggin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 19:1-16 (Dan)



Thank you dear women of this church family for coming to the first Women's KISS Brunch on Saturday. The time together was a blessed time indeed; and I thank you for all that was shared— you all are mighty servants of God and I praise Him for you.

Keep the faith dear ones. *Donna*

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Life After Exile
Quincy's Class-Life of David

Expecting Parents:

Shannon (Coker) & Boyd Barger—Aug 15 (girl)

April 21—Julianna Rhye

April 21—Bonnie Allen

April 21—Ishmael Almon

April 23—Hans Niestrath

April 27—Danny & Gayle Lutz



CALENDAR:

April 21—Easter/Special Contr.

April 23—Lifeline Screening

May 6—Ministry Meeting

May 19—Senior Sunday

When we meet:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;
contact Sean Niestrath

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

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Love. Grow. Serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember Denise Hawkins family.

Judy Niestrath has been in the hospital this week.

Laura, co worker of Rebecca, is having some heart issues with her first pregnancy.

Praise: Micki's uncle, **Gary Lacy**, had a successful liver transplant.

Honduran brothers and sisters

Watata CoC in Homa Bay, Kenya

Serious Illness/Injury:

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL

Bryce Alexander, leukemia

Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane

Mike Bright, health issues

Ruffin Chandler

Lynn Stevens, cancer

Keith Roberts, cancer, EJ

Betty & Kim Stanley

Makenzie Carson, L. Russell

Brady Cobb, intestinal problems

Barbara Lynch, Shelia

Charles Smallwood, Micki's father

Jonathan Allen, MS

Rodney Householder

Aaron Reding, ALS

Mack Shearn

George Utley, cancer

Audrey Davis, 4yr.old, leukemia

Barry Newton, Keith's cousin, cancer

Chip Stuart, Kathy's BIL, cancer

Wayne Warszona, Parkinson's

Andrew Self, hit by a car

Barbie Kern, Carol's sister, cancer

Larry Jerome, Wendy's father

Sally Malik, lungs

Jonathan Walker, Cumberland Hall

Virginia Barron, Children's hospital

Kathy Lawrence

Bob Reis, MS

Eric Polley, heart attack

Richard Grogan, Barbara S.

Roberta Lynch, Shelia's mom

Marion Owens, terminal cx

Eric Curry

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister

Rama Austin, chemo

Marvin Gallagher

Phil Keith

George Teel, cancer

Jon Riley, lungs

Kevin Cline, eye disease

Bruce Coleson, MS

Ed Wallace, liver transplant

Lowry Johnson, 4m old, cancer

Connor Peebles, back problems

Mike Burns, cancer

Mark Toomes, health

Tracy Thorp, cancer

Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father

Jeff Travis, health

Ronnie Lear, COPD

Tracey Moore, illness

Hannah Gates, heart surgery

Sherry Mitchell, cancer

Pam Wiggins, cancer

Jakayla Acker, lymphoma

Connie Armstrong, cancer

Mark Martin, mesothelioma

Andrea Kane, cancer

Denise Hawkins, lung cancer

Dan Evans

Sandra Hawkins, cancer

Amy Caulder, brain cancer

Ray Duggin, chemo

Lance Pace, cancer

Margaret Church, (Gaye), heart

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

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Ruth Shoulders, Ann Alderson, Don & Judy Niestrath

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Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott
Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner
Tim Teel, Randy Travis