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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p
Tuesday 10:30a
Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

January 7, 2018

The Thief On The Cross

Steve Higginbotham

The day Jesus died was a day in which the creation crucified the Creator. Yet, by the irony of divine wisdom, God used this gruesome means of taking life to give life! Not only did Jesus hang on the center cross, but so did the hope of all humanity. This moment in time, and the transaction that took place on that day, was without question the defining moment of history.

Yet, if that be the case, why is the record of Jesus' death cluttered with peripheral information about the death of an irrelevant thief who also died that day? Surely, there's a bigger story here in the death of Jesus than to waste ink on the deserved death of a thief.

Well, May I suggest that the death of the thief is not an irrelevant, peripheral event, but he is an important part of the bigger story. You see, the cross of Jesus proclaims the depth of God's love in that He was willing to give His only Son (John 3:16). However, alongside that proclamation is the proclamation from the cross upon which the thief died. This cross proclaimed the scope of God's love.

The message from the thief's cross speaks to all of us who struggle with guilt for wasting so much of our lives in sin. It speaks to those who have waited much too long to surrender to Jesus. It speaks to all of us who have nothing left to offer God but an apology. The thief's cross announces that God is a God of grace!

I hope we can find peace in that truth. Without the cross of Jesus there would be no hope. In addition without the thief's cross, maybe we would doubt if the redemption that Jesus secured could reach a sinner like me!

When the thief on the cross had nothing left to offer God but an apology, Jesus promised him Paradise! Thank God for the redemption procured on the cross of Christ, and also for the hope that it illustrates by the thief's cross.

Zeal and Hope
The Jerusalem Congregation (Part 1)
Acts 2

Zealots

- Can have a terrorist connotation
- Tame the word down (Zealous) can be good
 - Believing in/living for/fighting for a good cause

Acts 2 – We see a Revolutionary Movement

- They were there doing as they always did (Passover/Pentecost)
- Yet what they would witness would change them forever
- They were _____

1. Confronted with _____

2. Confronted with their own _____

3. Confronted with Needed _____

- This needed _____ brought _____
- As the chapter concludes, we see that _____ being shown through their _____

Charge:

- Can I _____?
- Can I _____?
- Can I _____?

The Pursuit of Wisdom
James 1

King Solomon

- His _____ (2 Chron 1:7-12)
- His _____ was known far and wide
- His story is a _____ tale

We need God's Wisdom (1 Cor 1:20)

We need to stay in God's Wisdom

1. _____ (James 1:5)

2. _____ in _____ (James 1:6-8)

3. _____ in _____ and be a _____ (James 1:21-25)



<p>Weekly Service @ TriSun</p> <p>Every Sunday @ 8:30 AM</p>	<p>Wed. Night Adult Classes</p> <p>Men's: <i>Lessons from Joseph</i> Ladies': <i>Learning to be "His Princess Warrior"</i></p>	<p>SENIOR'S YOUNG AT HEART</p> <p>MEETS EVERY TUES. @ 10:30AM</p>	<p>Lads 2 Leaders Events</p> <p>Bible Bowl Song Leading Oral Speech & more...</p>
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WesthillWORKS! Leadership

Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
 Habitat for Humanity
 Food for Fitness

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
 In Search of the Lord's Way
 Southwest School of Preaching
 Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching
 The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*
 WVBS Online School
school.wvbs.org
 La Poynor Prison Ministry
 (Steve & Carrie Handley)

Foreign Missions

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore
 New Zealand Harvest Missions

Elders

Don Ivy - 214.695.5276
 Percell Milton - 903.673.1819
 Paul Slaughter - 903.872.1228
 Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464
 Darwin Thomas - 903.695.0176

Deacons

Scott Barham - 903.641.0133
 David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057
 Zach Drain - 903.521.6055
 Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645
 Micah Haden - 903.673.1177
 Michael Jones - 214.803.5984
 Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406
 James Olsen - 903.874.8918
 Rusty Owens - 903.695.0095
 Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032
 Dickie Russell - 903.874.4457
 David Shastid - 903.257.6464

Brent Stewart - 903.641.9052
 Justin Williams - 903.875.8288

Ministers

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)
 Cory Myers - 512.627.6672 (Family)
 Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Prayer List

James Welch is still improving & able to help himself more. He has been home for awhile. **Sue Welch** has been sick with sore throat and had reaction to medication prescribed but is much better. They appreciate all of the phone calls, card, thoughts, and prayers.

Sandra McCullough lost her very dear friend of over 50 years. Her name was Jo Ford of Midland, TX. Sandra asks for our prayers for the family at this time.

Sloane Slaughter is scheduled for shoulder surgery on 1/9.

Bobby Barham has back surgery scheduled for 1/22

Robert Stapleton of Brown Trail passed away. His service was held last Wednesday.

Steve Higginbotham had skin cancer removed in his foot and did require skin grafts. Please pray for his recovery.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Wanda Brown, Wanda Horner, Sylvia Cockerham, Billie Thomas, Don & Vicki Ivy, John Sehon, Mary Crews, Jonnie Rowden, & Velma McDougald

Announcements

2018 Yearly Budget is completed. Copies have been left on the back table in auditorium if you would like to have one.

Winter Youth Retreat in Athens coming up **1/12-1/15**. PLEASE TURN IN FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!

T3 Commision - Lewisville church of Christ **2/16-2/17** for **8th-12th grade** - \$35 per student. See Anthony for info.

Save the Date: Couples Retreat - 4/27-4/29

Birthdays This Week

January 7 - Reece Briggs
January 8 - Ricky Jennings & Sharon Mahoney
January 9 - David Baumgartner & Elise Raley
January 11 - Heath McCullough & Michael Valdivia
January 12 - Tiffany Hendrix

Next Week:

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

AM Sermon *Continually Educated*

PM Sermon

Records for December 31, 2017

Bible Class 164
AM Worship.....228
PM Worship.....85
Wednesday.....151
Contribution\$6,916.25

Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Jason Book, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	David Baumgartner
Opening Prayer	Casey Hendrix
Communion Leader	David Mahoney
Communion Servers	
Brody Owens	Aubrey Parrish
Grant Ecord	Kyle Slaughter
Billy Roughton	Scott Barham
Percell Milton	Justin Mahoney
Nate Haden	James Horn
Gene Steinkraus	George Schmidt
Brian Hand	
Closing Prayer	Frizell Henry
Nursery	Kerri Barham & Tatum Briggs
PM Song Leader	Joshua Haden
PM Opening Prayer	Jose Sosa Jr.
PM Closing Prayer	Paul Ross
Wed. Song Leader	Matt Newman
Wed. Invitation	Paul Stewart
January Contact Elder	Paul Stewart