

## Go and Tell

by Tim Dooley

The last chapter of the book of Matthew is all about a mission. A mission to tell the Good News of the resurrected Savior. We often talk about Matthew 28 in the framework of the Great Commission. However, if we back up in this chapter and take a broader look at the context we get much a richer and more meaningful picture.

In the beginning of Matthew 28 we find Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (who could have been either the wife of Clopas [John 19:25], or the mother of James and John [Matthew 27:56]), had come the grave of Jesus. Why they are there isn't important at this point, what is important is what they found, they found the tomb empty. The two women are told by the angel to "go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead" (v. 7). We will see this pattern repeated time and again following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus where a messenger from God directs human intervention and teaching of the Good News. Verse 8 tells us that they "ran" to tell the disciples and Jesus met them in the way. Jesus then tells them to go and tell his brethren to meet him in Galilee.

In contrast, the soldiers who had been guarding the tomb are compelled to lie about the risen Jesus and what they had seen. Their lies are bought and their earthly security seems to have been more of a priority to them than did their eternal well – being.

Not only that, but Matthew goes on to say that their lie was one that continued to be disseminated.

Finally, Jesus meets with his disciples and issues the final charge to go and teach all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe all that He had commanded. Philip would preach Jesus to the Eunuch (Acts 8). Peter would preach words whereby the house of Cornelius would be saved (Acts 11:14). The preaching of the cross is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18) that saves those who believe (1 Corinthians 1:21).

Here are a few things we need to take from this chapter:

When God tells us to go, we need to "GO!" We need to go "NOW" and we need to go with "Urgency." When we go, teach, and do his will, he meets us in the way and never leaves our side. "I am with you always." "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). We need to be careful what we believe. There are many false prophets and we need to be diligent in testing the things that are said (Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1).

The Apostle Paul said that "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). What are you waiting for? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins (Acts 22:16). Repent and pray (Acts 8:22). God and share the Good News and you will surely meet Him in the way!

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# Prayer List

**Wanda Horner** had surgery Thursday to put in a pacemaker. It went well and she is home.

**Paul Hillier**, preacher at the Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin, has brain cancer.

**Tracy**, Tim Schwaab's sister, has finished cancer treatments and is awaiting a report on the progress.

**Louise Tallent** is in the Twilight Home and would like visitors.

**Ronald Tucker**, Ronda Walling's father, has been placed on Hospice. Please, keep the Tucker, Walling and White families in your prayers.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Mary Butler, Julie Dilbeck, Buster Hayes, Velma McDougald, Bud Moore, Eula Parrish, Willie Winters, Kelly Bland, Frankie Ellison, and Meagan Gould.

**College Students:** Savanna Bearden, Ty Gibson, Kate Haden, Kati Haffner, Wade Hall, Julie Hand, Jackie Howard, Kayla Howard, Jamie Humann, Corey McDougald, Emory M<sup>c</sup>Dougald, Michelle M<sup>c</sup>Whorter, Kaylee Nicholson, Steely Southard, Emily Stovall, and Corey Tackett.

**Service Men:** Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, and Payton Weaver

# Announcements

**"Dear Westhill Christians,** There is no way we can know all of the wonderful things you did for our Mother and our family during the last few weeks of her life. The food that was prepared and brought over, the visits, flowers, calls, cards, and especially the prayers all made a difficult time much easier to bear. The meal you fed our family after the funeral was perfect. Thank you!" The Florence Dickey Family

**If You'd Like to Receive** the Monthly Youth Newsletter and didn't get the September one, make sure we have your correct email address.

**Middle School Open Door Thursday** at the Myers' home, 3:30 to 6:30 PM.

**The Westhill Ladies Retreat** is coming up September 25 & 26. Please, see Lanette Stewart for room availability or if you have any questions.

**Save the Date: Seniors (50+) Seminar** with Jeff Jenkins, Monday, November 9th at 7:00 PM.

**Our Lectureship,** "The Power of One," is coming up October 11-14. Invitation cards are available at the back of the auditorium.

**If You'd Like to Volunteer at Navarro Elementary** during this school year, please see Debbie Wylie & Carolyn Milton at the back of the auditorium. This opportunity has been brought about due to our school supply project. Our first opportunity to volunteer will be the **Book Fair, November 16-20.**

**Granbury Street Church of Christ** in Cleburne is hosting a series of gospel lessons on "The Christian World View" with guest speaker Richard Melson September 27-30.

## Birthdays This Week

September 14 - Acie Mahoney, Sloane Slaughter, James Welch  
September 16 - Kay Donoho  
September 19 - Mike Drain, James Horn

## Next Week's Adult Class

The First Miracle John 2:1-12

## Records for September 6, 2015

Bible Class .....	190
AM Worship.....	267
PM Worship .....	152
Wednesday .....	183
Contribution .....	\$8,309.36

## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	David Baumgartner
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Paul Ross
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Darwin Thomas
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
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Joe Glass	Ken Green
Wade Hall	Jimmy Horn
Don Ivy	Larry Jayroe
Aubrey Parrish	Wayne Prater
Austin Roughton	Gene Steinkraus
Mike Wylie	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Joshua Haden
<b>Nursery</b>	Macie Bearden & Debbie Wylie
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	David Dilbeck
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Dalton Shastid
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Micah Haden
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