

Campfire Breakfast

The Bible records in *John 21:1-14* an interesting short study into the humanity and Godhood of Jesus. John starts out with such a good-hearted normal introduction. Peter decides he is going fishing. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, (*John 21:3*). A bunch of guys hanging out in a house near the lake with a boat nearby, how are they not going to go fishing? Like most of my fishing trips over the last few years, they spend all night without catching any fish.

The next morning Jesus is on the shore and He calls out and asks the disciples if they have caught anything. Jesus suggests that they try the other side of the boat, and they cast their nets once again. Why did the disciples even listen to him? At this point they did not even know that it was Jesus. "Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus" (*John 21:4*). But the disciples do listen. Jesus shows his power and faith in God with His simple statement "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some" (*John 21:6*). The disciples immediately catch a net full of fish. I think it is both the human thing to do and it shows us the power of God that John records that the disciples catch 153 large fish and that the nets did not break. I mean, who would not want to brag about that? We also find out that Jesus can cook. Peter is still impulsive and can swim, even with all his clothes on. So many normal human things right along with miraculous wonders in so few verses.

Jesus makes a simple human statement, "Come and have breakfast" (*John 21:12-13*). He served bread and fish to the disciples. Breakfast by the campfire with Jesus. This is the third time that Jesus appears to the disciples after His resurrection and for me it is a sweet, very human story that also displays God's power and might through the resurrected Jesus.

~Brad Tolbert

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

May 2, 2021

SWIFTLY WE'RE TURNING...

At about this time every year parents throughout our country (and probably the world) lament how quickly time has passed with their children. It was just the other day they were crawling...walking...running and then driving their car. Now they are preparing to step out on their own. This evening we will celebrate five of these individuals. I hope you will plan to be a part of this celebration honoring them for this wonderful achievement.

As I thought about life's transitions of time, the song "Into Our Hands" came to mind. The song begins with the statement, "Swiftly we're turning life's daily pages, swiftly the hours are changing to years;..." How accurate those words! The early Christians were intent on the return of our Lord and Savior. The apostle Paul actually had to instruct the church in Thessalonica to remain vigilant in watching for the Lord's return, but in the meantime, keep working for the Lord (*2 Thess. 2*). Is it possible that we have become so comfortable with the world that we have forgotten the promise Jesus and angels made to the apostles (*John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11*)? Early Christians were encouraged to be "...looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,..." (*Titus 2:13*). Let us be ever watchful, "...looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,..." (*2 Pet. 3:12*).

The above mentioned song really is not as much about how quickly life is passing as it is on recognizing the awesome task the Lord has given to each of us in spreading the gospel message. The song continues with the following questions, "How are we using God's golden moments? Shall we reap glory? Shall we reap tears?" How are we fulfilling the task of teaching a lost world of salvation found only in Jesus Christ? Are we telling people about what the Lord has done for us personally? Or, maybe we have forgotten how important the blood of Christ is to us, as sinners? Are we living as shining lights pointing to God or have we hidden our lights under a bushel?

The song concludes with the chorus:

Into our hands the gospel is given, into our hands is given the light,

Haste, let us carry God's precious message, guiding the erring back to the right.

Yes, life is passing us by rather quickly. Are we preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord? Are we warning others of the imminent judgment to come (*Acts 17:30-31*)?

~P. Mowrer



"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck." Proverbs 1:7-9

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HEART-TO-HEART

Shawn Curtis is recovering following a car accident this past Monday.

Becky Rice is recovering following thyroid surgery this past Monday.

Rita Stiles remains in St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock.

Janet Staudinger is recovering from an accident involving a horse.

Cards may be sent to **Johnny Jeter** at the following address: **6616 Christened Lane Nashville, TN 37211**

Thank You E-mail

Brad,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for lunch today. It was delicious! After a morning full of meetings and teaching class, it was nice to come in to my office and have lunch sitting on my desk. Please relay my gratitude to everyone that was involved in preparing the meal today. I truly appreciate it.

Thank you and God bless,

*Kimberly Wilkerson, UAM; Dept. of Education
(just one of several e-mails received)*

Many Christians grow up going to church, but never grow in Christ. They know hymns, but they don't know **Him**.

~Church Mice, Karl Zorowski

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - Regular Worship time resumes!

Worship livestreamed at 10:30

Singing @ 5:00 p.m.

May birthdays & graduate fellowship.

May 4 - **Wed. evening devotionals resume.**

May 9 - Happy Mother's Day!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Lyndell Baker...Tony & Judy Beard...Shawn Curtis...Becky Rice...Janet Staudinger...Rita Stiles...Jeremy Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Betty Henry...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner.. Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper...Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Neil Rampy... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Jerry Carter... Mike Frost...Terry Gibson...Jimmy Hill...Judy Holly...Johnny Jeter...Ronnie Light...Christy Rice... David & Loyce Ray... John & Christine Riddle...Kelsey Robinson (baby boy)... Homer Shirey... Tess Smith... Cherice Webb... William Woods...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



May 3 Jason Meier
5 Josephine Kathryn Rabb (1st)
7 Jimmy Higgins
16 Emma Miller
17 Brad & Mandy Tolbert
19 Betty Henry
Chris & Leah Bryant

May Daily Bible Reading Schedule

3 2 Chronicles 7-9
4 2 Chronicles 10-12
5 2 Chronicles 13-15
6 2 Chronicles 16-18
7 2 Chronicles 19-21
8 2 Chronicles 22-24
9 2 Chronicles 25-27

Graduates Continued:

College Graduates

Mauri Beal, UAM

John Mark Perry, UAM

Parker Ribble, SAU

Grandson of **Joe & Peggy Moore**

Congratulations!

Kindergarten Graduates

Sadie Gavin, Woodlawn
Granddaughter of **John & Carolyn Ashcraft**

Brooks Newton, MES

Son of **Jeff & Sara Newton**
Grandson of **Barbara Newton**

Josie Pettigrew, MES

Daughter of **Josh & Jessica Pettigrew**

Avery Smith, MES

Daughter of **Reid Smith & Kristen Smith**

Granddaughter of **Angela Naron**
Great granddaughter of **Lyndell Baker**

Ryan Thompson, MES

Grandson of **Joel & Valerie Thompson**
Great grandson of **Lyndell Baker**

High School Graduates

Caleb Baker, Conway High School

Great Grandson of **Ione Easterling**

Emma Ellington, Magnolia High School

Great Granddaughter of **Ione Easterling**

Daniel Gavin, MHS

Grandson of **John & Carolyn Ashcraft**

James Robert Miller, DCS

Son of **James & Anna Miller**
Great grandson of **Carolyn Cook**

Rebekah Perry, Home School

Daughter of **Dwane & Molly Perry**

McKenzie Welch, White Hall High School

Granddaughter of **John & Carolyn Ashcraft**

Olivia Wilson, MHS

Daughter of **Jeremy & Rachel Wilson**

Attendance

Bible Class 80
Sunday AM Worship 92
Sunday PM Worship
Wed. Evening 77
Contribution \$3,837

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MISSIONS

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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

May 9 Linda Forrest
May 16 Linda Forrest
May 23 Margaret Harris
May 30 Margaret Harris

Ladies May Duties

Cards: Ione Easterling
Food: Cathy Mowrer