

## Monday, April 11, 2011

Do you remember this worship song. . .  
“*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of His glory and grace.*”

We’ve all been in the eye doctor chair... “which is clearer, one or two, two or three, three or four...”? We’ve all had the experience of looking through binoculars and adjusting the lenses so things come into focus.

Have you noticed that daily you and I struggle to put life into focus? Part of the reason God came here, in the person of Jesus Christ, was to help us put this temporary life on earth in proper eternity focus. More than 100 times Jesus spoke of “The Kingdom of God.” At first people thought He was talking about heaven, but soon they realized God’s kingdom included His Sovereign reign over all, including our earthly life journey.

In truth, there are two kingdoms battling for your attention and allegiance. I John 5:19, “*the whole world is under the influence of the evil one (devil),*” and John 16:33, “*in this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I (Jesus) have overcome the world,*” stand in sharp contrast with each other. Satan and Jesus each led a kingdom of followers and those two kingdoms are contrasted several times in the Bible. For instance, “*For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves*” (Col. 1:13).

“*In Him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him... The Word became flesh and made His home among us... this is the verdict, Light has come into the world, but men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil*” (John 1:4,5,11,14; 3:19).

Consider Galatians 5:16-25 and Ephesians 2:1-10 as descriptions of the contrast of these two kingdoms that battle for your attention and your life. Now look closely at your own life and ask yourself these important questions: *How clearly do you see the contrast between the two kingdoms in your world? Which kingdom has your allegiance? What or Who helps you keep things in focus?*

## Tuesday, April 12, 2011

With spring upon us, a fresh flurry of activity will sweep across Walworth County as people prepare for summer...the hibernation is nearly over! May I ask who you have become, spiritually, during the long winter season? How have you grown in your relationship with King Jesus, your knowledge of His truth, your worship of Him, and your time spent in His throne room?

Have you noticed this phenomenon: *time spent in the throne room with God will re-prioritize what is really important to you and bring you into harmony with God?* Ponder that awhile.

Moses is one of my favorite Bible characters. Raised in Pharaoh’s household, he was trained to be a key leader of the most powerful kingdom on earth. But His encounter with God called Moses to be a leader in God’s kingdom activities, leading His people out of slavery and into their God promised land. In this role, Egyptian leadership techniques were meaningless. That’s why Moses went up Mount Sinai so many times (Ex. 3; 19:3-7; 19:8-14; 19:20-25; 20:21-23:33; 24:12-32:15; 32:31-34; 34:1-29). To lead in God’s kingdom, Moses needed frequent and extended times “in the throne room with the King” so he could know what the King wanted him to do. What about you, friend? Is it a priority for you that you frequently spend extended time with the King, in His throne room, listening to what He wants to tell you?

In Moses’ case, the very lives of 2 million people depended on his frequent “re-prioritization” according to God’s plan and purpose. What about you? Who are the people whose lives are touched by yours, and therefore it’s important you spend time with the King? When was the last rendezvous you had with God in His throne room that was so significant it impacted your life, your priorities, and your relationships?

This is the story of Acts 1 and 2. If you have time, read both chapters and watch the ‘re-prioritization’ of life for the followers of Jesus in the days immediately following His departure. Notice the ‘new community’ of Acts 2:42-47 and how they re-prioritized every aspect of daily life to come in line with the heart of Jesus for the people gathered for Pentecost!

## Wednesday, April 13, 2011

You have noticed, I’m sure, that you live in one of the most ‘freedom of choice’ driven societies in the world. In fact ‘consumerism’ drives our economy, our culture and profoundly affects every aspect of our daily life in America. “*Have it your way*” was the marketing thrust of a major hamburger chain several years ago, remember? Do you see the problem with this way of thinking? It’s all ME focused...selfish, self-focused. It’s an entitlement mentality that convinces us that we somehow are entitled to. . . whatever we want, when we want it. That mindset is of the dark kingdom. The more you spend time with the King of kings, Jesus Christ, the more you see He modeled for us total submission to His Father, Almighty God. That’s the re-prioritization I talked about with you yesterday.

Now today, consider this: *living God’s re-prioritization for your life requires making courageous choices...daily!* Ponder that.

I invite you to read Acts 4 & 5 and watch carefully for this: as the followers of Jesus spent time with Him in the throne room in prayer, they re-prioritized their lives to be lived in line with the heart of God...and then they consistently made very courageous choices to support their new, God-given life priorities. That’s the essence of Acts 4:13. It’s the battle of Acts 4:17. It’s the determination of Acts 4:18-20. It’s the stewardship living of Acts 4:32-37! It’s the strength and pain of Acts 5:17,18,27-40! It’s the confident courage of Acts 5:41,42.

Now...what does this look like in your life and mine today? Honestly now, reflect on how you’ve lived life, just this week... three days so far. You’ve made hundreds of choices each day. As you review them in your mind, what are the key priorities in your life as reflected in your choices? It’s really easy friends...you will spend your most valuable resources (time, money, brain power) on those things which are most important to you. So... what have you spent lots of time doing this week? How have you spent your money this week? Who have you invested yourself with this week? If you are like most of us, that which we claim to be so important, when we are together in worship on Saturday night or Sunday, is not easily seen in our priorities or life choices. What does that mean for you?

Thursday, April 14, 2011

The landscape of human history is filled with the heroic accounts of people who in their significant time in the throne room with God, re-prioritized their lives to come in line with His Kingdom priorities...and then they set out to live those new priorities through very courageous, Spirit-led choices. It's George Mueller and his wife caring for thousands of orphans only on faith prayer in the mid-1800's or Jim and Elizabeth Elliot and four other families going to Ecuador to reach the Auca Indians, but all five missionary men were speared to death. Calvary church has a history filled with such men and women who lived "re-prioritized" lives and made the sacrificial, courageous choices to honor King Jesus consistently. Some of you are their descendants!

May I ask you to look at one such man in the Bible... Barnabas. You'll find him in Acts 5:34-37 making a courageous stewardship decision when there was great financial need in the new movement of Christ followers! Next you find Barnabas courageously risking meeting Saul the persecutor who was supposedly changed by his encounter with the risen Jesus (Acts 9:18-30) and taking him to the very Apostles he was trying to kill! Now look closely...what about your financial re-prioritization according to God's guidance? What about your courage in relationships far outside your comfort zone?

Barnabas was evidently so much trusted to be a man of great discernment and spiritual maturity that he was sent to Antioch to evaluate reports of a Great Awakening of new Christ followers there (Acts 11:19-24)! What he found was so unusual, he really needed wisdom from King Jesus...and he sought Saul to come help him teach all these new Christians (Acts 11:25,26).

A year later, Barnabas was a key leader in this Antioch church (Acts 13:1). Evidently, he had relocated there and was putting down roots when suddenly, in the middle of a worship service, the King called Barnabas to take another great step of courage in following God's priorities for his life (Acts 13:2-5). Now friends...look closely at your life, are you living that courageous availability to God's priorities for you?

Barnabas and Saul traveled more than 1000 miles on that "missionary journey" (Acts 13:4 – 14:28). How's your courage?

Friday, April 15, 2011

What does the word "visionary" mean to you? What is the difference between a personal dream for success and a God-given "vision," which is His future for you and your family? By "vision," I don't mean that which Cornelius had in Caesarea (Acts 10:3). Not an angelic appearance, but rather a passion that God grows in you that re-prioritizes your life, calls you to very courageous choices, and gives you a great sense that your life is being lived in harmony with God's purposes for you and His larger purpose in our world. Is that too grand of a vision for you? Most people I know assume God could never have something significant in His mind for them...but world history is filled with accounts of normal, humble folks who lived visionary lives empowered by their courageous following of the King.

We've already seen what God accomplished with Philip in Acts 8, Ananias in Acts 9, and Cornelius in Acts 10. Then there's the major city of Antioch, Syria. With more than 1/2 million in population, Antioch was a city divided into four major sections for different ethnic peoples: Greek, Syrian, Jewish and African! That's why Acts 11:20 tells us that men from Cyprus, the island in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Lebanon, and Cyrene, modern-day Libya, found a welcome in Antioch. These courageous, re-prioritized guys shared Christ with Greeks... and they responded in large numbers! I suspect Barnabas was sent to investigate and bring a report back to Jerusalem, but it appears he stayed...God had given him a vision for what could be in Antioch with a widely divergent group of people who were pursuing knowing Jesus and His truth. Their lives were so radically changed that people gave them the name "Christian."

In a worship service, the Holy Spirit called Barnabas to a new vision...take the Gospel to the nations who have not yet heard! It was going to be Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8) living. He and Saul did. They lived the vision with courage as they daily lived God's priorities as they traveled. Look closely at Acts 15, as they defended their visionary accomplishments to the religious skeptics. Notice Acts 15:36-41. God divided the team, doubled it and expanded the vision!

  
Pastor Doug Anderson

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## PLAN FOR THE WEEK

Times are p.m. unless otherwise noted

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast (F.H.)
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for birth - 6th grades and 3 Adult Bible Fellowships
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Builders Adult Bible Fellowship (parents with preteens and teens) (F.H.)  
Sunday School for 5-12 grades (ROOM 11)

### Monday

- 9:00 a.m. Forever Fit (GYM)
- 6:30 Telecare
- 7:00 Salt n' Light (20 somethings) (F.H.)
- 7:00 MERGE (young adult small group) at the Molitors

### Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Studies (F.H./ O.F.1)
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting (MUSIC ROOM)
- 6:30 Ladies Bible Study (F.H.)

### Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Forever Fit (GYM)
- 10:00 a.m. "Interwoven Hearts" Ladies Prayer
- 5:00 - 6:15 Dinner
- 6:30 SPRING SUMMIT, which includes:  
AWANA (ages 2 1/2 - grade 4);  
Expedition 56 (grades 5 -6); The Pier (grades 7 -8); Midpoint (Sr. Hi);  
Worship Choir Rehearsal; Adult Bible Studies; (nursery for infants up to age 2 1/2) - something for everyone!

### Thursday

- 5:30 Forever Fit (GYM)

### Friday

- 6:30 FOCAS (Fellowship of Christian Adult Singles) at Dawn Heath's house (PLEASE CONTACT DAWN HEATH 262-374-1491 OR ERIC FLOM 262-740-2392 WITH ANY QUESTIONS)

### Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. AWANA games at Milton
- 4:00 EXPEDITION 56 Leaders Meeting (ROOM 7)
- 5:00 Saturday Community Contemporary Worship

## PRAYER CONCERNS

A detailed prayer list is available at the information centers in the lobby.

### Missionary Focus

**Brad and Sarah Ellis** serving with Silver Birch Ranch in White Lake, WI



#### Prayer requests:

- Need a vehicle with lower mileage than current vehicles, which are breaking down frequently.
- Brad's position of Executive Director at camp with new areas of responsibility added to the guest services position.
- Children to explore the areas they feel God is leading them into (Zach to Moody, McKenzie to NBI, Kaitlin - missions trip, possibly to orphanage ministry).
- Sarah - possibly beginning a new missions ministry to Haiti as well as mentoring high school girls in small group.
- Strength for spiritual battles.

### Family

Mary Petrie - undergoing tests for intermittent atrial fibrillation  
 Dan Kolar - recovering from more reconstructive surgery  
 Cindy Bilello - struggling with severe headaches  
 Brooke Knudtson - at home waiting to get into Mayo  
 Orrie Kallem - Williams Bay Care Center  
 Lois Fairchild - recovering from a bleeding ulcer  
 Daphne Acutt (retired missionary in South Africa) - undergoing chemo for lymphoma  
 Jim Moeller - lung issue  
 Lillian Solheim, Lance Haas, Barbara Searles and Barb Petersen - undergoing treatment for cancer  
 Lillian Meader - recovering from knee surgery  
 Caleb Bond - fighting cancer  
 Rob Hess has MS - going through a very rough time

### Bereavement

**Wally Acutt** (retired missionary in South Africa) passed away into glory on April 5. The memorial service will be held on Friday, 11:00 a.m. at the Scottsville Baptist Church in Pietermaritzburg.

Milt Steinbraker's dear wife, **Florence** passed into glory on April 7th. Funeral was held at Calvary Community Church on Saturday, April 9th.

### Emergency Prayer Chain

Please call one of the following if you have an emergency request:

Bea Nieuburt	262-740-2434
Ellie Price	262-723-3779
Barb Hinzpeter	262-215-0007



### The Kingdom Heart of God

*"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me...  
I am sending you into the world." (John 20:21 & 17:18)*

#### ➤ The Throne Room \_\_\_\_\_ what is really important, in harmony with the heart of God.

- Acts 1:21,22 *"a truth witness with us of His resurrection..."* (2:32; 3:15)
- 2:11 *"declaring the wonders of God"* (3:16; Ps. 113)
- 2:42-47 *"all the believers were together"* (a new community of unity in following Jesus Christ)
- 2:42,43 shared what they had with each other

#### ➤ The Throne Room \_\_\_\_\_ people to make courageous choices in harmony with the heart of God.

- 4:12,13 courage to speak God's truth boldly (4:19)
- 4:29,30,33 courage to ask God for significant participation in His BIG purposes
- 4:34-37 courage to live BOLD STEWARDSHIP
  - 9:27 Courage to be a peacemaker!
  - 11:22-26 Courage to be a visionary!
  - 13:2 Courage to be a pioneer!
  - 15:39 Courage to disagree and pioneer!
  - Hebrews...Courage to author??
- 5:18,27,40,41 Courage to suffer for the King!

#### ➤ The Throne Room develops \_\_\_\_\_ in harmony with the heart of God.

- Acts 8:4,5 Phillip...to Samaria proclaiming hope
  - 8:26-38 to desert Gaza Road, an Ethiopian official returning to Africa!
  - 8:40 to Caesarea, gateway to Roman Empire
- Acts 9:10-17 Ananias the persecuted to Saul the persecutor...would God have a mission for Saul?
- Acts 10 Cornelius the Gentile military officer, Peter the Jewish Apostle...would God break down the walls?
- Acts 11 "Antioch of Syria"
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in the Roman Empire 600K!
  - 4 quadrant, divided city: Greek, Syrian, African, Jewish. (Antakiya, Turkey)
- 11:20 *"some men from Cyprus and Cyrene (Libya) spoke to Greeks"*  
Could a "mosaic church" be birthed in Antioch, Syria?
- 11:26 *"for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people"* Could God use this team to build a strong, reproducing church of Christ followers?
- 11:27 *"they were called Christians first in Antioch!"*
- 13:1-4 *"set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them..."* How big is God's vision for the world...for Walworth County, for me?

## NEWS, EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### ROSE UP FRONT

Parent/Child dedication: Jon and Jasmin Turner bring their daughter, Whitney Jadyn Elizabeth Micelle Bonnstetter, born on May 23, 2009, to the Lord in dedication at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday service.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Brian and Gretchen Deitz happily announce the engagement of their daughter Emily to Jeremy Allen of Denver Colorado. A July wedding is being planned.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Please mark your calendar. **This month, April 17th**, the blood pressure screening will only be **after the 9:00 am service**.

### JAPAN CRISIS

How to pray for Japan: God's guidance of His people there/ God's wisdom for key leaders in decision making/ God's protection and provision for all, but particularly of the children and elderly. Here are trustworthy organizations ready to receive your financial help as you are led of God...

- \* TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) [www.teamworld.org](http://www.teamworld.org)
- \* Samaritan's Purse [www.samirianspurse.org](http://www.samirianspurse.org)
- \* World Vision [wvi.org](http://www.wvi.org)
- \* <http://Crashjapan.com>
- \* EFCA [www.touchglobal.org/japan](http://www.touchglobal.org/japan)

### HOLY WEEK 2011 SCHEDULE

#### **PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**

Saturday, April 16  
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, April 17  
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

#### **MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, APRIL 18-21**

12:00 Noon Prayer

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

7:00 p.m. "Who is This Man?" music & drama experience  
(deaf interpretation available)

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

12:00 Noon Communion Service  
7:00 p.m. "Who is This Man?" music & drama experience  
9:00 p.m. "Passion of the Christ" movie presentation

#### **EASTER WEEKEND**

Saturday, April 23  
5:00 p.m. Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 24  
7:00 Easter Sunrise Service  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Services

## NEWS, EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### APRIL'S BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST

Now available at the information centers.

### ATTENTION PRIMETIME LIVE MEMBERS!

Friday, April 29 at noon. We are going one more month at the noon hour and will be enjoying a delicious potluck luncheon, great desserts, and have a wonderful program of music, "Getting to Know You," humor challenge from Mel Olberg, and our special speaker Rev. Jerry Gillaspie. Pastor Jerry was one of the early pastors of Calvary Community Church and we look forward to having a continued emphasis during this first half of the year of "Celebrating God's Faithfulness."

**Also**, make sure you read the brochure about our trip to Shipshewana, Indiana, on June 7-8.

### "RISING ABOVE THE CLOUDS"

If you were unable to make the **Men's Catalyst Conference** that was held on March 18th and 19th, we have packets available at the Welcome center. Suggested donation: \$10.00

### God's work done God's way in God's time brings God's resources

Missions, Benevolent, Building and Sign Funds receive funds as you designate your contributions.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011 Income Budget</u>
Year-to-date General Fund Income	\$336,148.81	\$322,037.02	\$425,314.88
Year-to-date General Fund Expenses	\$381,007.32		
Year-to-date Missions Income	\$ 76,126.83	\$ 71,332.00	\$ 86,174.70
Benevolent Offering	\$ 24,338.18	\$ 14,045.92	

Current balance in Building fund is \$163,709.97.

## COMING EVENTS

4/21&22	"WHO IS THIS MAN?" MUSIC AND DRAMA EXPERIENCE (7:00 P.M.)	6/24-26	FATHER/SON CAMPING PATRIOTIC CELEBRATIONS
4/24	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (7:00 A.M.) IN ADDITION TO OUR 9:00 A.M. AND 10:30 AM SERVICES	7/1-3	MEN'S BACKPACKING TRIP (CONTACT TIM HANSON FOR INFO. 262-249-1262)
4/25	JOY MINISTRIES BANQUET (6:30 P.M.)	7/8-14	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
4/26	FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S FAITH PROMISE BANQUET	7/11-15	
5/7	ALL CHURCH WORK DAY (7:30 A.M.)		

## AREA EVENTS

### 2011 FAITH PROMISE BANQUET

Save the date: Tuesday, April 26 at Abbey Resort in Fontana. Featuring Governor Mike Huckabee. For more information, call, Faith Christian School 262-245-9407 ext. 7.

## I'd like information on:

- How to begin a relationship with Christ
- How to join this church family
- Adult Small Groups
- Women's Ministries
- Men's Ministries
- Music Ministries
- Young Adult Ministries
- Junior/Senior High Ministries
- Children's Ministries
- Other

### Comments or prayer needs:

- For Prayer Bulletin
- Confidential

*Unsigned requests will not be put in the prayer bulletin. We need a name to refer to for clarification but can leave the name out of the prayer bulletin, if requested.*