

For the Record

585- Sunday Morning

27- Life Group

265-Sunday Classes

155- Wednesday Evening

89-Sunday Evening

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Salvation: Mercy or Merit? Sermon Notes – April 28, 2019

- Salvation is a matter of _____, not _____.
- Salvation is a matter of _____, not _____.
- Salvation is a matter of trusting _____, not _____.

ELDER TO CONTACT

Elder to contact in April with your prayer requests:
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REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Life Group - Sundays at different times

Granddad's Devo - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room R5

Ladies Bible Class - Tuesdays at 10:00 am

The Christian and Grief - New Series TBA

Single & Parenting Class - New Session Fall 2019

DC4K - New Session Fall 2019

DivorceCare - Wednesdays 6:45 pm

Financial Peace - New Session Fall of 2019

Celebrate Recovery - Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)

Welcome to Worship,
APRIL 28, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LOVE LIFTED ME

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

Various Bible Readings

HOW GREAT THOU ART

THE GREATEST COMMAND

IN COMMUNION WITH OUR LORD

COMMUNION

BOUNDLESS LOVE

YEARS I SPENT IN VANITY

MESSAGE: SALVATION: MERCY OR MERIT?

JUST AS I AM

O HOW I LOVE JESUS!

Pure Religion

Scripture defines religion for us

Good morning! What a great Easter weekend we had last week! It was such a joy to be encouraged by our young people's participation and success at the Leadership Training for Christ conference on Saturday; and Sunday was such an inspirational day of worship as we focused our thoughts on the Resurrection of Jesus and its implications for our future. This morning we are picking back up with our study of Jesus' religion as we focus on the basis for our salvation. Tonight at 6pm we get to hear presentations from our youth who participated last weekend in LTC.

I've mentioned to you on a couple of occasions that our Wednesday night Summer Series will be something a bit different this year. Rather than inviting guest preachers as we've done in the past our guests

this year will be leaders of various service organizations in our community. Groups like Epikos, Samaritan House, Promise Land Food and others will have the opportunity to share with us about their work. We are hopeful that these sessions will give us a greater appreciation of the work done by others, inspire partnerships and volunteerism, and encourage us to be greater ambassadors for Christ as we, too, seek to serve others as Christ calls us to do.

James 1:27 defines pure religion in this way: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." By speaking of "widows" and "orphans" James does not mean that we limit our compassion

only to these two categories of people but that we look to serve the most vulnerable of society. Please keep this thought in mind as we continue our series The Religion of Jesus. Also, keep James' words at the forefront of your thinking during our Summer Series later this year.

I appreciated the bulletin article from our elders a couple of weeks ago outlining some of our plans for a discipleship ministry here at Robinson Avenue. Continue to watch this space for some occasional articles from Sabino that will encourage us all to "go and make disciples."

-Keith Kilmer

The Bible in a Year

Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)

Monday 29 !1 Chronicles 7-10

Thursday 2 Psalm 133

Tuesday 30 Psalm 102-104

Friday 3 Psalm 106-107

Wednesday 1 2 Samuel 5 1-10
1 Chronicles 11-12

Saturday 4 1 Chronicles 13-16 2 Samuel 5;11- 6;23

Adult Education

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: Book of James

Auditorium Class:: Book of Mark

Wednesday Evening Auditorium Class: Lessons from Luke

FUEL Session: 1st & 2nd Thessalonians taught by Keith Kilmer,

David O’Neill, Rodney Pless & Ron Dowdy

WPW Sessions: Join us for the Wednesday evening “Women’s Power Walk”. We will cover topics of prayer through Bible study and discipleship throughout spiritual warfare.

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study: Continuing to study through the Bible with the Fulfillments of Christ in the Old Testament at 10:00 a.m. Potluck first Tuesday of every month.

Tuesday Granddads’ Dev: 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, donuts,

Scholarships

Scholarships for Our College Students

Annually the elders would like to provide all of our college students with a scholarship of up to \$500 for the coming year to the college of their choosing. To do that we will need donations into a pooled college scholarship fund by May 19, 2019. If you would like to donate to that fund, please clearly indicate on your check “College Scholarship Fund” or donate on Tithely indicating “College Scholarship Fund.”

If you are a student who would like to receive a scholarship made out to your college, please contact Denise Pless with your request by May 19. Since these will be “pooled” donations for all college students receiving a scholarship, the funds donated by the parents or anyone else can be tax deductible. We will be issuing a donation letter for any funds that are over \$250.00. Some Christian college Financial Aid Departments will match the church scholarship up to \$500.00.

Greeters for May

Unlock Front, East & Gym Doors at 9:00 am: Ray Hufhines

Parking Lot & Front Door Assistance: Steve Bradley, Taylor Tinsley, Joe Waugh

Family Center Door Assistance: James Woodward, Ray Hufhines

Family Center Lobby: BJ & Emma Woodward, Mary Jane Jennings

Front Lobby: Stacey Dominguez, Amber Tinsley, Savanna McCain

East Door: Al Mays

West Door: Ben & Judy Kilpatrick

Visitors Booth: Denise Pless

Youth Ministry

Caleb Says...

Our website, **raveyouth.org**, has been updated. New information, monthly calendars, schedules, sign-up forms, and a lot more. Stay up to date with the latest information.

May 7: Senior Roast

May 19: Senior Sunday, Start day for youth interns

June 8-13: Uplift, sign up on our website

June 22-29: Trek, sign up on our website

July 13-19: Camp Wetoga, sign up on our website

July 28-Aug 3: Green Valley Bible Camp, sign up on our website

Good morning everyone! I am glad you are here! If you look around and wonder why a bunch of our men seem to have disappeared, that’s because they are all at the annual Men’s Retreat this morning. I was able to be with them Friday and Saturday. We heard some awesome lessons, had some fun with our brothers, and best of all, we ate something like 30 lbs. of bacon. It really was a fantastic weekend and being here this morning is just icing on the cake.

This last Tuesday was National Administrative Professionals Day, better known as Secretaries Day. I wanted to take a second and brag on the incredible ladies that serve as Robinson Avenue’s secretaries: Denise Pless, Shannon Bowman, and Tamzen Bryant. Make sure you tell them thank you because their hard work helps our church function. From answering phone calls to handling the book-keeping, from creating the weekly bulletin to running the church’s website, they do it all. I can tell you that many of the ministries the church has depend heavily on them in one way or another. So make sure you say thank you to them and let them know that you appreciate their service to our family here at Robinson Avenue.

Our class this morning was about exile. We talked about the exile of the Jews in Babylon, but on a larger scale we talked about the human condition of exile. We are, in essence, exiles from our true home because of the sins we have committed. Our true home, Eden, is out of reach. We were sent away because we couldn’t live with God anymore. The cool thing about exile is that, while we are forced to leave the presence of God, He usually follows us wherever we go anyway. God is not confined to the borders of Eden.

Before the Jews are taken to Babylon, Jeremiah tells them what an exile should do in a foreign land. “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” God wants them to flourish while they are in exile. There are a couple stories of Jews who did this. Daniel is a good example to look at. He didn’t revolt but he didn’t assimilate either. Instead, he submitted to Babylon’s authority and he flourished while still being loyal to God above all. The great thing is that we are called to flourish but we are also told that we will be taken out of exile back to our true home.

We are called to the same thing: Eagerly wait for God to bring us home but in the mean-time, we need to live and flourish in exile and allow God to shine through us while we are here.

Family Time

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

Family

Sympathy

David Dobbs in the loss of his grandmother Genevieve Bowles.

She passed away April 21.

Family

Illness and Recovery

Mary Allen spent a night in the hospital this week with low potassium.

Larry Couch has not been feeling well. It is due to adding medications for his diabetes. He has appointments on April 26 and May 3.

Steele Engelmann he is in Chirldren’s Hospital for a very low heart rate. He is improving.

Good News

Baptism

Congratulations to **Payton Haskins** for putting on his faith in Christ on Sunday April 21. Congratulations to Darren and Kenda and proud grandparents Tommy and Marilyn Kilpatrick.

Project

Auditorium Renovation Update:

Budget amount: \$625,000

Funds reserved and received; outstanding commitments received - total \$461,375 as of April 24 (74% of target). God be praised!

Budget amount remaining to be funded - \$169,880.

Construction looks like it will begin in early May.

Should you have any questions, please see any of the shepherds.

The shepherds’ requests concerning the fundraising campaign are below:

Request #1: Pray and ask God – “what would you have me / my family financially commit towards our church’s auditorium project?” (Consider a 3 year commitment)

Request #2: Following prayer and family collaboration, make a written commitment (complete the commitment package and give to one of the shepherds, the office, or place in contribution plate).

The shepherds THANK each of you for your willingness to participate and the positive comments regarding the auditorium renovation! May God be glorified and praised!

Our

Prayer List

Names will be printed on

this list for up to 4 weeks

at a time unless further

updates are received in the

office.

Family/Friends

Kelly Bryant, father

of Caleb Bryant

Emmie Charlton, friend

of Becca Woods

Eldon Danenhauer, the

brother of Jerry Danenhauer

Lonita Graham, friend of

Joann Woodward

Amy Harris, friend

of Shirley Pate

Dan Hash, husband of Sharon

Hash

Ken Holdridge, father

of Rhonda Asencio

Adam & Tianna Jayceon,

friend of Becca Woods

Jan Martin, mother of Amy

Ware

Dustin Mayhew, son of

Kevin and Kathy Mayhew

Joanne Mitchell, friend of

Shirley Pate

Mary Neely, sister-in-law of

Linda Neely

Ivory Jade Rodriguez, great

granddaughter of Sabino and

Cilvia Rodriguez

Judy Stallings, sister of Roger

Voss

Jim White, former

minister here at RACOC

Those

Shut In

Cecil Cook

Dee Dearman

Cleo Drevs

Marie Edwards

Hazel Fletcher

Glenda Garrison

Donna Gaston

Dan Hash

Faye Lowery

Don McClane

James Price

Roberta Simpson

Verna Tacket

Elsie White

Dorothy Yeager

Continue to

Remember

Lucy Allen

Beth Clem

Harold Gooden

Faye Lowery

Lee Pense

Scott Phillips

Speedy Williams

Melba Watts

Linda Wray

Those

Battling Cancer

Mary Allen

Charles Cate

Helen Gillmore

Charlean Howell

Peggy Huckeba

Freida Hughes

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Seth Mohorn

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