

Because He Lives

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Do you know what is the catalyst of Christianity? Do you know why we can live how we live? The answer is easy—the resurrection of Christ!

Look at the early believers. In the days surrounding Jesus' death, they were beyond discouraged. The man they had committed themselves to was humiliatingly murdered right in front of them. In Mark 16:9-13, we find those who had been close to Jesus mourning and weeping.

Mark tells us in v11, "When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by [Mary Magdalene], they would not believe it." They refused to believe because, as they saw it, their faith had died before their very eyes. When Jesus was laid to rest, so was their incomplete faith. Their faith was missing its most important ingredient: the resurrection of Christ. It took direct contact with the alive-again Christ (Mark 16:14) and the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:14) to set them straight.

Look at these same disciples in the book of Acts. In chapter 2, these people are preaching Christ to the very people who killed him; they confess Jesus in the face of persecution. Their lives are overwhelmed with unbridled vigor! In so fervently following Jesus, they fulfill his command to "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (v15). What changed? They were armed with the resurrection. It is what they preached, it is what

they lived, and it is what their faith was built upon.

Because of the resurrection, Jesus' followers shared a faith full of life! Their pitiful excuse of a faith in Mark 16 had become a glorious contagion through Acts 2.

The lives of these people were changed in two glorious respects by the resurrection:

1. They were each raised to a new spiritual life (Rom. 6:4)
2. Their actions on earth joyfully affirmed such (Jas. 2:17)

Christ's resurrection proved their triumphal purpose, and his resurrection empowered their undying faith. Because of Christ, the early church exhibited a liveliness of faith never seen before.

Daniel B. Wallace wrote, "Life, relationship, forgiveness, sanctification, the future, sanctity of the body. A whole philosophy, an entire world view, is wrapped up in the resurrection of Christ. Act as if your life depends on the resurrection of Christ--because it does!"

Because he lives, you and I can share a faith full of life. Let us continually come to know the resurrected Christ through his word and experience life from the Spirit (Romans 8:11).

Caleb Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed and Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Glen Crumbliss, Eli Dodson, Joe Freund, Tim Hayes, Wilma Hill, Cheryl Neilans, Edith Toney, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson.

The family of **Cheryl Neilans** says that she is doing much better and ask that we keep her in our prayers.

Debi Wince will have surgery on June 19.

Joe McLain would like us to remember the Kinlichee church in Arizona (where he and Lauretta have family) during a difficult time.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to **Joe McLain** and his family upon the accidental death of his son-in-law, Hien Nguyen, from St. Louis.

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. Last week we helped one of our members who had some unexpected expenses. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



The **elders** will meet this Wednesday at 4:30. You may join them if there is something you would like to discuss.

Men's breakfast will be this Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Start your day on a positive note by joining the group for faith, fellowship and food.

Ladies: Cheryl Williamson is teaching a sign language class for the ladies every Thursday at 5:30. It will meet in the fellowship room.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: David Lawrence

P.M: John Deffenbaugh

The first **Summer Youth Series** devotional of the season will be this Thursday at 6:00 at the home of Danny and Jessica Bogs. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, it will be in the activities center.

The **Senior Saints** are having their monthly potluck meal and get together this Saturday at noon. Bring yourself and a dish to the fellowship room for food, fun, and fellowship.

David Lawrence will preach Sunday morning. He will also be meeting with all parents during Bible class time in the Fellowship Room to talk about why and how to have an effective youth program. All parents are urged to come to this class.



Green Valley Bible Camp starts next Sunday! They will be "Camped Out With The Gospel of John." Meet at 12:30 Sunday if you would like to ride the bus.

If you have a child who needs a ride to **Day Camp** at Green Valley or if you are willing to drive the van, please sign up on the bulletin board.

The **Eastside Church of Christ** in Monett invites you to a gospel meeting June 9-12 with Ron Stough.

Thank you to all the people and children who helped deliver "Meals on Wheels". It was a huge task, more than 120 meals were delivered. You all deserve a rest!

*In Christian Love,
Miles*

June 30 is a **fifth Sunday**. Be praying about your contribution that day. All extra, above the budget, goes to help pay off the cost of the activities center.

Vacation Bible School is July 21-24. Teachers are making plans, children are inviting friends, and we all want to be praying for a successful event.



*You are all invited.
70th Wedding Anniversary
Ed and Vera Cornell
1:00 - 2:30
June 23, 2019
Activities Center*

No Gifts Please Your continued love and support is our gift!

Please let the family know of your plan to attend by signing on the bulletin board or at the welcome desk.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, June 9

- AM Opening: Aaron Wilson
- AM Closing: Todd Tyler
- PM Opening: Tim Murray
- PM Closing: Harold Speir

Wednesday, June 12

- Opening: Charlie Collinsworth
- Closing: Benny Haught

RECORDS

	06-02-19	06-03-18
Bible Study	112	142
AM Worship	181	195
PM Worship	121	NA
Wednesday	131	137
Contribution	\$7,459.90	\$9,208.05
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58