May 4th

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Our Church's 46th Anniversary!

May 4th will be our church's 46 th Anniversary! We'd like to give you this special invitation to be with us. It's been forty-six years of 'church' ministries in our local community, and our privilege to fulfill the great commission in giving out the Lord's Gospel!

It's a time of remembering and rejoicing in the Lord's continued blessing and provisions. We like seeing the parking lot filled up, having many visitors, and enjoying the excitement of the day! If you have been at one of these in the past you know what a memorable day it is! And we want to invite you back. If you have never been at our church this certainly would be a good day to visit.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

The Sunday School time begins at 10:30 a.m., and the Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. There will be special gifts and a delicious luncheon afterwards.

For Me?

"Suppose a man should say to me, 'A man in New York City died last week and left a great fortune to an individual. I would probably respond, 'I don't doubt that in the least. It is a common thing for people to die and leave their money to someone. However, suppose he would say, 'He left the money to you!' I would immediately become (more, very) interested! In this same way, we are apt to think of God as being the God for everybody in general, but nobody in particular. But when I realize that He is my God, that His love is for me, eternal life is mine, and all the glories of Heaven for me, then I (should) begin to be very interested!'

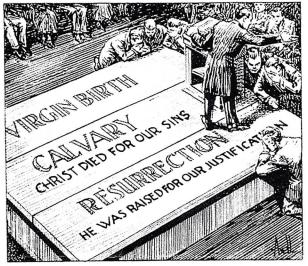
"DISCIPLE"

"One who receives instruction from another; an adherent to the doctrines of another (Webster). Jesus Christ demands total devotion from those who will be His disciples. (John 8:31; Luke 14:25,33). 'Disciple' is the word most often used in the New Testament to describe those who follow Jesus Christ. The *Great Commission* is to result in the multiplication of disciples."

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, vea even fainteth for the courts of the LORD." -Psalm 84:1,2

"We Preach Christ Crucified Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you

the gospel which I preached unto you .. For I delivered unto you first of all ... how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;



And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

I Corinthians 15:1-3

The Risen LORD

"It is striking to notice that the title of The Lord Jesus Christ never appears before the ascension, and that it occurs some 81 times afterwards. There is a tendency today to declare the Saviour's death on the cross for sinners and that alone! While the essential basis of the

true gospel appeal must ever be "Christ crucified," it must never leave the hearers with a crucified Christ. The plain fact is that Christ on the

Cross can save nobody. The atoning sacrifice of Calvary and the shedding of His precious blood is the foundation of our salvation. But it is a RISEN LORD and that alone which saves!

The New Testament message includes, by presupposition, that Calvary opened up a way whereby a holy God could justify a hell-deserving sinner.

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:" Romans 3:24.

James A. Stewart, "The Lordship of Christ"

" PERFECTION is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch EXCELLENCE."

Philippians 1:10, "That ye may approve things that are excellent; ..." Philippians 3:12, 14, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect ... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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the eternity of 3 hours "If God's day of grace is a thousand years, there is an eternity of suffering in the compressed three hours of darkness of the cross. In the daylight we see our Lord's suffering at the hands of men; in the darkness He suffered at the hands of God. In the former it is the injustice of men; in the latter, it is the justice of God. It is man's hatred of the Bearer of sin; it is God's hatred of the burden of sin." - Neil M. Fraser

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm **Wednesdays** - Prayer & Bible Studies Friday Night Church - 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month - 7:00 pm

QUOTES

"Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong."

"Man is an eternal being living temporarily in a physical body."

"Better faithful than famous."

"There's no effort without error."

"Everything is difficult for the lazy." "Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble."

> "It is far better to forgive and forget than to remember and hate.

"Why aren't people more grateful when I prove how wrong they've been?"

"Being in debt shows that it is possible to have less than nothing." (:

Redeeming the time." Ephesians 5:16 1

"Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face." - Psalm 89:14

12 Appearances of the Resurrected Saviour

To Mary Magdalene,
 Mark 16:9; John 20:11-18 to the 'other' woman, *Mark 16:12* to the two disciples, *Luke 24:13-32* to Simon Peter, *Luke 24:33-35*

5. to the ten Apostles, *Luke 24:36-43*

6. the eleven Apostles, John 20:26-31

7. to the seven Apostles, John 21:1-14

8. to the five hundredbrethren, *I Corinthians 15:6*9. to James His half-brother,

I Corinthians 15:7
10. to the eleven apostles on Mt. Olivet,
Luke 24:44-49

11. to Saul (apostle Paul), Acts 9:1-6
12. to the apostle Paul, I Corinthians 15:8

"Go Ye Therefore"

"Prayer cannot take the place of Obedience!
Only what is seasonable is reasonable.
Jehovah said at the Red Sea, 'Wherefore
criest thou unto me! Speak unto the
children of Israel that they go forward!"

It was not a time or place for mere supplication (prayer), asking was to give place to acting. The LORD had already given them assurance of their deliverance, and that He would fight for them and destroy their foes. It was not a time to breathe a prayer or cry aloud for help: That cry had been heard and answered, and prompt courageous action and advance were now demanded." (copied) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ..."

THIS & THAT From HERE & THERE

Euclid

"The city of Euclid is named after ...
Euclid of Alexandria, ... who was a
Greek mathematician, often referred to as the founder of geometry' or the 'father of geometry'. He was active in Alexandria during the reign of Ptolemy I (323–283 BC).

'Professional Sports'

"Not many decades past, professional sports were not played on Sundays in respect for the Lord's Day and the command nce! of God that Christians not forsake the assembly.

"Re (Hebrews 10:24-25)." |

'English' Speakers

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"China has more 'English-speaking' people than in the United States." - copied

Biblical Counseling

"Believers are transformed by paying attention to all that Christ is and comprehending the majesty of His person, perfection, and present glory as the risen Lord, who is before all things, and by Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:7). Therefore, instead of giving primary attention to self and circumstances (personal problems) – where they may be stuck – believers need to turn their attention to Christ. This is the way of holiness, sanctification, and ongoing spiritual growth." – Martin & Deidre Bobgan, 'Christ-centered Ministry or Problem-Centered Counseling?'

'Feeling' versus Faith

'Feeling' versus Faith, Repentance & Salvation
"The Christian life is a life of faith, *not* a life of feeling.
God's Word does *not* promise that if you are saved
and living for Christ you will always be happy. Many have
shipwrecked by pursuing feelings, depending on feelings.
They have expected certain types of feelings, and when
the feelings didn't come, they floundered, they went astray.

They gravitate to contemporary worship ...

Nothing in the Christian life is based on feeling! We are never told to feel a certain way or to try to feel a certain way or to expect to feel a certain way.

Repentance is not a feeling Acts 17:30,

Y. 'And the times of this ignorance God winked at;
but now commandeth all men every where to repent'.
Repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of life. It is a change of mind about God

... (a renunciation of the 'me' life); it is a change of mind about salvation (renunciation of false gods, false christs, false religion).
Consider II Corinthians 7:10-11. The 'sorrow' here is to be 'sorry' about things. It is not primarily an emotion.

Saving faith is not a feeling.

Saving faith is to call upon Christ ('For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,'
Romans 10:13); it is to come to Christ ('Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,'
Matthew 11:28); it is to receive Christ ('But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name,' John 1:12).

(for full report see 'Way of Life Literature', March 5, 2025)



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