

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Ralph Burleson
Servers - Josh Berryhill, Gary Addison, Lannie Key

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Amelia Key

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Deacons: Al Corkren / Josh Berryhill

Leonard Key / David Key
Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

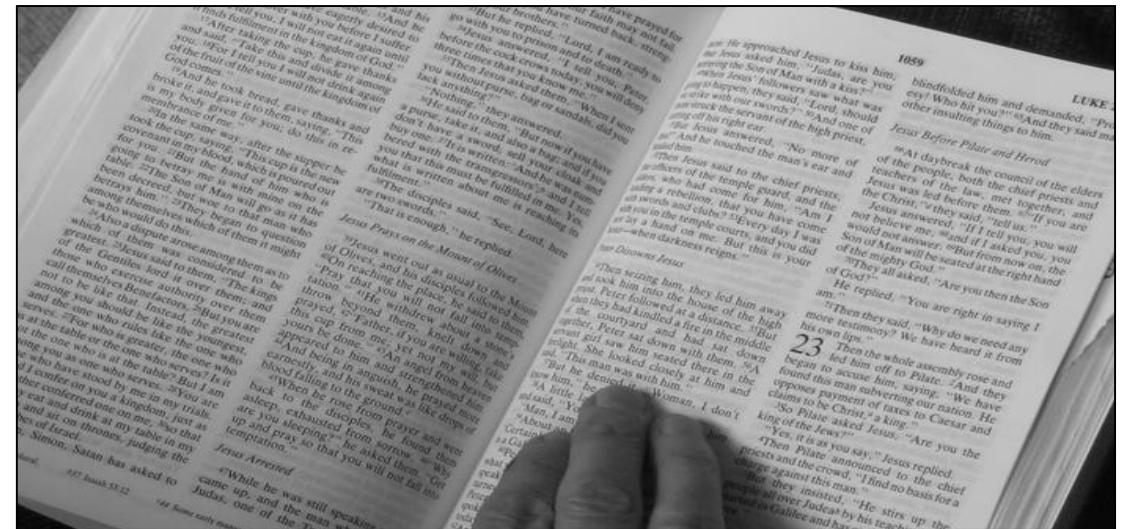
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The Brilliant Beacon



Hope for the Future

By Dan Jenkins

It is impossible for us to imagine the emotional rollercoaster endured by young Daniel and his three friends. They had lived all of their lives in one of the most spiritual times in the history of the Jews. In the six decades before they were born, king Manasseh and king Amon, had brought idols into Solomon’s glorious temple. Yet Daniel grew up knowing only of the temple worship which Josiah had restored. For the two decades before they were taken Babylon, the worship of God had been restored—they knew nothing of idolatrous worship. If you marvel at Daniel’s faith, remember that the world in which he lived was a world where the Jews faithfully served God.

Three years after Josiah’s death, Daniel was taken by Nebuchadnezzar to serve him in Babylon. That “rollercoaster of faith” descended into a pagan world saturated with immorality. After Daniel and his friends arrived in Babylon, idol worship began to flourish once again because of the new kings, sons of Josiah. Nebuchadnezzar would soon make two more assaults against Israel and finally destroy the holy city. Jeremiah was in Jerusalem and watched as Jerusalem was filled with false prophets. They prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar would return the holy temple vessels taken from the temple and be defeated by the Jews. These prophets were courageously confronted by Jeremiah for twenty-three years (Jer. 25:3). The world in which Daniel had been reared no longer existed. Sin had returned to Judah and God had sent the sword, famine and pestilence to try to get the Jews to see His judgment and return to Him.

Jeremiah sent a letter to those Jews who had already been taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. It specifically told them they would be in Babylon for seventy years, but then the prophet told them of God’s promise. “I know the thoughts I have toward you...to give you a future and a hope” (Jer. 29:11). Two chapters later, God said, “There is hope in your future...that your children shall come back to their own border” (31:17).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Danny Berryhill: having trouble with blood clots, please pray that he can receive help with this problem

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Dewight Kitchens: (Al’s Boss) has been diagnosed with colon cancer, please be praying that this cancer can be treated

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

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Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Jamie Long: received liver transplant yesterday (4/14), please pray that there will be no problems and that he will make a quick recovery

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: recovering from recent knee surgery, pray that he has a good recovery, he will have another surgery in a few weeks

Upcoming Events

Today	John O’Neal { Missionary Report }	10:00 am
Today	Fellowship Meal	
Today	Bible Bowl { Berea }	2:00 pm
April 22 nd	Dorian Flynn { Missionary Report }	10:00 am

How could there possibly be hope? The temple was destroyed, the city was leveled and the only physical connection Daniel could have with Jerusalem was to go to his window and pray in the direction of the ruins of the temple. How could there be hope when Nebuchadnezzar demanded all those in Babylon worship his golden idol. (Remember the fiery furnace?)

There was no physical evidence there would ever be a return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. How could there be hope when they were in a hopeless situation? The answer is simple. God promised them a future and God cannot lie. Are you on a “rollercoaster of faith”? Has your world collapsed around you? Have hope, for God cannot lie about your future!

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For Your Notes

A Memorial to the Lord

Gary C. Hampton

Memorials—like statues, tombstones and plaques—are used all over the world in honor of men, especially the dead. The Lord’s Supper is a memorial service. “And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.’ Likewise, also the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you’” (Luke 22:19-20). Christ also said, “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till He come” (1 Corinthians 11:23-34, especially 26). So, every time a Christian partakes of the Lord’s Supper, he is partaking of a memorial feast.

The Passover was a shadow of the Lord’s Supper. The Passover feast was eaten by the Israelites once a year to remind them of their release from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 11:1-8; 12:25-27, 46). Paul described the Lord by saying, “For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7). Jesus’ sacrifice is the Christian’s means of release from the bondage of sin (Ephesians 1:7). Because He is our Passover, not one of His bones was broken (John 19:31-36).

The memorial feast has two elements, the bread and the fruit of the vine (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:23-25). The bread would have been unleavened since Jesus and the disciples had just finished the Passover meal (Exodus 12:15). In fact, we might notice that Matthew calls it “the first day of the feast of unleavened bread” (26:17). Jesus said, “This is my body.” This has led some to teach the doctrine of transubstantiation, which says the bread and fruit of the vine become the literal body and blood of Jesus. Since Jesus was present in His physical body when this feast was instituted, it seems obvious that He was using a metaphor. Some of us say, “I’m so hungry, I could eat a horse.” We do not mean we could literally eat a horse, but we are saying we have a large appetite. Similarly, Jesus was not saying we eat and drink the literal body and blood, but that the bread and fruit of the vine represent such to the Christian.

The Lord’s Supper should be taken upon the first day of every week. Luke wrote, “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). Paul was in Troas seven days (vs. 6), yet the disciples came together for the Lord’s Day since Jesus was raised on that day (Mark 16:9; Acts 2; Leviticus 23:15-16). Now, when God said, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8), the Jews understood that He meant every sabbath. When Paul said, “Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Corinthians 16:2), we have understood that to be every first day. If the boss said payday is on the first day of the week, we would understand every first day as his meaning. Why can we not understand that the church assembled upon every first day of the week to break bread? We should all partake of it as a weekly memorial of our Lord’s great sacrifice for sins.

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