

MAY 2019

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Memory Verse

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth. Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.
NKJ Isa. 40:28

WHAT CHANGED?

When Jesus died, how many true followers of His were there? Possibly not as many as you might think. Yes, at various times throughout His 3½ year ministry there were crowds of people who seemed/appeared to follow Him and believed in Him. When He rode into Jerusalem a “great multitude” proclaimed Him as the “Son of David”. Of course, you know of the 2 times when Jesus fed the thousands. And yes, He had multitudes who followed after Him wanting to see a miracle, and He even had times when large crowds wanted to hear Him teach for various motives. However, it seems to me at and immediately after His death the crowds went away.

It is my thought Jesus did not have a great number of followers immediately after His death. He had the 11 in addition to at least Justus and Matthias. There were 120 together in Acts 1:15, and there were probably a number of others scattered throughout Judea and Samaria, who, like the disciples, did not know what was to come following Jesus' death and burial. Perhaps they were all waiting for something, though they did not know exactly what. I am convinced there were not multitudes of believers, for to the vast majority of those who followed Jesus during His ministry, the “show” had stopped.

But, beginning with Acts 2, something had definitely changed. Christ had resurrected and the gospel was preached for the very first time. Immediately 3,000 souls were immersed and added to the Lord's body, and the numbers continued to grow. The next number we have is 5,000 more christians were added to the body. As this new gospel spread throughout Judea and Samaria, and within a decade or so, the numbers of christians multiplied and spread throughout the Roman Empire. In the next century or so, the numbers became so great Rome felt threatened and lashed back at this new religion as they murdered thousands of believers in this new gospel. However, those who followed the Way, as it was called in Acts 9:2, became so numerous they literally changed an empire and later the entire world!

How did this happen? What changed the number from a couple hundred at most to multitudes in less than a century? We can see “what changed” in a very short example between Acts 9:3, when a man named Saul, a zealous persecutor of christians, became an adamant believer and proclaimer of this gospel in Acts 9:20. Saul saw the risen Lord! The Resurrection of Christ and those who proclaimed it is what changed the world. The Resurrection of Christ is the power behind the gospel of Christ that changed the world and continues to change lives into our modern era.

Romans 1:16 ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Jay Graham

PROGRAM FOR MAY 2019

Elder: Mark M

SUNDAY AM	5	12	19	*26
<i>Song Director</i>	Gerry A	Glen W	Jeremy M	**
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Philip C Is 17:1-14	Jeremy M Is 19:13-25	Fred M Is 22:1-14	**
<i>Prayer</i>	Coleman M	Jess B	Brandon T	**
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Jared G	Tom A	Bill F	Boom B
<i>Attendant</i>	Joseph J Brandon T Wayne J Fred M	Tyler S Philip C Gordon C Darrell F	Darrell F Thomas A Jess B Jared G	Jim B Tom A Fred M Steve P
<i>Sermon</i>	Gordon C	Aaron C	Glen W	**

*Basket Dinner/Afternoon Service 1:15 p.m.

SUNDAY PM	5	12	19	*26
<i>Song Director</i>	Jared G	Joseph J	Aaron C	**
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Darrell F Is 18:1-7	Wayne J Is 20:1-6	Boom B Is 22:15-25	**
<i>Prayer</i>	Jim B	Steve P	Glen W	**
<i>Bible Drill</i>	Mt 21:33-46; Mk 12:1-12; Lk 20:9-18	Mt 22:15-22; Mk 12:13-17; Lk 20:19-26	Mt 22:23-33; Mk 12:18-27 Lk 20:27-40	
<i>Sermon</i>	Brandon T – Read Isa.9-12; 13;1-5	Gerry A – ME	Jeremy M – ME	**

ME = Mutual Edification

Gerry A – Mechanics of Singing

Jeremy M – New Testament Singing

WEDNESDAY	1	8	15	22	29
<i>Song Director</i>	Tim M	Brad R	Steve P	Dylan R	Tim M
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Thomas A Is 16:1-14	Jordan R Is 19:1-12	Tyler S Is 21:1-17	Joseph J Is 23:1-18	Jim B Is 24:1-13
<i>Prayer</i>	Bill B	Wayne J	Thomas A	Tyler S	Aaron C
<i>Invitation</i>	Gerry A	Bill F	Gordon C	Jess B	Philip C

Announcements: Steve P

Business Meeting: Mark M

Upstairs: Jess & Callie B/Lisa S

Downstairs: Wayne & Mary J

CLASSES	SUNDAY TEACHER	WEDNESDAY TEACHER
Preschool	Tiffany T	Cerine P
K-5 th Gr.	Pat A	Lisa S
6 th Up	Cindy M	Jared G
Adult	Coleman M	Mark M
Bible Drill	Gerry A	

Teen Meeting
7th Grade & Up
May 18th

<i>SPECIAL DAYS</i>		
May 1	Pat Armstrong	Birthday
May 3	Bill Bennett	Baptized
May 4	Brandon Tutterow	Birthday
May 8	Becky Woody	Birthday
May 13	Maylee Proudfit	Birthday
May 13	Chad Barringer	Birthday
May 14	Glen Woody	Birthday
May 26	Rita Meiners	Birthday
May 27	Fred Meiners	Baptized
May 28	Fred Meiners	Birthday
May 29	Liberty Morris	Birthday
May 30	Wayne Jennings	Birthday
May 30	John & Amber Morris	Anniv.
May 31	Jess & Callie Barringer	Anniv.