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Proclaimed to Spirits in Prison

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If you are reading the epistle of 1 Peter, the text below comes as kind of a shock:

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. (1 Pet. 3:18-22)

It doesn't seem to relate to anything in the context, and it definitely has some strange information. Why is it there? What does it mean?

One possible understanding of this is to remember that the first century readers knew something that we have worked very hard to forget — there is a hidden world beyond human knowledge. Our modern minds don't go in for such talk of angels, demons, or any other type of spirits, but the first century world certainly did. The Gospels and the book of Acts are full of references to all sorts of these beings. Paul emphatically states, "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). While we might wish to remain skeptical, the invisible powers are not only real, but at war with Christ's people.

It is entirely possible that Peter is pointing to this fact in his statement that Jesus has been "proclaimed to the spirits in prison." This proclamation was not made with the intent of saving the spirits or to offer redemption, but simply to declare a fact to the enemies of God and man. Notice has been served to the malevolent powers of the unseen world — Jesus is Lord and victorious overall!

How does this relate to Peter's point? The suffering Christians of the first century needed to know that their baptism (v. 21) identified them with the risen Christ, "who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him" (v. 22). Jesus' victory over powers we cannot see is declared through a baptism which we can see. As the waters of Noah's flood rescued him from a wicked world, baptism lifts the people of God above the carnage created in this world by the forces of sin and evil. The suffering Christ is now the victorious Christ, just as his suffering people can be victorious with him in baptism.

by Benjamin J. Williams

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

TODAY'S EVENTS

- **2PM - LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**

For the Elders, Deacons and Ministers. This will be in the old auditorium

- **3pm - WEDDING SHOWER**

Honoring Dalton Path and Kristen Short. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Kohls. (Dalton is the son of Bill & Deb Path and he attended here for a while until he went to school in MO).

- **FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

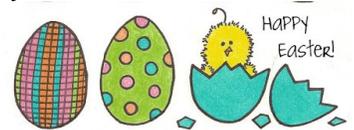
Soup and Sandwich meal **after evening services**. Group Riggs is responsible for setting up and cleaning up.



“Don’t let your happiness depend on something you might lose.”
C.S. Lewis

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 28, there will be an Egg Hunt here at the building in our front yard. The time is still to be determined. We will need eggs and candy donated. You can either donate the eggs pre-filled or donate them separately and we will have people fill them. If you can help in any way with this up coming event, please see Tonya Davidson.



BUILDING & GROUNDS



We are seeking your skills!! If you like to paint, or do carpentry, or dirt work, etc., we are looking for you! If you are willing to help out in some way with the building and grounds please see Todd Khoury. He is needing volunteers to help with upcoming building projects.

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 27-28

Affirming the Faith Seminar in OKC

Affirmingthefaithok.com for more information

Saturday, March 7th

Time change, move clocks ahead 1 hour

Sunday, March 8th

Tulsa Area Wide Youth Rally -- here!

Saturday, March 28th

Easter Egg Hunt --here!

Sunday, March 29th

5th Sunday, noon meal with early evening service, group Path

Sunday, April 26th

Bible Bowl - here!

June 7-12th

Frog Road Camp - www.frogroad.com

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties meetings parties

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Bob Simmons had a heart valve replacement this past Wednesday. He is at home recovering.
- Stephanie White will have a new battery placed in her stimulator for her back, next Thursday.
- Alma Marquez got her biopsy results back. She has cancer and will undergo further testing to decide on a treatment plan.
- Oleta Exendine has cancer and is in a lot of pain. She welcomes calls, cards, and visits.
- Beverly Wooley needs our prayers for her health and family circumstances.
- Lindsey Perry's friend at school, Brooke Bergman, is going through a rough time. Lindsey asked us to keep her in our prayers.

THOSE RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

- Betty Simmons, knee
- Bobby Hill, knee
- Karen Brown, back
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Guten (Afghanistan)
- **Our friends and family:** Suzanne Stamps; Jeannene Thomas (cancer); Becky's father, Larry Isaacs; Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); Larry Isaacs (chemo); Bryant Calip (chemo); Bill Taylor (cancer); Jerry O'Shields; Jesse Byers (knee pain); Betty Jo Heltzel

COOKIES NEEDED

We are needing cookies for our upcoming youth rally in March. If you would like to help see the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the old foyer.



Caleb Halsted knows the names of Noah's family; **Rylee Davidson** knows the five acts of worship; **Lucas Williams** knows the number of books in the Old Testament; **Reid Figueiredo** knows the number of books in the New Testament. Great job everyone!

LADIES DAY

Ladies, we have been invited to the Broken Arrow Congregation for a Ladies Day on Saturday, March 28th. The speaker is Judy Warpole, cost is \$20 which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Please pre-register at BACOC.org for lunch. A flyer has been posted on the bulletin board, or Earline Lierly may have more information.



from facebook



James Hamilton

40 mins · Broken Arrow, OK · 

Would you stay tuned in?
When the game goes into overtime?
When the sermon goes into overtime?

In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

Psalms 119:14-16 (ESV)

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Riley McCafferty, Feb 19

Ruby Tenison, Feb 21

Bill & Lenora Hamrick, Feb 22

Thomas Wadkins, Feb 27

Jim Yeager, March 1

Sirius Parker, Mar 1

Jerry & Nola Buller, Mar 4

Jack & Karen Myrick, Mar 4

Marcia Riggs, Mar 5

Barbara Vaughan, Mar 6

Robert & Marcia Hill, Mar 7

David Shelby, Mar 7

Mary Causby, Mar 8

Billy & Andrea Russell, Mar 12

Bruce & Lilia Rothell, Mar 12

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

Contribution

123 Sunday Contribution \$4,700.00
157 Budget \$4,371.00
80 Over Budget \$329.00
97 Building Fund \$32,883.25

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bill Path
Opening Prayer Jesse Byers
Scripture Reading Bob Hecht
Closing Prayer Harry Reeve
Lord's Table Sonny Pulliam
Robert Hallsted
Randy Crawford
Dan Williamson
Steve Rucquoy
Hayden Bullinger

Greeter

Dennis & Kay
Johnny & Marcia

Ushers

Jeff Bullinger
Bruce Rothell

Lock Building

Johnny Riggs and Keith Riggs

Announcements

James Hamilton with Bill Path as backup

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Robert Hallsted
Opening Prayer Matt Caldwell
Closing Prayer Jerry Morgan
Lord's Table Robert Hallsted
Randy Crawford

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer Todd Khoury
Closing Prayer Harry Reeve

Communion Preparation

2/15 Tonya Davidson
2/22 Causby Ladies
3/1 Marcia Riggs
3/8 Shirley Hood
3/15 Earline Lierly
3/22 Cathy Burcham
3/29 Shawna Caddell
4/5 Nola Buller
4/12 Stephanie Bullinger



Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
Channel 6

Search Programs:

Feb 8 - What Love Means
Feb 15- A Clear Conscience
Feb 22 - Rejoice in the Lord
March 1 - The Word of God
March 8 - Messianic Prophecies

Sunday Morning Sermon

“Simple” (1 of 5 part series)
Matthew 6:24-25
Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening Adult Class

A Study of the Church of Christ
Benjamin Williams