

May 15, 2022

“Upon the First Day of the Week”

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Luke 24:1-3: *But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.*

Acts 20:7: *And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his speech until midnight.*

1 Corinthians 16:2: *Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.*

One of the “ten commandments” given to the Israelites in **Exodus 20** was to “**Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy**” (verse 8). This command is not for those, including us, who are subject to the Law of Christ (**Col. 2:14-17**).

Some may suggest, though, that instead of resting on the seventh day of the week, Christians *must* make

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the *first* day of the week a day of rest. This is not commanded in the New Testament either. If a Christian wants to take the first day of the week to rest after the assemblies of the saints, he or she may do so, but we don't have the right to bind such rest on others (cf. **Col. 2:16**). Much of God's revealed will for Christians does not vary by the day of the week.

While we don't want to make the first day of the week something it's not, there *is* some special significance to the first day of the week.

For instance, “***upon the first day of the week,***” it was discovered that Jesus' body was no longer in the tomb. On this day, our Savior was raised from the dead, providing the basis for the hope that anchors our souls (**1 Cor. 15:20; Heb. 6:19**).

A practice Christians must observe that is unique to the first day of the week is seen in **Acts 20:7**. After Paul and his company came to Troas, they stayed there seven days (**verse 6**). On the first day of the week, the disciples came together “***to break***

bread.” “Breaking bread” at times refers to partaking of the Lord's Supper (cf. **1 Cor. 10:16**), as the context indicates it does here in **Acts 20:7**.

1 Corinthians 16:2 refers to another command that must be obeyed on the first day of the week. **Verses 1-4** of the chapter authorize local churches to provide financial relief for needy *saints* when they have the opportunity and ability. There is a *specific* command, though, regarding how the funds for this, and other works of the church, should be collected (cf. **verse 1**). **Verse 2** says, “***Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.***”

Acts 20:7 and **1 Corinthians 16:2** establish a *pattern* for *all* Christians to follow. May we follow the pattern established by the Holy Spirit concerning things that should be done “***upon the first day of the week.***”

God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

“since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,”
– 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 (ESV)

Prayer List

Holly G
Jerry & Sandy S
Cheryl S
Norma C
Raymond B
Robert C
Sharon G (Cancer)
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Devin D (Cancer)
Vicki S (Cancer)
Susan F (Cancer)
Christie's Brother, Jerry (Lung Cancer)
Travis' Co-worker's Daughter, Kacie
Marci B & Family

Daily Bible Reading

May 15 – 2 Kings 22-23; John 4:31-54
May 16 – 2 Kings 24-25; John 5:1-24
May 17 – 1 Chronicles 1-3; John 5:25-47
May 18 – 1 Chronicles 4-6; John 6:1-21
May 19 – 1 Chronicles 7-9; John 6:22-44
May 20 – 1 Chronicles 10-12; John 6:45-71
May 21 – 1 Chronicles 13-15; John 7:1-27

“This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.” – Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (WEB)

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Bible Study: Mark

Worship: Roger

Evening: Mike

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Jeff

Clean Building

Janice

Prepare Communion

Janice

Upcoming Reminders

Wednesday (18th) adult class:

Ephesians 4:14ff

Next Sunday (22nd) adult class:

Older Women Teach Younger Women

Assignments

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Reading: Jeff

Announcements: Travis

Table: Mark

Serve: Dave

Steve

Dan H

John

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Invitation: Jeff

Anniversaries

May 30 – Larry & Patsy

Birthdays

May 23 – Jeanette