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of Ascension when they ask, “Lord at this time will you restore the kingdom to Israel?”

It is hard to put away old assumptions (of a physical kingdom) and adopt this new concept (my kingdom is not of this world) without dragging along some of the old notions. Things appear to become clearer for them in later writings of the Epistles.

But today (this first day of the week following the resurrection) as we chronicle it based on Easter Sunday, today was a time of confusion. It was also a time of one true bit of knowledge, Jesus is back.

Entering a locked room, Jesus is there. All of the unknown things about what the Jews might do, or if Roman soldiers were still rounding up participants in the Jesus group... those things fade to the back when they see Jesus.

Life is like that. When you have one fact that you can cling to... an incredible fact that you experience and know to be true... a resurrected Lord. When you have that, other things become less important. Your whole definition of what is important and what doesn't count at all is altered.

So today, on the anniversary of that first Sunday after the resurrection, prioritize it again. He's back, and that is all that matters.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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It wasn't all as clear to them as we make it. Yes, Jesus made appearances to Mary Magdalene, who mistook him for a gardener, and later Peter and some of the apostles. John records that the evening of the first day of the week (remember in the Jewish thought evening comes before morning), the disciples are gathered in one place, minus Thomas. They are in a locked room, because of their fear of the Jews. In that context Jesus appears to them, allowing them to see his hands and feet to assure them of who he was. He extended a greeting of “Peace to you”. Following that he breathed on them, imparting the Holy Spirit to them.

I think this is when the “blinders” begin to be lifted for them. In their sense of confusion over what has taken place, the trial, crucifixion, and resurrection, nothing was making sense.

Remember the assumptions of the disciples has been an earthly kingdom, Jesus reigning on a physical throne of David, and their being a part of this physical governing body. That the mother of James and John request that they be able to sit on either side of him in the kingdom. Even at the Last Supper, the argument is over which of them will be greatest in the kingdom. Some confusion lingers at the mount

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)
ELDERS: Richard Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR APRIL 28, 2019

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 239—In Moments Like These
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 24:1-4 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 671—Purer in Heart, O God
No. 731—Take Time to Be Holy
No. 266—Majesty
No. 96—I Stand in Awe (Audience to Stand)
No. 791—On Bended Knee
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Fred Johnson
Richard Breising
Gary Hornbaker
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
(audience to read along)
SONG: No. 852—When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (vs 1)
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship; please come again!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- The theme this year will be “Level Up with God’s Power”; we will be trying a new two-day format.
- **Saturday, June 1st:** Start at 1:00 pm, ending after supper and a family carnival.
- **Sunday, June 2nd:** Special worship service and meal.
- Orrin & Meagan Feril are the leadership team; please visit with them about how you can be included.
- Between now and then, Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm) will be used to prepare for this special event.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Destiny’s grandfather, **Joseph “Mickey” Johnson**, will be Saturday, May 4th, at the Macksville Christian Church at 2:00 pm.

GUEST SPEAKER

- **John McKeel** will be our guest speaker next Sunday, May 5th, as he interviews for the minister’s position. The elders are planning some activities to help you get acquainted.
- There will be a gathering for the younger couples and families at 6:30 pm this Friday evening at the park to meet John and his wife, Jan. Pizza and drinks will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the location will be the church building
- Everyone is invited to come and meet John and Jan, this next Saturday morning from 10:00—11:00 am at the church building; coffee and donuts will be provided.

MAY CALENDAR

Pick up a new calendar today and make note of all the activities!

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please give updates on your family & friends to Janet so this list can be current)

Jerimiah Mayer—doctors say his kidneys are functioning well and he has been able to stop taking an antibiotic
Justice Mayer—broke her arm last week; got a hard cast on her arm on Tuesday
Ted Garcia (Lupe’s brother) - recovering from a leg injury that happened at work; 2 broken bones in his ankle & a fracture behind his knee cap; had surgery last week
Gayle Byer—doing well after her cataract surgery last week
Gary—Aldrich’s neighbor—cancer
Maggie Harris (Lisa’s mother) - at a long term care facility in Larned while she heals from a broken hip and shoulder
Gary Osenbaugh (Jesse Mayer’s cousin in Turon) - head injury
Gary Osenbaugh (Chet & Tyrone’s uncle) - cancer; the family has asked for prayers
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Jill Mophew (Janet’s sister-in-law in Lubbock)—cancer
Becky Arens (Baylee’s aunt) - diagnosed with AML (leukemia)
Tom Crawford (Marilyn’s nephew) - kidney failure; heart problem; liver problem; in assisted living
Thomas Crawford (Marilyn’s great nephew) - liver failure
Greg Lewis—brain tumor; Stage 4 cancer
Caylee Welch—drug rehabilitation
Barbara Schuette (Marla’s sister) - improving
Rick Toland (Marla’s cousin in Topeka) - cancer
Vince, Teddy’s brother-in-law—heart problems
Kim Staub—Parkinson’s
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry/Linda Welch’s daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn’s brother) - Emphysema
Jenny Walker (Carol’s sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara’s mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich’s son-in-law [Shari’s husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza

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