

The Lord Was There....Were You?

“I came to the services Sunday,
I walked up and down the aisle;
I noticed your seat was vacant,”
Said the Master with a smile.

“Yes, I was at home,” I answered,
“Some folks from up the way
Drove down for a weekend visit,
So we stayed in the house all day.”

Or, “I had an awful headache,”
Or, “I had a roast in the pan,”
Or, “We overslept that morning,”
But we go whenever we can.”

“I went to the morning service
Not over two months ago,
But so much work must wait till Sunday
There is no time for church, you know.”

Looking upon me sadly,
The master began to speak,
“My child, are there not
Six other days in the week?”

If all the other children
Should treat me the same as you,
The assembly would be deserted,
Then what would lost sinners do?”

I saw I had grieved my Master
As slowly he turned away,
And I vowed He’d not find me absent
Again on His special day.



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We want to welcome each one of you to our services today in worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A special warm welcome to those who are visiting us as well. If you are visiting us we would ask if you would remain after services so we might get the chance of meeting you in person. Again WELCOME! If you ever have a question of us, want to set up a personal bible study, looking for a church home or are in need of assistance please get with us we would love to have the opportunity of serving you.

Did you ever have one of those Ah Ha moments? The moment that it clicked in your mind and the light bulb seemed to come on. Peter in the bible had many of those. Oh how I wish he would have commented on the before and after moments he had in life. We see this side of Peter more than the others because of his boldness and outspokenness. We see the whole process from the beginning and before he was chosen as one of the few in Jesus inner circle, to bazar questions he came up with to ask, bold statements and professions to big time failures to then being a great leader in the start of the Lords church. Today we will look at one of the moments where it all started to come together and involving two fish stories. What can we learn from this and apply to our lives today? And lets not forget and remember we have all had these moments in our lives as we look back and reflect. Lets see how the Lord can use these in our lives today.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Brad McKinzie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....David Byrd

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:51
Morning Worship:108
Evening Worship:37
Mid-Week:40
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$3,480.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,908.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....James Brennan
Closing Prayer:Jerry Golson

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Charlie Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Tommy Bowden

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Bryan Cain
Closing Prayer:Jerry Doughty

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our
web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-ING:

Claudine Bolton, Sue Peddy is at home recuperating, Janna Barrington, Denice Ross as they recover. Lesley Wirt and Delbert Swick the step-father of Kim Warren.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER will be this coming Monday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. The women bringing cookies are Dana Parrish and Jo-Ann Valdez.

NOTE: We are updating the directory. If you need to make a change in your address, telephone number, cell phone number or your e-mail please call the office.

LADIES DAY - ROSE HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST - APRIL 18: Theme: Matters Of The Heart. They will serve a breakfast and the program starts at 9:30 A.M.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Sidonia Kelsey
- 4 - Jean Leverett
- 5 - Mitch McLaury
- 8 - Levada Wampler
- 10 - Sue Peddy
- 11 - Shane McLaury
- 12 - Brenda Golson
- 13 - Perry Warren
- 16 - Travis Burch
- 16 - Charles Kelsey
- 17 - Suzy Salas
- 21 - Greg Ray
- 24 - Genie Kelsey
- 26 - Allison Parrish
- 26 - Keith Parrish
- 27 - Tim Curtis
- 28 - Violet Repp

THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME: The grocery list from Westview.

They will be picking up the groceries the week of **April 13th.**

Shopping List:

- Coffee
- Cookies
- Kool-Aid
- Pop Tarts
- Picante
- Flour Tortillas
- Beef Jerky
- Slim Jims
- Spaghetti Sauce
- 100% Juice
- Asparagus
- Canned Soda
- Bottled Water
- Tropical Fruit
- Mandarin Oranges
- Pineapple Chunks
- Bottled/Powdered Gatorade

Non-Food:

- Fabuloso
- AA Batteries
- 39-Gallon Trash Bags

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Kathy Cain, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Karla McLaury, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Nathan McBride, Kim Warren.

In Case You Missed It

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end (Ecclesiastes 3:11, esv).

More than three thousand years ago Solomon chronicled his search for fulfillment. He was the wisest and richest man of all time. If anyone could tell us directly about every conceivable avenue of potential satisfaction there could be with something if was him. Ecclesiastes details Solomon's pursuit of pleasure. He constructed a palace so out there it staggered world leaders; he also accumulated innumerable jewels and possessions; pursued advanced studies; and was with a different woman every day. He explored it all, yet with tears of frustration concluded, **"So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind"** (Ecclesiastes 2:17). Solomon discovered what so many fail to realize: history is a repetitive loop of personal futility, with every imaginable experience on the horizontal plane promising fulfillment it can never truly deliver. Solomon was crushed by the realization that on his own, he could not fashion a happiness or satisfaction that would endure beyond the momentary. In Ecclesiastes 3, he turned his expression of frustration on God who made him, concluding, **"He has put eternity into man's heart"** (3:11). In this passage, *eternity* refers to our deep and abiding awareness of something outside the boundaries of our senses. Humans are unique because we hunger for something the experiences of this planet cannot satisfy—a quest for eternity. Animals can't do that...nothing else in creation can do that people are looking for the eternity God created them to long for, but they can't find it on their own. Like a blind person standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon, we feel the awesomeness close at hand with no capacity to take it in. Searching for eternity does not lead to finding—until God Himself intercepts in our lives. As Solomon rightly observes, all people share the need for fulfillment to come from a source outside of self and beyond this world: **"There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God"** (Ecclesiastes 2:24). God designed us so that we cannot find fulfillment or lasting enjoyment apart from this eternity. The more we try to satisfy our deepest longing by good and bad horizontal means, the more likely we are to miss God's vertical invitation to experience Him. Maybe you have sensed some longing in your soul? Have you known the emptiness of looking for satisfaction in the next whatever? Like Solomon, you have a longing for eternity that only God can satisfy. The underlying vacuum in the center of every soul is a God design a manufacturer's specification from God Himself. He is the One who has placed eternity in our hearts, and only He can fill it.