



Calendar of Events for the Month of April 2018:

- Sunday, April 1st - Resurrection Sunday (Easter)
- Sunday, April 8th - Communion Sunday
- Sunday, April 29th (5th Sunday) - Vision & Mission's Sunday
- **NOTE:** All Sunday Services @ 10:30am and Wednesday Services @ 7:00pm

Upcoming Special Events:

- Sunday, April 15th @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm (All Ministry of Helps Leaders and Team Members) - Training Workshop - Session #1
- Sunday, April 22nd @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm (All Ministry of Helps Leaders and Team Members) - Training Workshop - Session #2
- Wednesday, April 25th @ 7:00pm - **NEW** Discipleship DVD Teaching Sessions
- Sunday, May 13th @ 10:30am - Mother's Day

Special Announcements:

- We will continue our **"Heart -4-The-House"** Campaign through the month of May to take us through the end of first phase of our planned Construction and Modifications of our new Church location. Our 4-month (Dec 2017— Mar 2018) total contributions = **\$5,011.92** (Our Initial Goal is: **\$8,000.00** or more).
- Pastors Ed & Cynthia request your feedback if you are interested in attending a fully accredited Bible College/University @ TWCC to earn up to a 2yr Associates Degree in Theology. Please email us or let us know if you are interested and are willing and available to attend Monday night classes beginning in August 2018.
- We are looking for passionate, friendly, available and willing volunteers to serve in our TWCC Ministry of Helps Team. Areas of need are: Ushers, Welcome Center, Sound, Audio & Video Team, Media Ministry, Safety Team, Children's, Youth, & Evangelism. See the Department Leader, CCB (TWCC's Intranet) or Pastor Cynthia for details on the MOH Application process and training, etc.

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SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 1st, 2018

SERMON TITLE: "The Power of The Gospel!"

1 Corinthians 15:1 – 8 (NKJV) – "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time."

Read Romans 1:16—17; Mark 16:15

- What is the **GOSPEL**? The Gospel is Good _____. It is the message and good news of Jesus' _____ on the Cross for our sins to purchase our _____; it is news and reality that Jesus Christ died our _____ and was punished for our _____ and transgression; He suffered _____ and the _____ for us for three days and three nights and _____ when the claims of Eternal Justice were satisfied, God by His mighty power _____ Jesus Christ from the _____.
- The word GOSPEL means "good news" on the battlefield of _____. *It means the message that makes you glad!*
- The **DEATH, BURIAL**, _____ and **ASCENSION** of the Lord Jesus Christ was the greatest event in time past and in future eternity. It is the starting point and centerpiece of the GOSPEL.

THE POWER OF THE CROSS: **Read Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)**

- *It is said that there is a wall built in Jerusalem to protect citizens from terrorists who were coming into their neighborhoods and killing innocent people. This wall is 26 feet high and 33 feet wide in some places. Like that wall, the cross has formed a barrier to protect anyone who in "IN CHRIST" from the world and sin. (Bruce) translation: "But far be it from me to boast about anything except the cross of our head Jesus Christ: that cross forms a permanent barrier (to erect a fence) between the world and me, and between me and the world." You win against _____, SICKNESS, SHAME and _____ at the Cross!*
- _____ **YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST IS THE WAY TO _____ YOURSELF FROM SIN AND ITS POWER IN YOUR LIFE!** **Read Romans 6:1 - 11**
- **SANCTIFY** = to make holy, to purify, to cleanse, to set apart, and to consecrate. It means to set apart something or someone for a special purpose. **SANCTIFICATION** means not only separation from **sin** but also separation from what may be **permissible**. It is an **ACT** of God.
- P.C. Nelson, a renown Bible scholar, fluent in 14 different languages including the Hebrew and Greek, said this about **SANCTIFICATION**: "**Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of union with Christ, and by offering daily every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit.**"
- In other words, _____ begins with the work God did for us in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. The cross brings sin to an _____. The old creation is destroyed and there is a resurrection provided whereby there is a complete continuation of Christ's victory.
- So, in other words, when sin tries to enter your life, you apply or plead the blood of Jesus and it has no power to _____, **debilitate** or _____ you!

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION: **Read Philippians 3:1 - 14**

- Sometimes people only believe in half of the GOSPEL by believing in the Cross but have no faith the resurrection. **Romans 4:25 (NKJV)** - "**who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.**"
- Believing, Receiving and _____ both parts is how we receive Salvation (**Read Romans 10:9, 10**)

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

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THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION: **Read Philippians 3:1 - 15**

- The significance of the resurrection is just as real today as it was over 2,000 years ago. It is not only _____ for our past, but it is also _____ for our present and it is _____ for our gloriously good future with our Lord!
- **THE RESURRECTION PLACES JESUS CHRIST IN A _____ BY HIMSELF! NO OTHER RELIGIONS CAN COMPETE OR COMPARE TO THE RESURRECTION.**
- The fact of Jesus' resurrection is monumental, and it's implications are all-important to our _____ and _____ well-being.
- The Scriptures outline a _____ of the Resurrection. Resurrection _____ - The Raising of Christ and Resurrection _____ - The Glorious Transformation of Our Bodies. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Job 19:25—26; Isaiah 26:19 NLT; Daniel 12:2**
- The Apostle Paul provides the greatest detail of an NT writer concerning the future resurrection of believers. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:51 - 54; 1 Thessalonians 4:14 - 17 (NLT)**
- It was God's eternal plan and radical idea that He included our body along with our spirit and soul... **Read 2 Corinthians 5:4 (NLT); Philippians 3:20 - 21 (NLT)**
- **RESURRECTION POWER IS FOR THE HERE AND _____.** Resurrection is a historical fact to be *celebrated*, a future event to be *anticipated*, and a current reality to be _____. The goal of Christianity is to _____! When you receive Jesus as your Lord and Personal Savior and the resurrection power of God in the new birth experience you: 1st – Are to _____ and _____ with "Who you are in Christ" and "Who you are in the Body of Christ"; 2nd – We daily receive His empowering Grace to enable us to **ACCELERATE** in the PLANS and PURPOSES of GOD in our lives and 3rd – We are to _____ in *Character, Calling and Causes* of our Risen Lord and King!
- We must be *reflections of Christ* and not *cast reflections on Christ*. **The most important part of your life is what you believe about your future.** Advancement must be a *revelation*, which turns into an *inspiration* that leads to *manifestation*. We all need a fresh revelation of three (3) vital questions:
 - (1) Who you are in Christ?
 - (2) Who you are in the Body of Christ? (Your place in the Family)
 - (3) What you are called to do and how you're called to do it?
- Advancement runs towards you when your faith is activated. This is done by *agreement* with the Word and the *acknowledgement* of the Word. **Philippians 3:12 – 14 (NKJV)** – "¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
- _____ **is not just a word it is a mandate! DON'T FOCUS ON WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, OR WHERE YOU ARE, BUT WHERE YOU ARE GOING!** Paul, by the Holy Spirit, is giving us some great insights that he is not satisfied to rest on his laurels, He must move forward (advance) toward God's **PLAN, PURPOSE**, and _____. If you've lost your power in _____, marriage, _____ or ministry, take it back by the power of the resurrection!

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