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Mark 16:6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.



What Was Left In The Tomb

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John 20:4-8 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

Most people would follow John's example of staying outside of a tomb wherein a dead man had been laid three days ago. The fear of death is imbedded in man from an early age and when we see death happen to those whom we have lived with and around for most of our lives it is a sobering reminder that we will follow them to the grave one day.

Peter, who was emotional and impulsive, had to go in and see for himself what had become of Jesus or his body. What he expected to find is not recorded but what he did find was cause for rejoicing. The Lord was not there as they had last seen him, bloody and dead from the cross, in fact, he was not there at all. His grave clothes were there in one spot and apart from them the napkin that had covered his face was wrapped together and placed in another part of the sepulcher. The Lord would not need the grave clothes anymore or he would have taken them with him instead he left them for a witness that he himself had removed them. They were a testimony that he had indeed risen as he had promised.

There were some unseen things left in the tomb as well, although not visible by human eyes they were as surely there as the linen clothes. First of all, our sins were there.

Le 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man

man into the wilderness:

Le 16:22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

The scapegoat of the Old Testament was a type of Christ carrying our sins away from us unto a land not inhabited, i.e. a place of death. Since Christ bare our sins in his own body on the tree (*1 Peter 2:24*) he received the wrath of God for our sins. To let us know that our sins could never return to be weighed against us anymore his body was placed into a tomb symbolizing the complete separation of sins from the born again believer. When Christ arose it was without our sins in his body so they were left in the tomb.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Secondly, the victory of death was left in the tomb.

Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that

had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

The Bible tells us that death reigned because of sin.

Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Death had the victory over us because no matter who we were, how moral we were, how old, how rich or poor, where we lived or what medical technology we had access to, death would claim us and we would take our place where all men go, back to the dust.

But death lost the victory when Christ got up on that early morning on the first day of the week and his reign was left in the tomb.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise The Lord for what was left in the tomb!

Bro. Ron Black



THE HELP MATE

By Linda Black



On March 29, 2009, the Memorial United Baptist Church celebrated their "50th" anniversary. It was a day of celebrating, reminiscing and remembering. We talked of people, places and things that occurred in the past and all the happenings that made the church what she is today. When we go back in the recesses of our mind, we find that our memories are a combination of humor, sadness, joy, excitement, glory and pain. There is no such thing as a "carefree" church. Much care and diligent work must be applied especially in these last days to maintain our churches as God would have them to be. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary, a plaque was presented to the church with the following scripture inscribed: *Proverbs 22:28*

Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

If you just glance at the words the message seems so simple...*remember where we've come from, continue in that way and don't change.* But if you think about it, that is easier said than done. Landmarks are taken away everyday. When we look at old pictures of Muncie, we notice how the town has changed throughout the years. Buildings that we considered "landmarks" at one time, are no longer here. If our forefathers were taken on a tour of downtown Muncie they wouldn't recognize it. The old Muncie Central High School has been torn down. Ball Stores no longer exists. J.C. Pennys and Sears have been moved into the Mall. Several elementary schools are gone. The Chevrolet and Delco plants are completely removed from site. Factories that sustained hundreds of families for many years are just a memory. To those of us who live here, the gradual taking away of each landmark has become common place. This makes me wonder about church and how important it is to preserve the landmarks that were set before us. If our forefathers came to service this Sunday, would they be shocked at what they saw? Would they be pleased with the service, the people and the manner in which everything was conducted? Would they know they were in a Baptist Church? Would the sermon come from a 1611 KJV Bible? Would the songs be the old hymns that were sacred to them? Would our apparel seem similar to theirs or unthinkable to wear in the house of the Lord? Would they see a family altar of prayer and a Christian handshake, or a simple 1-2-3-A-B-C you're all done and out in an hour? Many of the things I've mentioned have happened, but so gradually we haven't noticed the change. I pray we recover our landmarks that founded us and "*ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein*" as the Lord told us in the book of Jeremiah. "New and improved" can be more harmful than good.





GOSPEL SINGING

New Salem United Baptist Church
2311 Washington Street
New Castle, IN
(right beside the Water Tower)

would like to invite you to a

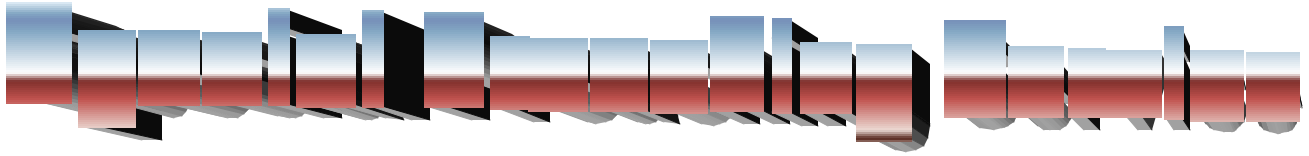
Gospel Singing

featuring

Common Ground Singers
and other local area singers

On Saturday, April 18, 2009
7:00 p.m.

for more information contact Beth Fox
765-529-0585



Southern United Baptist Church

1009 E. 20th St., Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Chris Sewell

When: Saturday Night April 4

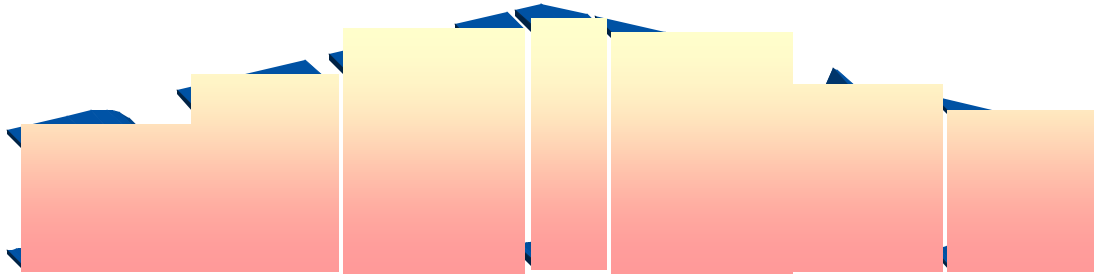
Time: 7pm

Evangelist:

Bro. Donald McGill

Of Albany, KY

Come and join us for a special night
of preaching and fellowship!



Southern United Baptist Church

1009 E. 20th St., Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Chris Sewell

When: Sunday Night April 19th-?

Time: 7pm Nightly

Guest Preacher:

Bro. Andy Phipps (Sunday night)

Evangelists:

Bro. Delmar Savage of Jamestown, TN

Bro. Marcus Williams of Byrdstown, TN

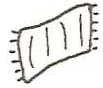
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God Speaks to Jacob in a Dream

Read **Genesis 28:14** to find out who God promised to bless through Jacob and his offspring.



angel



blanket



moon



star



Bible



lantern



pillow



wineskin



Announcements

The Westside United Baptist Church will be having their monthly sing on Saturday Evening, April 4, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. Tony McGee & New Covenant from Rogersville, Tn. will be the featured singers. Everyone Welcome!

Bro Donald McGill, Pastor of Caney Branch United Baptist Church of Albany, Ky., will be preaching in the 11:00 A.M. service at Memorial United Baptist Church on April 5, 2009. Pastor Andy Phipps invites all who can to attend.

A Bible Conference is scheduled for May 30, 2009 at Memorial United Baptist Church beginning at 11:00 A.M. and ending at 2:00 P.M. A break for refreshments will be at noon. "Bible Dispensations" will be taught by Bros. Ron & Chris Black. Pastors and ordained brethren are encouraged to attend.



Church Directory

Old Fashion United Baptist Church
9211 W. Arch Street
Yorktown IN 47396
Pastor Terry Dobbs
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Westside United Baptist Church
3021 W. Cornbread Road
Muncie IN 47302
Pastor Larry Waters
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Gloryland United Baptist Church
2001 E. 8th St.
Muncie, IN 47302
Pastor Alvis Sewell
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church
100 Holland Ave
Muncie, IN 47303
Pastor Eric Lambert
Sunday Morning 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm



Church Directory

Memorial United Baptist Church

2911 S Philip Dr.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Andy Phipps

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

Riverview United Baptist Church

6601 E Black Mill Rd

Albany, IN 47320

Pastor Tony Bilbrey

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

Southern United Baptist Church

1009 E. 20th St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Chris Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00

Community Missionary Baptist Church

1005 E. 6th St.

Alexandria, IN 46001

Pastor Raymond Garret

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Lower Hickory Grove United Baptist Church

Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd)

Revelo, KY 42638

Pastor Mark Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Second Baptist Church

P.O. Box 1188

Whitley City, KY 42653

Pastor Michael Casada

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Faith United Baptist Church

Brick Church Rd.

Hagerstown, IN 47346

Pastor Eldon Denney

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

New Salem United Baptist Church

2311 E. Washington St.

New Castle, IN 47362

Pastor Brett Rains

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30