

May

1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

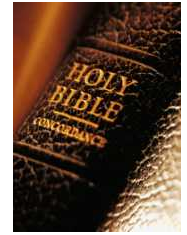
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That Day Has Become This Day

For as long as I can remember, even as a small boy in my early Sunday School classes, I have heard of the day when our Lord would return to take his bride home. Even in the days when our churches were seeing sinners come to repentance nearly on a weekly basis, I heard the man of God preach of this day where people *will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (2 Tim. 4:3)*. Even though I had heard of this day, I never considered it possible for it to arrive so swiftly. Nor could I have imagined it to take such a foothold in our church world as it has. The days of the preaching of the cross in spiritual power has been replaced by the attempt to appease the people's consciences. Instead of preaching the message needed for the flock attending today's service, we deliver a perfectly good message at the perfectly wrong time, not seeking the Holy Spirits guidance in what we deliver.

Is it any wonder that the flocks are sickly when we feed them a doctrine that doesn't disturb their diseased lifestyles? If, when my children were young, I had asked them what they wanted to eat, obviously they wouldn't have asked for a healthy meal. They, like all children, would have desired something sweet. Now there is nothing wrong with a treat from time to time, but a diet of constant desserts will destroy the body. Just as a diet of preaching only sweet things will make unhealthy Christians. Like it or not, we have an issue with this cursed body and mind. It has been a breeding ground for thorns and thistles since Adam's fall.

If we would only look with a discernable eye, and have an open heart and mind, we can't help but see the wandering of the sheep. Many will make a show of godliness on Sunday morning, only to not be seen again until the next time they have a *convenient time* to come back to give the Lord their leftover time. This is not a new problem. But what is new is that we as pastors and preachers are allowing them to sit continually in our pews with never hearing a word of rebuke from the pulpit. I have heard that we don't want to offend people or they won't come back, and it is very true that we need to be *as wise as serpents and harmless as doves*, but it doesn't mean that we should allow sinful works from those who profess a hope in Christ to go without rebuke from the word. *(continued on next page)*

That Day Has Become This Day

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I wonder if we were to search our church rolls, what kind of lifestyles would we find. There is a saying, well, it is only the worse to themselves. That sounds good, but it cannot be further from the truth. *1 Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?* These spots in your feasts of charity are an easy example for our young ones to follow. Think it's not true? How many of our young people choose the church over outside activities anymore. I don't blame them. Mom and Dad have fed the world to them on a silver platter. Many are trying to live their "wished for" lives through the activities we push them into. If we don't change very swiftly, we will lose a generation that we won't be able to retrieve.

While we know these things are going to come, and that these are the signs that *our* redemption is drawing nigh, the end is going to catch our loved ones unawares. *Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.* We as God's children know what awaits our friends and families in the coming days. Let us be more urgent in service for our Lord. Ministers, let us preach as though we were trying to pull them from the fire. If we are afraid to preach the whole gospel in fear of reproach or because we don't want to offend anyone, let us give way to a true lover of the flock. With all of the available filth surrounding us today, whether in print, internet or television, are we so naïve to dream it hasn't attached itself to members of our churches? Remember, the Lord saved our souls, not our flesh. This earthly body is a breeding ground for the poison ivy of sin. Even though it sometimes is not seen above ground, the root is still there and will manifest itself sometimes overnight. When it does make it above ground, most of the time it will affect someone nearby. And most of the time it will be those closest to us. Let us by the searching of the scriptures and by earnest prayer, ask the Lord for the guidance in how to purge the weed while still feeding the tender plant.

Look at all the signs. That great and terrible day is approaching faster than we think.

Bro Terry Dobbs, Pastor

Old Fashion United Baptist Church



From The Editor

I hope everyone continues to enjoy the newsletter and we are grateful for the churches who have joined us in the past few months. Since some are new to “United” I thought it good to remind our readers that this is a monthly newsletter that is intended to be a blessing and a help to the local church assemblies to stay connected. There is no charge whatsoever to any church to post your announcements in United. If you will send us the information via postal mail or email it will be posted in the following months edition. If you want us to compose the announcement we will be glad to do so or if you have created your own flyer we can add that as well. Please remember that there are NO FEES for this service. Once again I remind those who would like the newsletter sent to their email address to send your email to ronnieb55@att.net and ask that you be added to the newsletter email list. We are trying to be faithful to send this out on the first day of each month and the printed copies are mailed as soon as possible. For those getting the online edition, to be able to read it you will need Adobe Reader (free download available from www.adobe.com) or a similar program that can open .pdf files.

In His Precious Name,

Bro Ron Black



Announcements

Westside United Baptist Church will be having their monthly sing on Saturday evening, May 2, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. The Moles Family of Muncie, IN will be the featured singers. Pastor Larry Waters welcomes everyone!



THE HELP MATE

By Linda Black

Signed, sealed and delivered is the topic for this month. The three verbs listed above played a very important part in the last hours of our Lord's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. A sign was composed to place above the head of our Lord on his cross. Although it was meant to mock him, the message was altogether true. To find the complete wording of this sign, one must search in the gospels to obtain the whole message.

Mt 27:37 And set up over his head his accusation written, **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

Joh 19:19 ¶ And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

Joh 19:20 This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

The inscription says it all "THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS". Also, notice that it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, which meant everyone standing by that day could read and understand who this man was.

Next came the sealing.

Mt 27:66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

So far everything that was ordered to be done for the Lord's disgrace was turned into triumph. A mocking sign and a sealed tomb gave false hope to those in high places that the Lord would soon be gone and forgotten. Not realizing his resurrection would be enhanced by the very things they thought would be degrading and confining.

Finally, the deliverance.

Many things could be considered in the aspect of "deliverance". Once again negative deliveries forced upon the Lord were turned into positive situations. The Lord was delivered to Pontius Pilate, the Governor. He was scourged and delivered to be crucified. Joseph of Arimathaea begged the body of the Lord and Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. Because of these happenings look what was accomplished after the Lord's death. Not only did he resurrect himself from death and the tomb, but many saints which slept arose from their graves, went into the holy city and appeared unto many. What an amazing deliverance! Just think of being trapped in death and all of a sudden you're released. Not only did he conquer death, hell and the grave, but he holds their keys. Now because of all the sufferings and cruelties he endured I can also be signed, sealed and delivered. I'm signed in on the Lamb's book of life where my name can never be blotted out. My soul is sealed unto the day of redemption and satan cannot touch it. Finally, I'm waiting for my deliverer to come and call for me. Whether it is me alone, or in the clouds with the rest of the bride, the Lord will call and I will answer to be delivered from the second death forever. Thank God he can take the direst situations and turn them in to great victories.



Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 21-22

Read the Scripture, then circle each word from the word bank hidden in the puzzle. Words may appear forward or backwards, moving up, down, or diagonally.



Word Bank

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| Sarah | slave woman | well | cattle | burnt offering | it (5) |
| Abraham | inheritance | desert | angel | altar | so (5) |
| Isaac | offspring | archer | lambs | knife | as (11) |
| God | Beersheba | Abimelech | tamarisk tree | ram | |
| Hagar | treaty | sheep | Moriah | descendants | |

Bonus: To find out what Abraham and Sarah's son's initial was, shade in the circled letters.

One-Day Bible Conference

Saturday May 30, 2009

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

At

Memorial United Baptist Church

2911 S. Phillip Drive

Muncie IN

Andrew Phipps Jr., Pastor

The topic of discussion will be:
“Bible Dispensations”

Classes will be taught by:
Brother Chris Black
Brother Ron Black

All Pastors and Ordained Brethren are encouraged to attend. Everyone is Welcome!

“Lunch will be provided”

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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

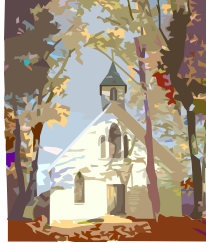
Gloryland United Baptist Church
2001 E. 8th St.
Muncie, IN 47302
Pastor Alvis Sewell
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am

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

Caney Branch United Baptist Church
1457 Travis Groce Road
Albany, KY 42602
Pastor Donald McGill
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm



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Memorial United Baptist Church
2911 S. Phillip Drive
Muncie, IN 47302
Pastor Andy Phipps
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00am
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 pm

Community Missionary Baptist
1005 E. 6th St.
Alexandria, IN 46001
Pastor Raymond Garrett
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 pm