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Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



BRADDOCK Baptist Church

Seeking God●Serving Others

March 2016

Every Week:

Sundays	
9:30a.m	Fellowship
9:45a.m	Sunday School
10:45a.m.	Prayer
11:00a.m	Worship Service
Mondays	
4 p.m.	Exercise
Tuesdays	
6 p.m.	Seminary Classes
Wednesdays	
10 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
4 p.m.	Exercise
6-7:30 p.m.	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Kidz Rock
6:30-8 p.m.	Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal
Thursdays	
6 p.m.	Seminary Classes
Fridays (First of the Month)	
6 p.m.	First Friday Fellowship Movie Night
Saturdays	
9 a.m.	Exercise
10 a.m.	ESL Classes
12p.m.	GED Class

Mother’s Day Out
Tuesday-Friday 9:30-1:30



Pastor’s Corder Note

March, again this year brings us the month in which we celebrate the “Resurrection” of Jesus. This word is synonymous with revival. Oh the hope, the prayer the goal! While we once again look at the resurrection form the dead of our blessed savior, let us also; pray, and obey for the revival of his church. Every passing day in the world, the church seems more irrelevant, and that’s not even the biggest problem. In any given week within “The Church”, the people experience less inspiration. Why do you suppose that is? Incarnation: the initial search for its meaning came up empty, while few try to define it even less come to embrace it. Jesus himself asked his disciples who do men say that I am? Some say this; some say that, some say (A) this or that! Jesus said unless you believe “I AM” you will not enter into eternal life! I wouldn’t want to be out on life eternal for having an incorrect definition of “I AM”.

These days; the word “incarnation” can be heard in most denominations and postmodern churches. It’s the doctrine that the second person of the Trinity assumed human form in the person of Jesus Christ and is completely both God and man. It was the problem back in Jesus’ day and is still the number one issue to settle in ours; who do you believe Jesus to be?! A good man? He said there are none good except God alone. A prophet? Which one? Elijah, or one of the others: this would imply what does it really matter. It does really matter; Jesus made it a matter of critical importance. If you don’t get this one right, you don’t get eternal life with Father, Son, Holy Spirit and the faithful throughout the ages. The message inside the Church must be crystal clear: Jesus did not just live a better life than most, pointing us to a “happier” existence. In fact, without the resurrection, the few short years he spent on earth were not years many of us would like to follow in.

Jesus often was homeless; maybe a little dirty on the outside, after the entire Pharisee’s criticized his group for not washing their hands before eating. Jesus often found himself one step ahead of the law, and side stepping those who wished him harm or even death. Incarnation: best defined by the scriptures declaring his preexistence and his taking on flesh: John 1: 1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *He was with God in the beginning.* ³ *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.* ⁴ *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.* ⁵ *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Jesus refers to his own deity at the end of his earthly stay as well. John 10: ¹⁷ *The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.* ¹⁸ *No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”*

The issue of who Jesus is, is of utmost importance, settle that issue and you will come to truly understand how he can really help in any and every situation. Help cometh, in the “NAME OF THE LORD”

Lastly I want you to know and invite people to come and interact in a short series of sermons I am planning to kick off on Easter Sunday. The series should be made up of only about five sermons. They will also be short, in that I will attempt to bring each in at 20 minutes or less. Lastly, they will deal with Empty-ness!

A short series on the Empy Cross, Empty Marriages, Empty Parenting, Empty Teaching and Empty Y??? Plan to join us and bring someone you know needs to receive a word from the Lord who went all the way for them!!!

Your Pastor Timothy





A New Song

Birthdays

- 01 Paul Lee
- 02 Beverly Rodriguez
- 03 Michaela Miller
- 08 Austin Perry
Rick Favazza
- 09 Kathleen Chevalier
- 13 Chong Cha Song
- 14 Jemima Raharinaivo
- 17 Roselle Aguilar
- 18 Colin Lewis
Phoebe Lewis
Nicholas Ovel
- 20 Nathan Quitariano
- 26 Gabby Herrera
- 27 Luz Jondrow
- 28 Melanie Bennett
- 29 Sara Perry

Anniversaries

- 13 Janine & Darrin Murphy
- 14 Christina & Joshua Collier
- 25 Chang & Chung Ahn

This month we need to really meditate on the cost to Christ by going to the Cross of Calvary in our stead. Without His obedience to Abba Father and His all-knowing compassion to mankind everywhere and all generations, we would not only perish without any hope but would perish eternally. John 3:16 indicates the opposite. His desire for us is that none should perish. Passover is not only a time to commemorate the deliverance of God’s chosen people, the Israelites; it is also a time for the BAB(Born Again Believer) to celebrate their deliverance from eternal death and separation from God and their most blessed privilege of eternal life! What is Passover? It is a time to call to remembrance being redeemed by the blood. It is a celebration about redemption and deliverance by the blood of the Lamb. O.T. indicates a lamb—an animal. N.T. states Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God. (John 1:29)

Exodus 12:3, 6-8, 11-14 “Take a lamb...for each household... (On) the fourteenth day of the month...slaughter them at twilight. Then...take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses...That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with the bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast...This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. {Be prepared to flee...to be delivered} It is the LORD’S Passover. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn...both men and animals...and I will bring judgement on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on your houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you...this is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD---a lasting ordinance. (NIV)

First, a lamb had to be selected, one which had no blemish-no defects. There was to be one lamb chosen for each household. This was to occur on the fourteenth day of the first month according to the calendar of the Hebrews. When Christ was on earth, only lambs from Bethlehem were considered eligible for the Passover Feast. The lamb was brought in from the east and entered Jerusalem through the sheep gate. Jesus came from the Mount of Olives and made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:1-11)

Next, the lamb had to be examined to be approved as being without blemish. Christ’s entry into Jerusalem led Him to the temple where He taught. The Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians and teachers of the law questioned Jesus trying to find fault-blemish with Him. They were unable to disqualify Jesus as the Messiah because He truly was without blemish.

The Hebrews would kill the lamb at twilight. They would place the blood of the lamb in a bowl and dip hyssop into the blood to apply to the door. The blood was applied to the left and right side of the door frame. The blood was next applied to the top of the door frame. By applying the blood from left-to-right and then, the top of the door bringing down the hyssop formed a cross. Christ died on a cross.

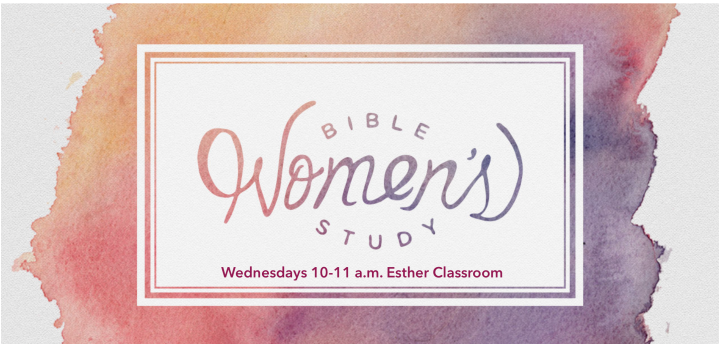
Included in the Passover meal were bitter herbs and unleavened bread. The bitter herbs represent the bitterness of the Israelites as slaves under the domination of Pharaoh. Leaven represented impurities. We, too, can have leaven within us—impurities known as sin. A Jewish mother would take a candle and search her home for impurities---things causing the household to go astray from God. The mother would be meticulous about cleaning her home searching for any potential risks of false idols, anything which would be in violation to the law known at the time. Jesus entered the temple and overturned the moneychangers table. They were thrown out of the temple. The temple was no longer a house of prayer but became a den of thieves by God’s standards. (Matthew 21:13) Jesus was cleansing His Father’s house.

Next, the lamb was laid upon the altar being bound. The lamb was then left on public display. Christ was placed on public display at Calvary. His altar took the form of a cross. Take note this was fulfilling the prophetic decrees of the prophets in the O.T. such as Isaiah, David, the Psalmist, etc. The high priest would then slay the lamb and declare, “It is finished.” Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “It is finished. (John 19:30) Then...Jesus died. In Greek, “It is finished” is translated into “tetelistai.” The interpretation would be “The debt has been paid in full!”

The Passover meal was eaten standing up. The men had their staff in hand, and sandals on prepared to flee with their families. They ate in haste. The night of Passover, the death angel passed over Egypt. In Egypt both man and beast lost their firstborn, even Pharaoh was not exempt from God’s judgement. In the land of Goshen where the Israelites lived, they were exempt because of the blood of the lamb on their doorpost. The Biblical record found in the O.T. is nothing short of the miraculous all the way. We move into the N.T. and find Jesus giving us the ultimate sacrifice of one man—the Son of God, also the Son of Man, laying down his life for us!

As we celebrate Passover this year, let us remember with rejoicing the Lamb of God sent to redeem us and all of mankind from eternal separation! Live life to the fullest, for we are truly His ambassadors to those in need of a Savior.

Fan the flames, **Elizabeth Philblad**



Stewardship

Reminder that when you write checks, to write your check amount that is in word form (e.g. Two hundred Fifty dollars and No/100) neatly so the bank can read it. This is the amount that the banks use and it assists the tellers when you write neatly to know how much to debit from your checking account (and writing neatly will also ensure your check is cashed for the amount you intend)!

All 2015 year-end contribution statements were either handed out after church in January, or mailed in early February. If you didn’t receive yours, please contact Jody Dunning or Gary Moore.

Also there are still a few 2016 envelopes that haven’t been picked up; these envelopes are located outside the Church Office. To ensure that you receive your correct contributions, please use the envelopes provided. These envelopes have your unique contribution number preprinted on them and will ensure your year-end statement is correct. If you did not receive envelopes this year and would like a set, please contact **Jody Dunning** or **Gary Moore**.



Festina Lente bridge, Sarajevo, Bosnia. The bridge is about the length of half of one city block.