



New Beginnings

Kresge Global Methodist Church Newsletter & more

June, 2024

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He met with His disciples in Galilee for the last time. In Matthew 28:18, He said to them, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”*

Then, in what is known as the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

In Jesus final instruction he wanted them to share His message with all the people everywhere. Baptize them as a sign of the forgiveness of sins, and teach them to obey, and live as believers.

The disciples followed Jesus' instructions despite being persecuted, for some this meant death for their faith and teachings, but they never wavered because, as Jesus also assured them in Matthew 28:20, *“I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

These verses were not just meant for the disciples. When we become Christians and accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are also called to tell everyone about Him and do our best to lead others to Christ. While some may laugh and ridicule us because of our beliefs, like the disciples we must persevere and not let that stop us, for we are also His disciples, and He is with us always.

One of my favorite verses in the bible, *Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.* So like the disciples we must go forth everyday prepared to tell the story of Jesus, for even if we only change the mind of one person, that's one less person the Devil doesn't get.

Do you have an idea for something you would like to see in the newsletter, a prayer request, family event etc.? Send me a message caw.newbeginnings@gmail.com. Until next time, I pray you have a blessed month.



Please Keep These People in Your Prayers



Keep Sandra Simpson & family in your prayers as she has started her treatments.

Prayers for the family of Lamar Owens, their mother is very ill.

George Robinson asked for prayers for he and Martha's neighbor Mike Baxter, who's wife recently passed away.

Continue to pray for Kresge that God will soon send us the right Pastor to help lead us forward.

Our country desperately needs our prayers, so pray not only for our leaders, but for we the people also.



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship

Interim Pastor.....Linda Stanton

Breakfast.....9:30am

Sunday School.....10:00am

Sunday Service.....10:55am

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH

All The Stories Of The Bible

as crafted by John Walsh

A Crippled Man Healed

Acts 3:1 - 4:31

One afternoon, Peter and John went to the temple at the time of prayer. There they saw a man begging who had been crippled since he was born. Every day people carried him to a gate called Beautiful so he could beg money from those going into the temple. Peter stopped in front of the man and said, "Look at me."

The man looked at him, expecting to get some money. Peter said, "I don't have money to give you, but I have something better. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, get up and walk."

As Peter and John helped the man up, his feet and legs became strong. He stood by himself and then he walked. He even jumped for joy while praising God!

People saw the man walking, and recognized him as the one who was crippled and sat begging at the gate. They gathered around the three men.

Peter said, "This man was healed by the name of Jesus, the one you told Pilate to crucify. You killed Jesus, but God raised him from the dead. We've seen him and can tell you – he's alive.

"Look at this man. He's standing

by the power of Jesus. Turn from your sin and accept Jesus as your Messiah. God will forgive your sins."

The Jewish rulers found out that Peter and John were preaching to the people, so they sent guards



Peter heals a crippled man at the Temple gate

who put the two disciples in prison. Still, many people became followers of Christ. The number of believers increased to over 5,000. The next morning, the high priest sent for the two men, so they could stand before the council.

The religious leaders asked, "Who gave you the authority to preach to the people?"

The Holy Spirit guided Peter as

he answered. "This man was healed by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth the one you killed on a cross. God raised him from the dead, and he's the only way of salvation."

The rulers were amazed at the confidence of Peter and John. Since the two men didn't have a formal education, they knew their boldness came from being with Jesus.

The council couldn't say anything about the miracle because the crippled man was standing in front of them. They could see he was healed.

They decided to threaten the disciples and demand that they stop teaching about Jesus. Peter and John didn't hesitate to answer. "You're asking us to disobey God so we can obey you. That's impossible! We know what we've seen and heard."

The leaders eventually released Peter and John. The two men went back to the fellowship of believers and told them what happened. Everyone rejoiced together. Suddenly the building started to shake, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. With this, they had new boldness to tell others about God's message.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Linda Stanton truly exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism, especially in her dedication to our church. Tirelessly committed, she spearheaded the initiation of the Grief Share program at Kresge, driven by her own experience of losing her dear husband and a deep desire to support others in their grief.

Linda Stanton

When the Board needed a Vice Chairperson, Linda was the first to step up. Her contributions are extensive; she serves on the cleaning team, teaches Sunday School classes as needed, and represents Kresge as a Lay Speaker at Church Conference meetings. Her selflessness extends to her family, as seen in her dedication to home schooling her grandson, Bear.

Kresge has truly been blessed by Linda's presence. Following the church's disaffiliation and the subsequent vacancy in pastoral leadership, Linda offered her services without hesitation. She diligently prepares weekly sermons, visits the sick and shut-ins, and fulfills many other pastoral duties. Thank you, Linda, for all that you do. Kresge is incredibly fortunate to have you.



June Birthdays

Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday

- 4th Grace Himes
- 29th Ron Campbell



June Anniversaries

- 2nd Gaynell & Lamar Owens
- 17th Jane & Ron Campbell
- 3rd Erica & Chris Himes



Cleaning Schedule

June-July 2024

- June 13 – Linda Moody & Maria Masi
- June 27 – Linda Stanton & Lynn Self
- July 11 - Gaynell Owens
- July 25 - Judy Cook & Deborah Edge

If you are unable to clean when scheduled, please find a substitute to take your place.



Announcements

1. Worship Team will meet on June 4th at 4:00 p.m.
2. Regular meeting of One Board will be Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00pm
3. Womens Group will meet at noon on June 12th at the home of Charlotte Wippler. Bring your lunch, drinks, chips & dessert provided
4. Breakfast will be served every Sunday beginning June 2nd. at 9:30. Schedule as follows:
 - 1st- Sunday - Men's Club
 - 2nd- Sunday - Women's Club
 - 3rd- Sunday - Sunday School Class
 - 4th- One Board
 - 5th- Sunday - Trustee Committee

Plan to join us



Church Family Happenings

Jeff and Maria Masi went camping in St. Marys, GA with a few family members for a week.

Charlie & Lynn Self with friends Jim & Judy Cook took a trip to Cave-In-Rock, Illinois for a few days.

Linda Stanton, took a trip to New Jersey, her brother-in-law Bill Hirst decided to come back with her. They have been traveling around visiting other family members in Georgia . While here Bill became a remote member of Kresge. Welcome Bill, we were glad to meet you, and happy to have you as a new member to our church family.



What did the disciples do after Jesus' ascension?

By Lauren McKeithen

According to the Bible, the original 12 disciples of Jesus were Andrew, Peter, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, James, Matthew, Simon, Thaddeus, and Judas. Judas eventually betrayed Jesus, initiating His arrest and trek to be crucified on the cross, and Matthias replaced Judas in Acts 1:21-26. The apostles weren't the kind of group that people would expect Jesus to send forth on His mission to reach the world. There wasn't anything truly spectacular or unique about them; they were just ordinary working men.

However, Jesus formed them into the foundation of the church and gave them an extraordinary task: calling the entire world, including the strongest empire known to man, to faith and repentance in Christ. You can be sure that any first-century, educated Roman citizen would've laughed at any likelihood that Christianity would be the empire's official faith within three centuries.

Peter

Peter's life holds a special place in Christian history. Originally named Simon, Peter was a humble fisherman from Bethsaida whom Jesus chose to be one of His 12 apostles. Known for his genuine faith and leadership, Peter was typically at the forefront of the disciples, ready to serve the Lord. His journey with Christ was marked with significant moments of faith, like when he walked on water at Jesus' lead, showing his willingness to obey and trust Jesus. His relationship with Jesus changed Peter's life. Despite his weakness, like denying Christ during the crucifixion, Peter's story is one of grace and redemption. Jesus' forgiveness and restoration of Peter after His resurrection shows the depth of God's mercy and the power of repentance. Peter's leadership in the early church is an inspiration for spiritual leadership and evangelism. Peter was martyred in Rome around 66 AD during the oppression under Emperor Nero. He requested to be crucified upside down, as he didn't feel worthy to die in the same way as Christ.

Paul

Paul's missionary journeys took him throughout the Roman Empire, where he established several churches and wrote several letters, many of which are part of the New Testament. His epistles, including Corinthians, Romans, and Galatians, addressed theological issues, giving guidance for living a Christian life and encouraging unity within the early church. His teachings on salvation through faith in Jesus, the nature of the church as Christ's body, and the Holy Spirit's role have had a lasting impact on Christian theology. Although facing imprisonment, persecution, and several hardships, Paul remained loyal to his mission. His legacy continues to inspire Christians worldwide, as his example of faithfulness and writings remain central to Christian practice and belief. Paul was beheaded in Rome under the Emperor Nero.

Andrew

During his time with Jesus, Andrew was depicted as a dedicated and humble follower, typically seen in the background but always present in the critical moments of Jesus' ministry. One notable example of his faith is recorded in John, where Andrew brings a boy with two fishes and five loaves of bread to Jesus, which Jesus miraculously multiplied to feed 5,000 people. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, Andrew is thought to have started missionary journeys to spread the Gospel, with tradition saying he preached in regions like Asia Minor, Scythia, and Greece. His martyrdom came in Patras, Greece, where he was crucified on an X-shaped cross known as Saint Andrew's Cross.

Thomas

Thomas is often remembered for his skepticism, earning the nickname "Doubting Thomas." Still, there's much more to his story than this single moment of doubt. He's mentioned numerous times in the Gospels, where he's shown as a curious and devoted follower of Christ. His most known doubt happened after Jesus' resurrection when he declared that he wouldn't believe in the

risen Christ unless he could touch and see His wounds. Aside from this episode, Thomas's life after Jesus' resurrection is filled with legend and mystery. According to tradition, he traveled eastward to spread the Gospel, reaching as far as India. He's believed to have established Christian communities and performed miracles in Jesus' name.

Phillip

Phillip's ministry went beyond the events recorded in the Gospels. Tradition says that he preached in various regions, including Phrygia in Asia Minor, where he's said to have performed miracles and converted several people to Christianity. His dedication to spreading God's word emphasizes his dedication to his faith and his role as a missionary.

Matthew

Matthew wrote the first Gospel in the New Testament. Before his call to be a disciple, he worked as a tax collector in Capernaum, a job that was typically hated by the Jewish community for its correlation with the Roman occupation and perceived as dishonest. After Jesus's resurrection and ascension, Matthew continued to spread the Gospel, traveling to preach in areas like Persia, Ethiopia, and Parthia. His legacy remains through his Gospel, which continues to be a foundational text for Christians worldwide.

Bartholomew

In some biblical accounts, Bartholomew is also known as Nathanael. The New Testament gives limited details about his life, but he's often identified with Nathanel, who was introduced to Jesus by Phillip and is mentioned in John's Gospel. Christian tradition says that after Jesus' ascension, Bartholomew dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel. He's believed to have traveled extensively to spread Christ's teachings, with some accounts suggesting that he went

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as far as Armenia, India, Ethiopia, and Mesopotamia. In Armenia, he's particularly revered for his missionary efforts and is considered one of the country's patron saints.

James

James the Lesser is typically identified this way to differentiate him from James the Greater, another disciple of Jesus. He was the son of Alphaeus and is sometimes called James, the son of Alphaeus in the New Testament to differentiate him from the other James further. Little is known about his early life, but like the other disciples, James left everything to follow Jesus and become a devoted follower and witness to Jesus' ministry. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, James became a renowned figure in the early Christian community in Jerusalem.

Simon

Simon the Zealot is somewhat of a mysterious figure in the New Testament, with limited details available about his life. His background suggests that Simon was a passionate supporter of Jewish independence and was likely characterized by a robust zeal for

his convictions and beliefs. After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, Simon continued to share the Gospel as part of the early Christian crusade.

Matthias

Matthias has a special place among Jesus' disciples, as he was chosen to replace Judas after he betrayed Christ and his subsequent death. He wasn't originally one of the disciples but followed Jesus from the start of His ministry. The New Testament doesn't give further details about Matthias' ministry,

John.

John, also called the Beloved Disciple, is a key figure in the New Testament and all of Christian tradition. He was Zebedee's son, and his brother James was also one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He's known for his close relationship with Jesus and was part of the inner circle of disciples. He's typically depicted as leaning on Jesus' chest at the Last Supper, symbolizing his special relationship with Jesus. John's contributions to Christianity are profound, as his writings highlight

Christ's divinity, the importance of love, and the promise of eternal life for all believers. After Jesus' ascension, John played an important role in the early church, particularly in Ephesus, where he's said to have lived and ministered until his death.

John is the only apostle thought to have died naturally from old age. He was the church leader in the Ephesus area and is said to have cared for Mary, Jesus' mother, in his home.

James

James, also called James the Greater, was John's brother, who was another one of Jesus' disciples. The two were fishermen when Jesus called them to follow Him. After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, his life took a dramatic turn. James became an influential leader in the early Christian community in Jerusalem, playing a significant role in spreading the Gospel. The Acts of the Apostles say that James was the first disciple to be killed for his faith. Around 44 AD, James was executed under the orders of King Herod Agrippa.

Bible Trivia

1. Who is the author of the book of Romans?

John - Peter - Paul - James

2. To whom was 1 John written?

John - believers - unbelievers - church meeting at John's house

3. In what book is the following verse found? "Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Galatians - Ephesians - Philippians - Colossians

4. Which book are these verses from?: "whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there."

Genesis - Song of Solomon - Psalms - Proverbs

5. What does Jude say he originally planned on writing about in his epistle?

Faithfulness - Salvation - God's Love - Good Works

6. Who wrote the book of Colossians?

Paul - Peter - Luke - John

7. In which book of the Bible do we find the verse: "...for God did send me before you to preserve life."

Daniel - Ester - Genesis - Luke

8. Who wrote 1 and 2 Corinthians?

Paul - John - James - Peter

9. Which is the only book in the Bible that does not mention the name of God?

Ester - Ruth - Joel - Ecclesiastes

10. Which book holds the account of Moses smashing the Ten Commandments?

Genesis - 1 Chronicles - Numbers - Deuteronomy

Answer will appear in the July addition



FIND THESE WORDS

- AMAZED
- APOSTLES
- HOUSE
- SITTING
- HEAVEN
- WIND
- LANGUAGES
- MULTITUDE
- HOLY SPIRIT
- DAY OF PENTECOST
- TONGUES OF FIRE
- SPEAKING IN TOUGUES



Just Joking

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon; with great expression, he said, "if I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it in the river. "

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it in the river."

And finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take and throw it in the river."

Then he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River.