



GVBC NEWS

In the beginning was God...

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DEAN

The Promise of the Cross-The promise: “today you will be with me in paradise” (Lk 23:43). One of the two men condemned to die on the cross along with Jesus because of his criminal/ insurrectionist and terrorist behaviors, the same one who had protested against the insults of his friend on the other cross, somehow recognizes the truth about Jesus. This Jesus of Nazareth is indeed God’s Messiah. This man is as the inscription over his head on the cross says, “The king of the Jews.” He is the Messiah, then he is also God’s anointed King who will ultimately reign over Israel and all nations. The kingdom of God will come! And Jesus will be King! But that’s all future, isn’t it? Right now, we’re all going to die, aren’t we? Obviously! So the kingdom of this Messiah can only happen in the age to come, on resurrection day. Like most other Jews of his day (except the Sadducees), this man would have believed in the day of resurrection. That was the day when all the dead would be raised—the wicked to their just punishment, and the righteous to belong to the people of God in his new kingdom under the rule of the Messiah. Resurrection was for the last day. Martha, the sister of Lazarus and Mary, believed in the future resurrection of the dead. Lazarus had died, but Jesus said to Martha, “Your brother will rise again.” And Martha replies, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” It sounds as if she means, “That’s all very well, but it’s a long time to wait. If you’d got here earlier he needn’t have died at all.” And then Jesus answers with the astonishing words, in the present tense, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die” (Jn 11:23–25)

That is exactly what is happening in this moment between Jesus and the criminal. He turns to Jesus and says, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” (Lk 23:42). Remember me. Those are words that have actually been found on tombstones of Jewish people of this era. They are a prayer to God (not just a request to surviving family and friends). What they meant was: “When resurrection day comes, Lord God, when you announce and inaugurate your kingdom, remember me, Lord! Don’t forget me just because I’m in this tomb!...”

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LEADERSHIP

Pastor/ Elder
Dean Stanley
Pastor/ Elder
Jeremy Stanley
Pastor/ Lay Elder
Rick Kemp

Deacons

Clark Kellam
(Chairman)
Frank Hayes
Christ LaMere
John Shake
Jim Richhart
Roy Grandlund

Please contact office if you would like to get a hold of anyone of these leaders.

Our weekly sermons and Wednesday night studies are recorded and can be found on our website.

JOURNEY TO THE ARK

Have you heard?? We are going to see the Ark in Kentucky, Sept 27th to Oct 4th
Come with us and see a full size reproduction of the Ark Noah built.
Sign up today in the Connection Center.
See the attached flyer for even more details. Down payment is due Apr 20th



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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The month of April, we will not be having a fundraiser as the annual women's tea is on April 25th.

Sign up either online or in the Connection Center today.

Our Ms. Nani is starting to reach out to those who have already signed up. If you have not heard from her by the end of April, please reach out.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM PASTOR JEREMY

Hello all, for the next few newsletters, I'd like us to focus in on what scripture says about The Church, so we will be looking at what the 2nd London Baptist Confession of faith says, and also please see the Scriptural references as well.

Paragraph 1

The catholic or universal church, which (with respect to the internal work of the Spirit and truth of grace) may be called invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of him that fills all in all.

1 Heb. 12:23; Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:10,22-23, 5:23,27,32

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeremy

VBS IS COMING JUNE 22ND-26TH



Please come and join us as a volunteer!
Sign-up sheet is on the Connection Center counter.
Thank you to everyone who has already signed up.
Child registration forms will be coming soon.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

04/05-No nursery

04/12-
Jessie & Wendy

04/19-
Ashley & May

04/26-
Pamela & Trish

05/03-
Sharon & Missy

05/10-
Judy & Rachel

JUST SAYING FROM PASTOR RICK

Just saying... Brothers and Sisters, we cannot pick and choose which commands of Our Lord Jesus we will follow... Our Lords last Command to you and I as believers was given to us in Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". This is called the Great Commission, we are to share the Good News, the Gospel to all people. If you are truly a believer in Jesus Christ, this command is your duty... Please notice, we are commanded to make disciples, not converts, we are to come alongside new believers and help train them up in the Lord. We are to be mentors of one another. Ask yourself, who am I mentoring in the Lord today? Remember this is a command, not a suggestion... "Then He said to His disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" Matthew 9:37-38... Brothers and Sisters, that's you and I... Our Lord Jesus said, "But why do you call me "Lord Lord" and not do the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. We are here for this very reason, to share the Gospel of Our Lord and Savior and to bring the lost into His Kingdom. May we be found obedient to Our King. Remember this Pilgrims, Our God does all the work, our duty is to be good witnesses of Our Lord Jesus... Amen?

Just saying... As always may God's grace, love and mercy abundantly be yours, Amen. Pastor Rick

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you wanting to know more about Golden Valley Baptist Church? Are you wondering how to become a member of the church?

Join us April 18th from 830a to 1p and find the questions to those and many more questions.

Lunch will be provided.

Sign up in the Connection Center today!

I WISH

BY ROBIN LIRA

I wish that I would have known You
sooner.

That I would have been more faithful.

Less busy,
Less rushed.

Focused on You rather than earthly
things.

Spent more time seeking Your Grace.

Been more grateful and less selfish,
putting You first always

Spent more time listening for Your
still, small voice.

Been kinder to myself and others.

Sought Your wisdom, instead of my
own knowledge.

Made family a priority.

I want to love like Jesus,
putting other's needs before my own.

Make the most of the rest of my life.

Be available to others.

Live my life for Christ.

Learn to relax more and be less
judgmental.

Spend time with You, and in Your
Word daily.

Learn to shut out all the noise.

Trust You no matter my
circumstances.

Surrender daily.

Pray like my life depends on it –
Because it does!

Know, without a doubt, that I am
Your child

and You will love me forever.

Inspired by the question

"What are some of your greatest regrets?"

Found in the

Journey To The Cross Devotional study.

MINISTRIES- INFORMATION & UPDATES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

(Greg Sparks)

Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30a

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

(Sylvia Huddleston)

Women's Ministry will be meeting on Saturday, Apr. 11th at 9AM in the Koinonia Building. There will be a potluck brunch and a meeting will follow. We will be finalizing details for the Spring Tea on April 25th. The next Game day will be Monday, April 6th at 11am. Please bring a snack to share and be ready to have fun.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

We would like to invite you to Wednesday Night Discipleship hour from 6-7p
We are studying "God is God and I'm Not"

CRAFTY LADIES

(Missy Sparks)

Come join us every Tuesday morning @ 9:30am for good Christian Women Fellowship. And manage to solve the world's problems every week. :)

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sundays:

Pastor Dean
1p

Tuesdays:

Pastor Rick
3:00p

Thursday:

Pastor Jeremy
4:30p

Friday:

Brother Les
11:00a

YOUTH

(Pastor Jeremy)

Our youth meets in Pastor Jeremy's office and is studying through Fundamentals of the Faith.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mixed Adults (Les Stromen) meets in the back section of the Fellowship Hall and is studying the Pilgram's Progress Lesson 2
Men's (Chris La Mere) meets in the front section of the Fellowship Hall and is studying The Redeemed Man
Women's (Nani Chrimes) meets in the sanctuary and is studying Colossians.

CHILDREN'S

(Nancy Kemp)

On Sunday mornings our 4-8 year old children are using True Way Kids & The Biggest Story Curriculum; and our 9-11 year old children are using The Biggest Story & Generations of Grace. Our 4-8 year old children are taught by Ms Sue and our 9-11 year olds are taught by Ms Marcie and Ms Brenda. On Wednesday nights they are being taught by Ms Sue. They are using The New City Catechism.

FELLOWSHIP

(Rod Pierce)

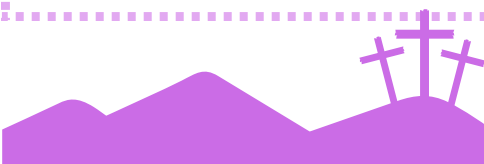
Serving and encouraging unity with each other through gatherings.

HELPING HANDS

The Helping Hands bulletin board and box is now located in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to obtain or post information on this bulletin board or online on Facebook "Helping Hands". For more information contact Twyla

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Potluck breakfast and Bible study every first Saturday of the month starting at 8:30a



CONTINUING...A NOTE FROM PASTOR DEAN

...Remember me and let me be among the righteous in your kingdom on that final day!” That is probably what the man on the cross beside Jesus meant.

And Jesus surprises him, as he had surprised Martha, by answering in the present tense: “Today!” he says. “Today you will be with me in paradise” (Lk 23:43). Now that doesn’t mean, “Today you will go straight to heaven.” Even for Jesus that wasn’t true. Paradise was not just another word for heaven. That name, in Jewish thought of that time, was used for the intermediate place where the righteous dead were at peace, waiting for the day of resurrection. Jesus was promising that this condemned, crucified man would be among the righteous on that final day. He would share with Jesus in God’s kingdom. So he could die this day in peace, “in sure and certain hope of the resurrection” (as it says in The Book of Common Prayer), knowing he was among the righteous, the saved—those who would share in the Messiah’s reign. In spite of all the sins, wrongdoing, and crimes the man had committed (and which he had just confessed he was guilty of), his future was safe—safe in the hands of Jesus, the Messiah King and Savior, whom he had just acknowledged. And why was he saved? Because the man confessed his sin, turned to Jesus, and called out to Jesus. He trusted in Jesus, and he was assured of salvation by the promise of Jesus himself (and Luke surely wants his readers, including you and me, to follow that simple example).

The man was saved. Not saved from the cross he was on, but eternally saved through the cross of the one being crucified beside him. He would die in a few hours. But “the one who believes in me will live, even though they die” (Jn 11:25).

This mt friend IS the whole meaning of what we celebrate at Easter. The answer to Jesus’ prayer for forgiveness was only possible through the death of Christ, and the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise of eternal life was only possible through the resurrection of Christ.

- Through Jesus’ death on the cross we can have the forgiveness that Jesus prayed for.
- Through the resurrection of Christ we can have the future that Jesus promised.

Make sure that you have both, for Christ’s sake.

Happy Resurrection Month,
Pastor Dean

RESURRECTION WEEKEND SERVICES

Come join us in celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Good Friday @ 6p
Sunday Sunrise @ 6a
Sunday @1015a

We will be having a continental breakfast directly after the sunrise service. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and hope you will join us.

