

THE MESSENGER

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"Leading others to know Jesus Christ"

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For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "this cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

During that which we call the Last Supper, Jesus prepared the disciples to be able to understand what they were about to experience, and what they were to do about it. Jesus was going to be crucified. He would be buried, but as we know and celebrate with great rejoicing, He would rise again from the dead. But what was the meaning of all this. Was it just a miracle that God would perform in His Son? Was it just a way to shock the world with the power of God? It was much more than that. When Jesus died, He was giving His life "for" us. We were the ones who should have been crucified! We should have been put to death for our sins! But the blood of Jesus inaugurated a new covenant which enables those who repent of their sin and entrust their lives to Christ to be delivered from the wages of that sin.

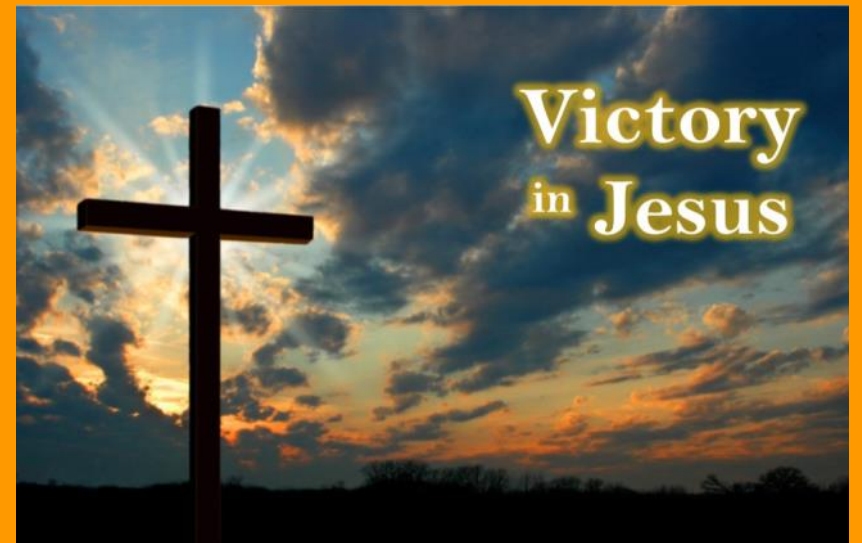
When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we do it remembering the selfless sacrifice of Christ. We do it remembering that we could have been killed and righteousness would have been administered. We celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, because it is in His life that we have life.

The passage above states that when we partake of the Lord's Supper we are engaging in an act of obedience that proclaims the sacrificial death of Christ. We do this perpetually in anticipation of His return. Part of the good news of the gospel is that Jesus is coming back for us. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

When Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me," certainly, He would desire that we do more than simply recollect His sacrifice in a moment during a worship service. His incredible, merciful sacrifice should be ever-present in our minds as we live out our days on earth. Having celebrated the Lord's Supper this past Sunday, let us not fail to live in that celebratory spirit day by day, giving Him praise, and sharing His goodness with others!

DEACON ELECTION

The Deacons who were elected to begin a new term of rotation for this church year are as follows (alphabetical order): Chris Davis, Greg Lockhart, Jack Popwell, Jason Porter, Ronald Smith, Gene Sorrell, and Pat Webster.



The Celebration Choir will present their Summer music project "Victory in Jesus" on August 25th. Please make plans to join us!



August 14th - Vegetable Soup/Potato Bar with Cheese, Bacon Bits, Sour Cream, Butter, Cracker's & Dessert

August 21st - Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Tea and Dessert

DEACONS OF THE WEEK: 8-18-19
JOHN SULLIVAN, JIM GREENE

CHURCH SECURITY
JOHN SULLIVAN'S TEAM

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

8:15 A.M. - ORCHESTRA PRACTICE
9:15 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M. - MORNING WORSHIP
6:00 P.M. - EVENING SERVICE
7:00 P.M. - YOUTH SNAC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019

5:00 P.M. - FAMILY SUPPER
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - AWANA
5:45 P.M. - PRAYER MEETING
6:30 P.M. - CHOIR PRACTICE
6:30 P.M. - E3 STUDENT MINISTRIES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

6:30 P.M. - STITCH 'N PRAY

Peace by Piece meet every 1st and 3rd Friday and every 3rd Thursday @ 9:00 a.m. in the Campbell Bldg.