



Jennings Road Church of Christ
1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH

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Pastor David Ray, Jr.

* *Worship Service – 11:00 AM*
*on YouTube Live **

April, 2020

We believe...

*...that Jesus Christ is the one and only
Son of God, who died for our sins
and rose from the dead.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16

*...that the Bible is the inspired Word
of God – a lamp unto our feet and
light unto our path.*

2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105

*...that every person has worth in God's
eyes, and that all have sinned and
fallen short of the glory of God.*

Romans 3:23

*...that forgiveness of sins and the
promise of eternal life are available
to those who trust in Jesus Christ
as Savior and Lord.*

John 3:16

*...that those accepting Christ should
repent of sin, confess their faith, and
be baptized by immersion into Him.*

Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38

*...that the church is the body of Christ
on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit
to bring the lost to Christ and the
saved into a nurturing relationship
with Jesus.*

Ephesians 4:1-16

***The Jennings Road Church of
Christ exists to glorify God by
turning unchurched people into
fully devoted followers of Christ.***

The Road to the Here and Now

Jesus has been preparing his disciples for his eventual death, and it hasn't been easy to hear. Isn't there ANY good news in the midst of all the chaos??? There is, and it's better than we could ever imagine.

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Fight

John 14:15-21

Ever feel like God is dead? Even though Jesus said that's not true, many of us feel like God's not around or that He even cares. Jesus wants His followers to know that He will be alive after all, just not in the way we think...but INSIDE of us! (That's...weird?) And to top it off, He reminds us that when we don't feel like God's alive, it's for one simple reason: actions speak louder than words.

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Flight

John 20:1-10

Speaking of feeling like God's gone, that's the news the disciples get on Sunday after Jesus died...someone has stolen His body! Peter and John decide to fly to the tomb, hearts pounding from running and fear. One can't figure out what happened, but one believed. Which disciple are you; confused at what God is doing or certain that He's done the impossible like He said He would?

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Joe Heins

1 Peter 2

Today JRCC welcomes Joe Heins, executive director of our long time mission: Woodburn Christian Children's Home! Joe will be sharing about WCCH, and telling us about Peter's letter to the churches during the sermon.
Don't miss this special Sunday at JRCC!

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Feel

John 20:19-29

Believe it or not, Jesus wants us to feel peace when He surprises us. Seriously! So why don't we feel like that emotionally when He "POOF" suddenly messes with us? Maybe it's because we need to stop feeling with emotions and start using our hands, instead.

Youth News

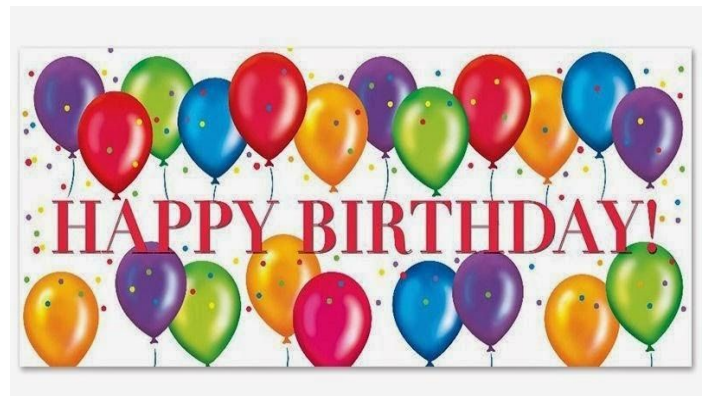
In light of all that is happening within our church and our community, Youth Group meetings will be temporarily suspended. Please remember that even if we are not able to meet in person, we can reach out through social media, and encourage each other until we can meet again!

So many amazing things have been happening with our Youth Ministry, and I want to take a moment to thank all those who help. Your involvement and prayers make an impact on our youth far beyond what you will ever see.

Jr. / Sr. High Sunday School have been discussing how they relate to the scriptures of the Bible and why they trust in its teachings. Kids face many challenges these days and none are harder than justifying their love and faith in God to their peers, especially in the midst of difficult circumstances.



You can reach the youth group through their Facebook page [jrccyouthgroup](#) or email JrccYouthGroup@outlook.com



Prayer Requests & Praises

- Pastor Dave – health*
- Rosie Miracle – health*
- Jerry Miracle – health*
- Kenisha Seibert – health*
- Modesta Taran - health*
- Donna Klinger - Lupus*
- Carol Thomas – Parkinson’s disease*
- Julie Kuhlhorst – physical & emotional pain*
- Wilma Peterson – Parkinson’s disease*
- Marie Ray – health*
- Jennie Glaze – health*
- Joseph Benavidez – health*

Please let Anita Searl know of any changes needed to the prayer request list.

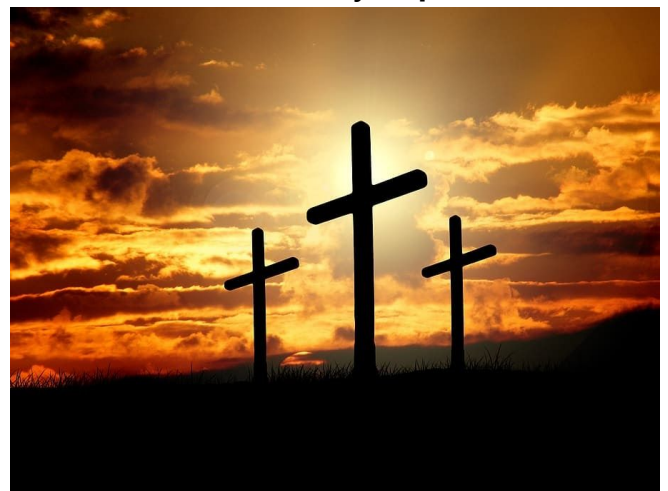


- Kirsten Roberts – Marines*
 - Jayden Dickson – Air Force*
 - Josh Leiter – Marines*
 - Lee Clay – Marines*
 - Jeffrey Kinner – Navy*
 - Josh Ray – Marines*
 - Nolan Washington - Navy*
 - Michael Kapangama – Air Force National Guard*
- Please remember all military men, women, Veterans and their families.***

Birthdays

- 4/2 Wyatt Richardson*
- 4/11 Madison Langdon*
- 4/14 Betty Taylor*
- 4/15 Travis Dickson*
- 4/17 Carter Bledsoe*
- 4/21 Sandy Dowdy*
- 4/21 Bella Schulte*
- 4/24 Beth Bilimek*
- 4/28 Emmy Dickson*
- 4/29 Colby Kuhn*

Easter Sunday - April 12th



Christ is risen from the dead
 Trampling over death by death
 Come awake, come awake
 Come and rise up from the grave

~ from Christ Is Risen, by Matt Maher

April Serving Schedule

Greeters

4/5 Ramon
4/12 Lisa & Rick
4/19 Lorraine & Brenda
4/26 Johnna

Prayer Room

4/5 Marie
4/12 Drake
4/19 Bernie
4/26 Deb

Cleaning

4/5 Keith & Lorraine
4/12 Keith & Lorraine
4/19 Julie / Mark
4/26 Julie / Mark

Servers :

Doug
Drake
Rick
Greg

Communion Prep:

Johnathan & Bianca

Jennings Road Church of Christ Leadership

Pastor: David Ray, Jr.

Elders: Keith Langdon Earl Bledsoe Matt Langdon

Ministry Leaders:

Music/Worship: Matt Langdon

Administrative: Anita Searl

Maintenance/Servers: Greg Roberts

Financials: Johnna Roberts

Hospitality: Jamie Ramos
Deb Bledsoe

On Saturday

John didn't know on that Friday what you and I now know. He didn't know that Friday's tragedy would be Sunday's triumph. John would later confess that he "did not yet understand from the Scriptures that Jesus must rise from the dead" (**John 20:9**).

That's why what he did on Saturday is so important.

We don't know anything about this day; we have no passage to read, no knowledge to share. All we know is this: When Sunday came, John was still present. When Mary Magdalene came looking for him, she found him.

Jesus was dead. The Master's body was lifeless. John's friend and future were buried. But John had not left. Why? Was he waiting for the resurrection? No. As far as he knew, the lips were forever silent and the hands forever still. He wasn't expecting a Sunday surprise. Then why was he here?

You'd think he would have left. Who was to say that the men who crucified Christ wouldn't come after him? The crowds were pleased with one crucifixion; the religious leaders might have called for more. Why didn't John get out of town?

Perhaps the answer was pragmatic; perhaps he was taking care of Jesus' mother. Or perhaps he didn't have anywhere else to go. Could be he didn't have any money or energy or direction ... or all of the above.

Or maybe he lingered because he loved Jesus.

To others, Jesus was a miracle worker. To others, Jesus was a master teacher. To others, Jesus was the hope of Israel. But to John, he was all of these and more. To John, Jesus was a friend.

You don't abandon a friend—not even when that friend is dead. John stayed close to Jesus.

He had a habit of doing this. He was close to Jesus in the upper room. He was close to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was at the foot of the cross at the crucifixion, and he was a quick walk from the tomb at the burial.

Did he understand Jesus? No.

Was he glad Jesus did what he did? No.

But did he leave Jesus? No.

What about you? When you're in John's position, what do you do? When it's Saturday in your life, how do you react? When you are somewhere between yesterday's tragedy and tomorrow's triumph, what do you do? Do you leave God—or do you linger near him?

John chose to linger. And because he lingered on Saturday, he was around on Sunday to see the miracle.

From *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado