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Jennings Road Church of Christ 1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH www.jenningsroad.org

Pastor David Ray, Jr.

April, 2018

Beyond Easter April 2018 sermon series

Easter, on April Fool's Day! (Did God do that just for JRCC???) For many, the idea of Jesus coming back to life is beyond foolish, and we're dumb for believing it. This month, we're going to watch as Paul has that same conversation with the people of Athens...and there's not one single Christian in the whole town besides him!

If JRCC is really going to impact the greater Van Wert community with the story of Jesus coming back from the grave, we need to see what Paul did in the face of such overwhelming odds...and repeat them.

April 1 Fooled Ya! Matt 28:1-10 Today we finish our short trip though Matthew, looking at the resurrection of Jesus through Matthew's perspective. The women who went to the tomb expected their God to be dead. (Know the feeling?) Instead, Jesus pulls the ultimate prank, appearing out of nowhere to go "Boo!" What will your reaction be when he does the same to you?

April 8

Acts 17:16-21

Foolish Paul had to get out of Dodge; the town of Thessalonica (think the book of the Bible called Thessalonians) want to beat the living daylights out of him. The believers make him hide out in Athens, a town with zero Christians in it. Safe place! Paul decides to share about Jesus, and some people have only one thought about Paul and his Jesus: that's beyond foolish.

April 15 **Foolishly Familiar** Acts 17:22-28 Paul recognized something about the people of Athens that we know all too well: they're spiritual, but not sure what to believe in. Paul wants them to know that his God is foolishly familiar; he LOVES them and loves relationships...so much so he created everything, including them.

Father of Fools April 22 Acts 17:29-31 Paul makes a huge declaration: we are God's children! (Changes Father's Day, doesn't it?) What's the advantage of God being our father, when so many of us have earthly fathers that have been nothing but failures?

April 29 5th Sunday Celebration! Acts 17:32-33 Get ready for this historic Sunday at JRCC that isn't going to be at JRCC! This special Sunday we will meet off campus, in several homes of JRCC family members. Watch for more details as this day comes close!

Youth News



Summer is coming??? We hope so anyways, which means the youth group will be getting together more often for bonfires and to do stuff outside. Please follow the Youth Facebook page jrccyouthgroup to keep up with all that's going on.



Operation Christmas Child 2018 This month we will be collecting flip flops & sunglasses! For questions, please see Josh Sharninghouse! Shoe boxes also welcome! Thank you!



Mark your calendars for our Spaghetti Dinner coming again the first Sunday in May! More details coming so keep watching. This fundraiser is a big part of our youth fund and everyone's help is greatly appreciated. As always tickets will go on sale soon and buying early helps us make sure we have plenty of food for everyone.

This April and May we will talk about how Jesus helped his friends and why we are called to love all our neighbors. As always parents are encouraged to ask kids about what they learn and start a conversation.

Summer will be here before you know it and that means church camp! Make sure you sign up early and don't miss out. This is a great opportunity for kids to make new friends while growing a deeper relationship with Jesus.

> 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 Jerry Smith - health Christian Niece – cancer Jenny Glaze – health Donna Klinger – Lupus Wilma Peterson – Parkinson's disease Marie Ray – health Carol Thomas – Parkinson's disease Codie Ramos – health Julie Kuhlhorst – physical & emotional pain Rick Hines – healing from shoulder surgery Unspoken prayers...

Jeffrey Kinner – Navy Josh Ray – Marines Kirsten Roberts – Marines Jayden Dickson – Air Force Josh Leiter – Marines Michael Kapangama – Air Force National Guard

Please remember all military men, women, Veterans and their families!



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



<u>Birthdays</u>

- 4/11 Madison Langdon
- 4/14 Betty Taylor
- 4/15 Tracy Dickson
- 4/17 Carter Bledsoe
- 4/21 Sandy Dowdy
- 4/24 Beth Bilimek
- 4/29 Colby Kuhn

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5th Sunday! – April 29, 2018 JRCC Worship – "Off Campus"… Watch the bulletin for more details!

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Pastor: Elders: David Ray, Jr. Keith Langdon

Earl Bledsoe

Matt Langdon

<u>Ministry Leaders:</u>

Music / Worship: Administrative: Maintenance / Servers: Financials: Hospitality: Matt Langdon Anita Searl Greg Roberts Johnna Roberts Jamie Ramos Deb Bledsoe

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.

April Serving Schedule

Communion Meditation

<u>Prayer Room</u>

4/1	Keith Langdon	4/1	Earl
4/8	Dave Ray	4/8	Rosie
4/15	Matt Mills	4/15	Belinda
4/22	Derrin Kuhn	4/22	Marie
4/29	5 th Sunday Special	4/29	Lisa/Rick

<u>Greeters</u>

Cleaning

4/1 4/8	Ramon & Rosie Rick & Lisa	4/1 4/8	Keith & Lorraine Keith & Lorraine
4/15	Lorraine & Brenda	4/15	Julie / Mark
4/22	Johnna	4/22	Julie / Mark
4/29	Josh & Sara	4/29	Jill Hufford

Nursery: Sunday School/Worship Service

Fully equipped nursery available.	4/1	Danielle
Staffed as needed.	4/8	Bianca
For questions, please see Deanna Ray.	4/15	Lorraine
	4/22	Bernie
	4/29	Danielle

Communion Prep for April:

Servers for April:

Candy & Dennis

Toddler Room

Doug, Drake, Stuart & Greg

Helpers:

Candy Clay, Dalton Hines, Rick Hines, Drake Hitchcock Derrin Kuhn, Chad Kraner, Johnathon Young

My Redeemer Lives

Job 19:25

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

What a thrill to KNOW that my Redeemer lives! Jesus Christ is just as alive today as He was right after the resurrection. In fact, He is just as much alive today as He was before the crucifixion, and even before He came to earth and was laid in the manger.



What difference does it make whether we serve a living God or one made of stone? Isn't it just a practice we believe in? Is it a crutch to help us along our way? No! Absolutely not!

A living God knows right where you are day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. He sees your every need, hears your every cry, and longs to hold you close to Himself. He is present to walk with you through the valley. He provides a song in the night. He takes your feet from the muck and mire and plants them on a rock. He blesses you with hope and gives joy for Life's journey. A god with no life is unable to do these things. He cannot see, or hear, or reach, or touch, or provide. He simply cannot.

But my God is alive! The joy and the assurance that we celebrate on Easter doesn't end when the holiday is over and the decorations are all packed away. Why? Because Christ is alive. So rejoice, my friend, and live each day with the hope and joy that Easter brings. Walk with Christ. Talk with Him, and allow His joy to penetrate your heart and fill your soul. Don't live in defeat and agony as if Christ is still on in cross, or in the tomb. HE is alive! He IS alive! He is ALIVE!

Lord, I praise and worship You because You are alive and because You share Your magnificent self with me as Your child. Thank You for the constant day by day fellowship I have with You. Thank You for being alive!