

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. Jennings Road Church of Christ 1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH <u>www.jenningsroad.org</u>

Pastor David Ray, Jr.

* Worship Service - 10:00 AM
Also on YouTube & Facebook Live *
April, 2021

April 2021 Sermon Series Quick: Easter!

One of the things that 2020 taught us was to not spend too much time doing, well, much of anything. Holding stuff. Traveling. Being around other people. Mark, in his personal style, doesn't spend too much time on any moment of Jesus' life. Yet, the little that he does talk about the resurrection of Jesus actually provides us with a lot.

April 4 Who Mark 16:1-8

On the very first Easter, the women going to the tomb had a simple question when they realized how overwhelming their reality had become: who could possibly help? Ironically, God had already provided that answer. What keeps us from seeking God first?

April 11 When Mark 16:9-11

The angel told Mary and the others to go tell Peter and the disciples that Jesus isn't dead. Think they'd be excited?

They weren't. What is it that keeps us from believing that God is alive and well?

April 18 While Mark 16:12-13

Ever wonder why it seems that when we beg God to show Himself,
He doesn't, but when we least expect Him too; BOOM!

Two nameless guys in the Judean countryside can relate.

April 25 Whoever Mark 16:14-18
Jesus finally appears before his disciples, and the first words out of his mouth? Toe stomping words! Then, He gives them a challenge that is our's yet today: go find some "whomevers". What exactly is the church's mission, and how do we pull it off?

Youth News

Youth Group meetings are temporarily suspended. Remember to support each other by prayer and encouraging words! Stay positive! We WILL get through this together!



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. *I Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)*



You can reach the youth group through their Facebook page jrccyouthgroup or email lrccYouthGroup@outloook.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

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



Pray for our Military & families

Kirsten Roberts – Marines Jayden Dickson – Air Force Josh Leiter – Marines Lee Clay – Marine Jeffrey Kinner – Navy Josh Ray – Marines Nolan Washington - Navy Michael Kapangma-Air Force National Guard



4/2 Wyatt Richardson Madison Langdon 4/11 Betty Taylor 4/14 Tracy Dickson 4/15 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 4, 2021

April Serving Schedule

<u>Greeters</u> <u>Prayer Room</u> <u>Cleaning</u>



Communion Prep:

Jennings Road Church of Christ Leadership

Pastor: David Ray, Jr.

Elders: Keith Langdon Earl Bledsoe Matt Langdon

Ministry Leaders:

Servers:

Music/Worship: Matt Langdon

Administrative: Anita Searl

Maintenance/Servers: Greg Roberts

Financials: Johnna Roberts

Hospitality: Jamie Ramos

Deb Bledsoe



ONE VICTORY, by Jerry Harris ~Christian Standard

History is full of victories. Some, like the Super Bowl, are watched by millions of fully committed fans only to be forgotten the next year by all but the most committed. Some victories actually turn the tide of history from one empire to another, leaving those who follow to speculate on what might have happened had the battle been lost and the tide not turned. Some victors are heralded as the greatest of all time but are later found to have cheated to gain an unfair advantage. Some victories change the course of history but are completely forgotten by later generations. Games, empires, and champions have come and gone over the centuries---some are remembered but most are forgotten.

But there is one battle, one moment, and one champion remembered by all the world, and the victory won was for the whole world and for all time. The location of the battle was obscure in its day but afterward it became the center of the world---the center point of the world's three great monotheistic religions, whose conflicts with one another have continued to mark it for millennia. This particular battle initially went unnoticed by nearly all the world. It didn't even look like a battle; instead, it looked like a fairly typical criminal execution of a religious leader rejected by his own people and put to death by an occupying force.

A largely untraveled man, barely an adult by most standards, with only three years as a public presence---without abundant finances, proper education, public writings, a formal organization, or a visible army---fought an invisible battle with an enemy no one acknowledged. He came without conventional weapons, brothers-in-arms, any perceived strategy, and without any apparent pathway to a positive outcome.

He died virtually alone, abandoned by nearly all who called him a friend. He died naked, surrounded by murderers and thieves, as pious religious people cursed, spat at, and reviled him. For the professional soldiers who stood guard near him, it was "just another day." He died in physical agony---for no crime (because those in authority knew he was without fault). Two religious cowards, accompanied by two straggling followers, buried him . . . and that was the end of it.

No one knew what was actually happening. No one could have imagined that a strategy for battle that had unfolded for thousands of years was playing out before their eyes. No one realized that what seemed like epic failure was only the crisis moment that would bring the greatest victory of all time---a victory the whole world would remember forever.

That Friday over 2,000 years ago was the date of the greatest battle of all time, and daybreak the following Sunday testified to the greatest victory of all time. Nothing compares to it.

One man faced all the forces of darkness and the mountain ranges of sin that had piled up over countless years, and he flattened them. His victory was absolute. He was victorious over physical death, the inevitable consequence of even just one sin against God, because Jesus never sinned . . . not even once. He was victorious over Satan and all the allies of that ancient enemy of God; Jesus' victory removed all power Satan held over this world and the children of God for all time.

Jesus crushed the serpent's head. He was victorious over all the world's accumulated sin---past, present and future---covering over sin's guilty stain with His perfect blood. As the hymn proclaims, "He arose the victor from the dark domain and he lives forever with his saints ro reign!"

It was over 2,000 years ago, but it remains as powerful as if it were yesterday. The world cannot forget Jesus' victory, though untold numbers have tried to snuff out its memory, explain it away, discount it, and ignore it. Still, the resurrection victory towers over the wrecks of time.

Every other earthly triumph will come and go, many will be forgotten, but this one, only this one, will remain the achievement that will forever define who we were, who we are, and what we will be! **Jesus is risen!**