

## Communion Meditation...

### WHY JESUS CAME (2)

*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." – Matthew 3:1*

Isaiah had prophesied "The voice of one crying in the wilderness" would prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. John was that voice, and he prepared the people for the coming king by calling them to repentance.

He said to the Pharisees and Sadducees, *"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance"* (Matthew 3:7-8).

When some asked what they should do, he replied by telling them how they should amend their ways to live ethical, "kingdom of God" centered lives (Luke 3:10-14).

In his preaching ministry, Jesus also preached *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel"* (Mark 1:15). *"And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease..."* (Matthew 4:23).

This was just before the Sermon on the Mount where he told us how life in the kingdom of God looks.

This is not mere teaching about the rules for how to do church. This is proclaiming a new order of things in which (in the words of Mary) God *"has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty"* (Luke 1:52-53).

Life in the kingdom means life in Christ. Paul described his preaching in Acts 20:21-25 as

- *Testifying of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *Testifying to the gospel of the grace of God*
- *Proclaiming the kingdom*

Jesus came to call us to repent and believe the gospel of grace found in the kingdom of God. To remember Jesus is to remember this message as we examine ourselves.

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### Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday:</b> Bible Class	9:30
Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
<b>Wednesday:</b> Bible Study	7:00

<b>Mission Works:</b>	David & Lisa Carter Panama
Central FL Bible Camp	Christian Home & Bible School
Willie Franco Philippines	Eastern European Mission

### Coming Events...

**Today/Sunday:** Youth Devotional at the Renner's at 4p.m.

**Mar 20/Sunday:** *Guest Speaker Bert Brana evangelist from the Philippines. Bert will be speaking about the work in the Philippines.*

**Mar 20/Sunday:** We will be moving our potluck dinner to the 20<sup>th</sup> so we can share lunch with Bert Brana.

Fifty years ago Eastern European Missions began distributing Bibles in Eastern Europe. Until the Iron Curtain fell, these were smuggled into the nations of the Communist block. Since then EEM has distributed Bible through churches and in many other ways. You are invited to join in celebrating the work of the past 50 years in a Dinner of Thanksgiving on April 7 at the Lakeland Center, Lakeland, Florida 7-9 pm. Reservations are free. Make yours by signing the list hanging on the bulletin board.

**Appreciation Corner...**

We appreciate Donna Kirkland for helping Marion Starling do the class literature.

**Public Readings for the Week...**

Worship AM: Luke 13:6-9  
 Worship PM: Mark 7:21-23  
 Wednesday: Psalms 110

**Serving Today:**

MC:

**Morning:**

Jerry Starling

**Evening:**

Jerry Starling

Song Leader:

Bert Christensen

Jerry Starling

Prayer:

Ken Odom

Reading:

Lee Wright

Stefan Renner

Table:

Jerry Starling

Stefan Renner

Assist: Aaron Phillips, Lee Wright, Jay Collins, Taylor Odom

Benediction:

Lee Wright

Mike Fulks

Greeters: Caro Family, Jerry &amp; Marion Starling

Count Cont. Charlie Grinnell &amp; Mike Fulks

Wednesday:

Welcome

Lee Wright

Song Leader

Mike Fulks

Reading

Tim Bryant

Prayer

Stefan Renner

**Weekly Record**

Bible School	35
Sun Am Worship	51
Sun PM Study	20
Wed PM Classes	21
Contribution	\$1,453.50

**Sunday School Topics:**

3/13 Moses

3/20 Spies

**In Our Prayers...**

Valerie Griffen, for her children

Zona Christensen, surgery March 31

Bert Christensen, surgery March 22

Louise Stone, recovering from surgery

Henry Stone, health

Willene McCabe, health and family

Fred &amp; Emmie Findley, shut-ins

Lolly Guerra, health and family

Unemployed: Donna Kirkland, Cathy Mangum, Mike Fulks, Aaron Phillips, Jeff Lipinski

Mable Ledford, broken nose

Anna Ruth Wright- rehab at Waterman Village of Mt. Dora, room 111

Our missionaries,

All Travelers,

Terry Welch.

**Friends of Family Prayers...**

Mark Cunningham, spiritual strength

Sheila Moran, -friend of Edna Ledford- recovering from surgery

Ron &amp; Georgene Allen, Gladys Wright's parents

Let us pray for our Government and our country.

**Members and family in Military:**

Timothy Mark Bryant Jr. Army (Basic)

Mikeal Burdick (Kuwait)

A.J. Cardoza (Nat. Guard)

Mathew Carter (Afghanistan)

Brett Christensen (Afghanistan)

Kursten French (Afghanistan)

Bryan Hammond (Afghanistan)

Tim Harris (Africa)

Chris Ledford (Basic Training)

Matthew Ledford (Afghanistan)

Josh Wilson (Afghanistan)

John Wright (New Jersey)