

SERMON NOTES
“The Ascending Power of the Resurrection”
Acts 1:1-11

- I. The ASCENSION means that Jesus finished his work here on earth**
- II. The ASCENSION means that we now have an intercessor that sits at the right hand of God**
- III. The ASCENSION guarantees that we will see Jesus again, because.....HE IS COMING AGAIN!**

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Patty Couch & Savannah Couch
Greeter: 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Karen Hoyle
Readers: 8:15 am Youth 10:45 am Youth

Praise Band (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Chris Powell, Tom Delgreco, Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Brian Morrow, Emma Spencer

Organist (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal
Office: Bob Marlowe, PBS (professional bulletin stuffer)

The Sunday Spirit



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Ascension of Our Lord

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As We Gather.....we examine our lesson from the book of Acts, where we see the disciples gathered with Jesus after his resurrection. Jesus instructs them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit. They ask him if he will restore the kingdom to Israel at this time, indicating their expectation of a political Messiah. However, Jesus tells them that it is not for them to know the times or seasons that the Father has set. Instead, they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, and they will be witnesses for him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Then, Jesus ascends into heaven before their eyes, with angels appearing to reassure them that his work on earth is completed, but he will return in the same way they saw him go. This passage highlights the importance of the resurrection as the foundation of the disciples' mission and the promise of Jesus' eventual return. It also emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering the disciples for their task of spreading the gospel.

Share +

Welcome to St. Peter's! We welcome our **guests** and ask you to fill out the "Welcome Guest" card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate and take home a "welcome" bag from our table out front. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following services today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Zelda Hefner and her mother-in-law, Willie Gantt by Sandra Gantt

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and special ladies in our lives. (please see bulletin insert). *If you purchased a flower, you may take it home after the 2nd service.*

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (12) *Mother's Day*
 8:15 am Contemporary Service - *Baptism of Jackson Cole Terry*
 9:15 am Second Sunday Social & Bake Sale to benefit Corner Table
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Services
 10:45 am Liturgical Services
 6:00 pm GriefShare Support Group
- Mon. (13)
 8:30 am Quilters
 6:15 pm Girl Scouts
 6:30 pm Bible Journaling Class
 6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
- Tues. (14)
 9:00 am Pastors Winkel Group
 2:30 pm Staff Meeting
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm Crocheting & Looming Class
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (15)
 6:30 pm Basketball League
 6:30 pm Adult Choir
 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (16)
 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study
 6:30 pm Elder Questioning of Confirmands
- Fri. (17)
 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (18)
 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
 8:00 am Church Work Day (*outside & inside*)
 3:30 pm Sunshine Group leaves for Wolfhart House Outing
- Sun. (19) *Day of Pentecost - Confirmation & Graduation Sunday*
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Confirmation Service & Honoring Graduates - **ONE SERVICE ONLY**
 1:00 pm Senior Youth Outing - *attend Crawdads Baseball Game*
 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
 5:00 pm GriefShare Support Group - *meet in multi-purpose room*

Church Workday - Saturday, May 18 A church workday will be held **Saturday, May 18 starting at 8 am**. Projects will be for the outside grounds and inside the church buildings. Please bring your work gloves, weed eaters, trimmers, gardening tools, etc. All ages are welcome to come out and assist!

The Sunshine Group will meet **Saturday, May 18 at 3:30 pm** at the church to leave for their Wolfhart House outing. Contact Betty Goble if you have questions.



Gift Bag for This Year's Confirmands

Reece Bolton and Ethan Watts will declare their allegiance to the Lord Jesus and be confirmed in the Christian faith next **Sunday, May 19 at our 10:45 am worship service (*one service only*)**. In the narthex, you will find gift bags for them. Please leave a card, note or small gift to encourage Reece and Ethan as they continue their faith walk.

We welcome into God's family through Holy Baptism - Jackson Cole Terry This morning during the 8:15 am worship service it is our joy to baptize into God's family the infant son of Ryan & Whitney Terry. Jackson's sponsors are his grandparents, Terry & Donna Sigmon. May God bless Jackson and keep him close in faith all lifelong.

Second Sunday Social will be held **today at 9:15 am** in the Spirit Center. Keilee Cox will also be having a bake sale during this time to with proceeds to benefit The Corner Table.

Next Sunday - May 19, 2024 - Pastor Eric Hauss - Pentecost - Confirmation & Graduation Sunday - One Service Only at 10:45 AM
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Act 2:1-21; John 15:26-27;164b-15; Psalm 139:1-12

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex and by both side entrance doors.

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Children & Youth Sunday School Classes Today

9:30 – 10:30 AM

- ***Preschool-Kindergarten** - Room #2 Education Bldg - Brenda Fulbright & Emily Schwandt
- ***1st - 3rd Grades** - Room #9 Education Bldg - Terry Sigmon
- ***4th - 6th Grades** - Room #8 Education Bldg - Ashton Sigmon
- ***Middle & High Schoolers** - Room #4 Education Bldg - John Adams

Adult Sunday School Classes Today

- ***Ladies Class - "Book of John: Jesus, The Word, The Messiah, The Son of God"** with Catherine Huffman & Beth Lail, Education Building, Grover Herman Room
- ***Adults of All Ages - "The Book of Romans"** with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building, Room #1
- ***Multi-Purpose Room Class - "Meeting Jesus"** with Christal Sigmon
- ***Sanctuary Class - "Varieties of Belief"** with Pastor Eric

St. Peter's Youth Group News

The Senior Youth (*Grades 6-12*) will attend the Hickory Crawdads Baseball Game on **Sunday, May 19 at 1 pm**. The congregation is also invited to join the youth at this outing. Fans can bring their church bulletin to receive a discounted \$6.00 ticket to most Sunday games. The Crawdads will donate \$4.00 of each ticket purchase back to their respective church. Come out and join us at the ball park!

Last Week

Worship Services Attendance

May 5, 2024

Worship Services

8:15 am 149 10:45 am 78

Sunday School

Adults 69 Youth 18

General Fund - \$16,080; Sunday School - \$93; Radio Sponsorship - \$100; Senior Youth Convention -\$390; Kids Kamp - \$15; Domestic Missions - \$60; Autism Support - \$25;

Building Fund - \$794

General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$10,995

Mid Week Small Groups

***"HeARTS in the Margin" Monday Evening Bible Study** meets at **6:30 pm in the Spirit Center** with Kim Kaylor as leader.

***Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at **10:00 am in the Spirit Center** with Kim Kaylor as leader. They are studying "Ezekiel" and his prophecies concerning the captivity and the exiles.

*** Thursday Night Bible Study** will meet at **6:30 pm at the home of Shirley Dellinger** with Tonya Darden and Christal Sigmon as leaders. They are currently doing a study in Romans with JD Greer from Right Now Media.

***Friday Morning Bible Study** meets at **10:00 am in the Spirit Center** with Pastor Eric as leader. He is re-visiting his 2017 study of "A Study of the Book of Revelation". This session on the Book of Revelation will help answer the many mysterious questions that arise with the Book of Revelation.

***Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am**. They are studying "Hebrews".

+ Serve +

Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Nancy Bostian, Donald Bowman, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Brenda Eckard, Judy Eckard, Harry Fulbright, Scott Honeycutt, Scott Houston, Margaret Laws, Darrell Little, Madison Pruitt, Windy Pruitt, Dot Winebarger, Mary Ann Winebarger, Marshall Wray

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Donald Bowman, Tina Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Brenda Eckard, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Kathleen Houston, Scott Houston, Lorene Huffman, Doris Lail, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Jeanette Reese, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Perry Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Dot Winebarger, Mary Ann Winebarger

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Rock Barn Living : Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ *John McCordy****(friend of St. Peter's)*
 - ◇ *Bob Grundy*cousin of Carolyn Paschal)*
 - ◇ *Eddie Forrest*(father of Ashton Sigmon)*
 - ◇ *Margie Reynolds***(mother of Danny Reynolds*)*
 - ◇ *Aaron Bumgarner****(nephew of Brenda Hallman)*
 - ◇ *Abbey Bumgarner****(niece of Brenda Hallman)*
- (Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

Expectant Mothers

- ◇ *Amber Bolton - due July 10 (wife of Ethan Bolton and daughter-in-law of Dan & LaDonna Bolton)*
- ◇ *Anna Gantt - due July 22 (daughter-in-law of Kevin & Susan Gantt)*
- ◇ *Anna Goble - due August 1 (granddaughter-in law of Ray Goble)*
- ◇ *Alexis Deal - due August 24 (daughter-in-law of Jeannie Deal)*
- ◇ *Michelle Huffman - due Sept. 27 (granddaughter of Gracie Bolick)*
- ◇ *Rebecca Martin - due October 8 (step-daughter of Nancy Bruce)*
- ◇ *Crystal Bruce - due Nov. 23 (daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce)*

Birthdays This Week of Active Kayla McArthur (5/14); Cherie Reynolds (5/14); Dallas Sigmon (5/16); Ernest Starnes (5/17); Judy Sigmon (5/18); Dorothy Willis (5/18)

Anniversaries This Week Jeff & Sonja Winebarger (5/12); Eddie & Robin Little (5/13); Craig & Donna Lackey (5/15); Steve & Kim Rector (5/16); Terry & Lisa Bentley (5/17); Chris & Emily Sherbino (5/17); Christopher & Tina Watts

May Over 80 Birthdays The LWML has given to Missions in honor of the following over 80 birthdays: Linda Little (4); Ernest Starnes (17); Dorothy Willis (18); Dorothy Sigmon (20); Jeannette Gantt (24); and Patricia (Glenn) Sigmon (30).

GriefShare Support Group They will meet **today at 5 pm**. The Group will meet in the multi-purpose room by the church offices. This is open to anyone in our community that would like a safe, comforting place to talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction and guidance on how to make it through. For more information, you can contact Sandra Jenkins, facilitator at 828-638-5224 or call the church office.

The Crocheting & Looming Class will meet **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm** in the Spirit Center. No experience necessary! All are welcome!

Items needed for VBS Craft Project VBS planning has begun! We are in search of junk jewelry and buttons for one of our craft projects. We are looking for old costume jewelry you no longer wear or is broken; plus pins, watches, or rings that are bright or tarnished, and any buttons you might have. All are appreciated! A donation basket is in the narthex.

Items needed for Alaska Missions The Mission Team is in need of old keys for our cross project in Circle and Ninilchek, Alaska. Please bring any old keys you might have and place in the same basket with any junk jewelry and buttons. Thank you for all your donations!

Kids Kamp 2024 applications are available in the narthex and the church office. Camp this year will be held June 24-28.

Vacation Bible School 2024 - "Camp Firelight" will be held July 14-18 here at St. Peter's. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ashton Sigmon (828-244-8904)**. She needs to know as soon as possible so she can order our t-shirts.

LWML Fundraiser The LWML will be having a fundraiser to cover the costs for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox shipping costs. Members are currently taking orders for Rada knives. This fundraiser will remain open throughout this year. Payment will need to be made at the time of order. Please see a LWML member for a catalog or you can order from the link on our website www.setpetersconover.org.

Reminder: Sunday Spirit Bulletin Deadline each week is Wednesday at 5 pm

Memorials

Given to the General Fund in loving memory of their mothers, Elizabeth Eckard Huffman and Pauline Herman by Jerry & Sandy Eckard

Given to the Senior Youth Convention Fund in loving memory of Ronnie Bowman by Nancy Freeman

Given to the LWML Mites in loving memory of her Mom, Gladys Sigmon; bonus Mom, Willie Gantt; and grandmom, Mattie Hedrick by Jeannette Gantt

Thank You Notes

- Thank you to everyone for their hard work to make our Spring Fling Craft Fair a success! Thanks to all those who served for the event. We were able to love and serve our community in the name of Jesus! Well done! - Ashton Sigmon
- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Spring Fling and also the Pampered Chef Food Party to support our Senior Youth! Your love and support of St. Peter's Youth is so appreciated! Thank you! - Kim & Erin

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Board of Elders Shepherd Groups - 2024	
<i>Last Name Starts With</i>	<i>Elder</i>
A-B	Darrell Freeman
C-F	Mike Pritchard (<i>Head Elder</i>)
G-H	John Thomas
I-L	Richard Hallman
M-P	Danny Goforth
Q-Sig	Scott Medlin