

Wednesday Night Live

July 29, 2020
First Baptist Church
Gainesville, Florida

Texting in Church: As we move to both in person and sanctuary Worship and Bible Study, we will use texting as a communication device with Pastor Eric Spivey. Individuals in the sanctuary and at home watching on Live Stream can text Pastor Eric LIVE during tonight's Wednesday Night Live at **706.499.9999**. Please see **TEXT PROMPTS** under Church Family in Prayer and Pastor Eric's Bible Study question. Have fun! Please include your first and last name when you text.

Welcome and Invocation

Pastor Eric Spivey

Hymn – *When We All Get to Heaven* - #603 (st. 1, 3 & 4)

Words by Eliza E. Hewitt, music by Emily D. Wilson HEAVEN

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory.

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the joys of life repay.

Refrain

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold.

Refrain

The Church Family In Prayer

- Prayers of Celebration
- Prayers of Lament
- Prayer of Intercession



TEXT PROMPT: What can we celebrate today? What is our lament today? For whom can we pray tonight?

Hymn – *He Lives* - #269 (st. 1 & 3)

Words and music by Alfred H. Ackley

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain

He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

Bible Study – The Revelation as Story

Pastor Eric



TEXT PROMPT: Name a word or phrase in Revelation 1 that speaks to your spirit.

Concluding Remarks and Benediction

Pastor Eric

Closing Song – *We Go in Peace*

Words and music by Keith Christopher © 2010 Celebrating Grace Inc.

We go in peace, we go in love. We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above
To tell the world this very thing that Jesus Christ is Lord and King.
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GAINESVILLE

Following Jesus and Living God's Love Together

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WITH BIRTHDAYS: July 26 – August 1

27 Stephen Schnell 27 Dani Heiser 28 Bill Smith 29 Harriet Spangler

Prayer Requests/Praises

- Kornthea (recipient) & Laut (donor), sister and brother-in-law of Daniel Seng, who underwent a kidney transplant on 7/28
- Family of Rush Choate in his passing on Thursday, July 23 at the age of 101!
- Josie Brooker had a fall

Ongoing Concerns:

Allegro (St. Augustine): Ruth Davis

Atrium: Betty Parkell

Harbor Chase: Ann Britton

Hunter's Crossing Place: Efrain & Fiolina Villali

Oak Hammock: Lou Simpson, Margaret Allbritten

The Windsor: Mary Wolz

The Village: Dorothy Fagan, Dorothy Haythorne, Murphy Rivenbark, Ida Skipper, Tommielu Sparks, Jean Spivey, Lea Sweat, Shirley Weidler, Doris Whittaker

Our Members

Grace Adams

Margaret Cook

Margorie Locke

Bill Summerhill

Mary Boles

Randy Jarmon

Liz Piazza

Lynwood Walters

Grace Brasington

Chuck Jones

Jo Ann Pruitt

Member's Families & Friends

Sam Parham, son of Jo Ann Parham, recovering from multiple heart bypass surgery on 7/10

Tiffany Gabriel's uncle who is fighting pancreatic cancer

Bailey Bullock, friend of the Stott's in Richmond, VA

Susie Brown, fighting pancreatic cancer

Allen Patterson, cousin of Shirley Wood, has Covid-19

Michael Medders, nephew of Martha Samborski, with ALS

Macy Sirmans, friend of Pastor Eric

Michael Wells, friend of Pastor Eric

Dr. Ken Kiser, friend of Jan Baur in SC, who has come down with Covid-19, along with his nurse and another

Steve Coldiron, friend of Donn Wisdom, whose family has come down with Covid-19, and his mother passed away

Those on Mission:

Jeremy & Christina, Nathan & Annalynn Graves - Wycliffe Bible Translator Ministry

Pastor James Dixon and Greater Faith Baptist Fellowship

Brenda Rose – Nicaragua

Family Promise this week.

Remembering our Service Men & Women: For a complete list, see the bulletin board in the Adult Education Hallway

Tales of the End: A Study of the Book of Revelation

Session 4: Revelation as Story

TEXT Questions/Feedback: 706.499.9999

Narrative Interpretation

- It is easy to miss the most important thing for understanding the Apocalypse: it is a _____ written as a letter.
- Writers of apocalypses were attempting to share a _____ of something that had happened to them; this can be seen clearly near the beginning of John's book.
- Rather than seeking its relation to _____ or its presumed views of the end-time, we can seek its story.
- For our purposes it is sufficient to say that generally stories result from the telling of a sequentially related series of _____ that make some reasonably unified impact on the hearer.

Content of the Story

- What is this story about?
- The voice John hears on Patmos turns out to be that of _____ and it is Jesus who dominates the entire story.
- At this constitutional level the Apocalypse is like a _____ – it is a story about Jesus.
- A gospel tells a realistic story about a human figure, the Apocalypse projects its action on a _____ screen as a fundamental battle between good and evil.
- The recognition that the narrative of Revelation is about _____ – and not a prediction of the future - is a crucial insight for understanding Revelation.
- Much of its seeming ambiguity and cruelty takes on new meaning when seen in the light of the Jesus _____.
- To understand Revelation we must always keep clearly in mind the struggle of _____ with the evil powers of this world, their unremitting destruction of him, and his ultimate vindication.
- The apocalypse is, in its most basic sense, a retelling of this story of _____ in a new way and with new images

Worldview (Form)

- Where the American worldview is egalitarian, with each individual having direct access to _____, John's worldview is hierarchical, and power is brokered through intermediaries.
- Revelation exhibits a worldview of correspondence. It imagines a certain corresponding relationship between the world above and the world _____.
- Revelation does not mean what it says; it _____ what it means. It is a book of signs.
- _____ are the only appropriate means of communication because John seeks to express things that cannot be said in ordinary speech, rather like a poet.
- Imagine Revelation like a three-sided _____.
- One side it reflects the life of Jesus.
- A 2nd side reflects the contemporary experience of _____ and his communities.
- A 3rd side reflects some notion of the world _____, which is also construed temporally as the world of the future.
- In this story past, present, and future can exist in a _____ moment.
- The Story is built on the narrative device of a holy person having a _____, a vision, or a journey to heaven.
- John will often tell us what his symbols _____.
- We are reading an apocalypse, which is a highly symbolic visionary form. Always ask what the _____ portrays.