

Park Street Christian Church

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Welcome, and Happy Easter!

We are glad you have joined us for our “safer at home” Easter Sunday.

We will be taking a break from our study in the Book of Matthew to look at scripture regarding the story of Easter.

As always, you are welcome to call the church Tuesday-Thursday, during regular working hours, to talk to Randy regarding this study or other matters of a spiritual nature.

Until we meet again, remember to keep in the Word daily, pray without ceasing, and reach out to each other by phone to “encourage one another and build each other up” (I Thessalonians 5:11).

Verse of the Week

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Proverbs 9:10

**The Bible is the only book that you can never finish. It is Alive!
You will see new things each time you study it.**

Park Street Christian Church

“Helping people to **know** Jesus and **grow** in Him.”

WELCOME!

We express a warm welcome to those who have come to worship with us today, especially our first-time visitors.

We encourage everyone to fill out a roll card in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

We invite you to join us whenever we gather for times of worship and we invite you to have fellowship with us during all the activities of our congregation.

Upcoming events are listed inside. We are glad you are here and encourage you to come again. Above all, may you seek to know Jesus and grow in Him.

WE ARE A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

BY WEARING A NEW TESTAMENT NAME

“The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch” (**Acts 11:26**). “If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed” (**I Peter 4:16**). “Persuade me to be a Christian” (**Acts 26:28**).

BY BELIEVING A NEW TESTAMENT CREED

“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God ... On this rock I will build my Church” (**Matt. 16:16,18**). “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ (**I Cor. 3:11**).

BY OBEYING A NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

“Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved” (**Mark 16:16**). “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (**Rom.6:4**). “and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you (**I Peter 3:21**).

BY OBSERVING A NEW TESTAMENT COMMUNION

“Do this in remembrance of me” (**Luke 22:19**). “On the first day of the week we came together to break bread” (**Acts 20:7**). “A man ought to examine himself” (**I Cor. 11:28**).

BY PRACTICING A NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDSHIP

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (**Acts 20:35**). “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income” (**I Cor. 16:2**).

BY LIVING A NEW TESTAMENT LIFE

“They devoted themselves to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (**Acts 2:42**). “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (**II Peter 3:18**). “Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life” (**Rev. 2:10**).

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Announcements

DIRECTORIES: The long awaited 2020 church directories are here and can be picked up at the bulletin tables (in the back of the sanctuary and the low table in the blue foyer) and also on the table under the clock in the blue foyer.

CORRECTIONS: If you see a mistake in the new directories; please leave a note on the secretary's desk, and an announcement will be made in next week's bulletin.

CORRECTION: The email address listed in the directory for Marilyn Peckham is incorrect—it should read: peckhamm@uwplatt.edu (two m's, instead of just one).

SCRIP CARDS: ALL profit from the sale of the SCRIP Cards goes to PSCC. We have a system of checks and balances set up with this program, and we just plain trust Shirley and Sue. Thank you to those who have helped support the church through the purchase of these cards. Purchasing them costs you nothing extra, but helps the finances of the church a great deal - so thank you on behalf of Park Street Christian Church.

March's Generosity Ministry Blessings

- ♥ On March 7th, a \$30 gift certificate from Pizza Hut went to a large family. The mother has cancer and is not doing very good. We felt this would be a great thing for them as they cannot afford to do anything like this on their own. Everyone needs a lift once in a while.
- ♥ On March 12th, \$40 was sent to a close relative of a church member for help toward medicine expenses. She has colon cancer and will need a bag probably the rest of her life. She lives alone and is only 42 years old.
- ♥ On March 26th, a \$30 gift certificate from Kwik Trip went to a young woman that is trying to work and make ends meet. She does attend a church and is active in her church.

"I believe I found as much joy in helping them as they did in receiving the help."

Financial Information

We encourage all of our Church members to please mail your tithes and offerings to our assistant treasurer: Shirley Corbin

2155 East Preston Drive

Richland Center, WI 53581

Thank you for your financial support through these difficult weeks. God Bless.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for the Upcoming Week

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Prayer Requests

Kay Gies (health)	Phyllis Keller (health)	In Nursing Homes:
Norm Davis (health)	Deb Niemeyer (health)	Betty Glick (health)
Ella Sanford (health)	Dawn Gajdosik (health)	Arlene Moser (health)
Sally Larson (health)	Linda Sandmire (health)	Ruth Flaherty (health)
Susan Marino (health)	June McKittrick (health)	Evelyn Chitwood (health)
Don Maxwell (health)	Mike Kaufman (the city's mayor)	Eloise 'Skip' Miller (health)
Lamont Glick (health)	Shirley's brother, Bill Beck (health)	Roger & Joann Nicholson (health)
Rick Walker (health)	Jason, Karee, & Lydia Stull	Luke Clements
Virgil Denman (health)	Marge Bisco's niece, Samantha Cook (health), her young son, & family	
Generosity Ministry	Don Maxwell and his family at the loss of his brother	



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME®**

Mission of the Month Richland Area Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is an organization that involves the public, the media and the police in the fight against crime. It offers anonymity and cash rewards to persons who furnish information leading to the arrest of criminal offenders and to the capture of fugitives.

The Crime Stoppers Board of directors is comprised of concerned citizens of the Richland County area who volunteer their time to oversee the program. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization and is funded entirely through donations from the public.

When a call is received by Crime Stoppers, it is logged with the date, time and a summary of the caller's information. Calls on the Crime Stoppers tip line are not recorded. Callers are furnished with a code number that is used in subsequent contacts so that a caller's name is not important. In this way, callers may remain anonymous with no pressure to reveal their identity and still collect their reward. The information supplied by the caller is then forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation. If the caller's information results in the arrest of a suspect or the apprehension of a fugitive, arrangements are made so that the person can receive his/her reward in cash while continuing to remain anonymous. The board of directors approves rewards based on information presented by the police.

Easter - Great Joy in the Morning!

This Sunday morning - Easter Sunday - with all that is going on, you may have some family gathering together or you may not. Whether or not you do, we all need to reflect on what Easter is all about.

John 19:34—It is about FEAR and JOY. Tell the story of Jesus on Friday - Good Friday. Jesus has been crucified until He is dead. A soldier will pierce His side with a spear to make sure that He's dead.

Mark 15:40-41 & John 19:25-26—Near the cross are six followers of Jesus who SEE that He is dead: Mary, the mother of Jesus; a disciple, John; Mary's sister; Mary, the wife of Clopas; Mary Magdalene, and Solome.

Matthew 27:61—Jesus has died and will be buried in a tomb. His body is wrapped in a clean linen cloth, then a large stone is rolled in front of the tomb. It is sealed shut and guards are posted to guard it. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary have watched this happen.

Matthew 28:1-4—Scripture tell us that early on SUNDAY MORNING - Easter - two of those ladies, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, go to look at the tomb. Then an angel rolled back the huge stone that covered the tomb. The angel did this right in front of the two ladies and the two guards.

Matthew 28:4—The two guards (Roman soldiers) are so afraid that they “shook and became like dead men.”

Matthew 28:5-6—The angel speaks to the two ladies and says, “Do not be afraid....” (too late for that!) “...I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” Remember that these two ladies and all the disciples had been told by Jesus that He would rise from the grave on the third day. Then the angel says, “Come see the place where He lay,” which is the place where they had seen Jesus' body placed on Friday.

Matthew 28:7—Then the angel says to them, “Go quickly and tell his disciples [the others] that he has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.”

Matthew 28:8—The ladies are so excited that they run to tell the good news - “afraid yet filled with joy.” This is how WE ARE TO BE concerning the Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are to be “afraid yet filled with joy.”

These two words in Matthew 28:8 describe Christianity: AFRAID yet JOYOUS.

I) To literally be AFRAID - to have a healthy fear of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To revere the Creator, to humbly respect the One who has made everything we see. To TREMBLE as we open His Word, the living words of God.

Hebrews 4:12—”The Word of God is living, it is active, it cuts deep, judging our thoughts and attitudes.”

Hebrews: 4:13—“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.”

With a healthy fear, we open the very Word of God and strive to live by it, because we will all have to give an account to God one day.

II) To have our hearts filled with JOY. As those two ladies ran to tell that Jesus has risen just as He said, I wonder how their feet ever touched the ground? JOY carried them along.

Now, realize they had come to the tomb early that Sunday morning with tears in their eyes to anoint Jesus’ dead body, but they leave with JOY; such joy that it makes them run as fast as they can to tell the others that HE IS ALIVE!

Can you picture yourself feeling that overpowering JOY? All because the angel said, “Jesus has risen just as He said.” Memorize that verse! No dead, decaying, smelling body. Just an empty tomb that brought great JOY to them and still does for us today.

“Jesus has risen just as He said.” We serve a living Savior who’s in the world today.

I Peter 1:3—”Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy He has given us NEW BIRTH into a LIVING HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....”

From tears for a DEAD Jesus to a new birth into a LIVING hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

HE IS ALIVE!

And we are to live with a healthy FEAR of who Jesus is and a JOY that takes over our lives because of the empty tomb.

God Bless