



## Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

*The tomb is empty ... but the throne is not!* The reality of the truth in that little statement has brought untold comfort and enduring strength to all Christians. For it contains the heart of God's Gospel message and the fulfillment of His promised salvation to those who believe. The opposite of that statement would be both unthinkable and unbearable. The very thought that God would not be on His throne and that Christ would still be in the tomb is an unimaginably horrific thought. All of the Christian's hope in this life, and in the eternal life to come, rests on the sure promise that God indeed raised Christ from the dead and that Christ now reigns with Him in heavenly glory. The apostle Paul, with vivid and stark clarity, gives us the dreadful consequences that would result if the throne of God was empty and the tomb of Christ was not: *"if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men"* (1 Corinthians 15:17-19).

The fact that Christ is no longer in the tomb, or on the cross, is a glorious truth by itself. However, it is imperative that we also understand and embrace the full reality of the truth that *the tomb is empty...but the throne is not*. Jesus did not rise from the dead and escape from the tomb, only to be freed from death and the grave. While Christ's resurrection was the final act of His substitutionary atonement for all who would believe, it was not His final act as the Son of God. Jesus did not leave the tomb with nothing to do or no place to go, and He is certainly not wandering aimlessly around the planet like some carefree tourist or lost drifter. Jesus Christ was not resurrected from the dead simply to be resurrected. He was raised to reign! After His glorious and miraculous resurrection, Christ ascended into heaven and to the right hand of the throne of God where He reigns (as God) with God!

The Scriptures repeatedly bear witness to the fact that Jesus indeed was raised from the dead and is now seated, in supreme and sovereign authority, at the right hand of God.

*"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear (Acts 2:32-33; cf. 5:31, 7:55-56).*

*"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven... The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man" (Hebrews 1:3; 8:1-2).*

*"...Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God..." (Romans 8:34; cf. Mk.16:19).*

This is an invaluable and indispensable sacred truth! Yet, both sides of this truth are imperative to the veracity of the Gospel and the integrity of the Scriptures. The Christian life is incomplete and insufficient if either Christ is not raised from the dead, or if He is not reigning in heaven. But Christ is raised from the dead and now seated at the right hand of the throne of God. The tomb is empty, and the throne is not! The knowledge that Christ has risen from the dead and now reigns at God's right hand is the fire in the Christian's heart and the anchor for their soul.

Together in and for Christ,  
Pastor David

**Scripture Readings for the Week** (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #23):

Exodus 37-40; 1 Kings 5-9; Psalm 66-68; Proverbs 2-3; Lamentations; Luke 9-10; Galatians 4-6

**Recommended Reading:**

*"Stand: A Call for the Endurance of the Saints" by John Piper and Justin Taylor*

Please join us for prayer on Sunday mornings at 8:00am in Pastor David's office

Calendar of  
Events:

Men's Breakfast

June 9

VBS

June 25 - 28

Family Camp

June 28 – July 1

Looking Ahead....

Big G Camp

July 30 – Aug 3

Church Picnic

July 8

For prayer requests,  
email Amy Woodruff  
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or call 541-404-0547

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## Growth & Study.....

### Men's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God" by D.A. Carson  
w/Jeff Etzel

#### Wednesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Book of Ecclesiastes"  
\*Begins June 13<sup>th</sup>  
w/Pastor David

**8:15-9:30pm** "Zechariah"  
w/Pastor Josh

#### Thursdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel"  
w/Pastor Tim

#### Fridays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Jesus Among Secular Gods"  
\*Begins June 15<sup>th</sup>  
w/Pastor David

### Young Adults

#### Thursdays ~

**7:00-9:00pm** At Skyline  
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

### Women's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"  
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

#### Tuesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** \*On break for the summer\*  
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

**8:30am** \*On break for the summer\*  
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

**9:00am** "Live Out His Love"  
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

**1:00-2:15pm** "Romans"  
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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#### Wednesdays ~

**9:00-10:30am** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

**10:00am** "Experiencing God's Peace"  
w/Jeanette Murphy (541-266-7575)

**6:30-8:00pm** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

## Connect & Encourage.....

### *Men's Breakfast ~ June 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am*

Walking in the truth. Men, that is what we do as we follow Christ in our marriages, with our children, in our jobs, etc. That is our life. Join us at 8:30am, as we continue to learn together to walk in the truth!

### *Family Camp ~ June 28*

Sign up to join us for Family Camp June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1st at LaVerne Park. The campground opens Thursday at 3pm with worship & teaching Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday morning. There will be an all-church potluck on Saturday at 5pm. Registration forms are available on the News & Events bulletin board or call the church office. Come for all or part of the events!

# Children's & Youth Ministries

## Vacation Bible School ~

June 25 – 28 9am to Noon

Open to children 3 years old (potty-trained) through  
5th Grade

## Big G Summer Camp ~

July 30 - August 3

Open to students entering 4th through 9th grade.

## Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ Sunday nights 6 to 8pm.

Junior High youth group ~ \*On break for the summer\*

## High School Lake Day ~ June 10<sup>th</sup>

High School Lake Day (including incoming freshmen). Meet at the church at 3pm and returning to church at 8pm.

## Junior High Lake Day ~ July 8<sup>th</sup>

High School Lake Day (including incoming freshmen). Meet at the church at 3pm and returning to church at 8pm.

May 30, 2018

### **Dear Skyline Baptist Church Family**

It is with great emotion that I announce my acceptance of the position of Associate Pastor at Valley 4<sup>th</sup> Church in Spokane Valley, Washington. My wife Anna and I along with our two young children moved to North Bend almost 8 years ago to serve at Skyline Baptist Church. This is bittersweet for us. We are excited about the new ministry opportunities that God has opened for us but we are also sad to leave our Skyline Family. In our time here God has done some truly amazing things both in us and through us.

I first experienced my call to ministry in September of 1999. I then attended Bible College in Salem and graduated in 2004. Since then I have spent 15 years of my life dedicated to youth and children's ministries. My wife and I believe that God is leading us to take the things that we have learned in youth ministry and embark on a new journey in adult ministries. I have the opportunity to do more preaching and counseling. I will oversee Community Groups, Men's and Women's ministries, Missions, Welcome and Assimilation, and Senior Ministries.

I believe that God is already preparing the next person to take my place here at Skyline. We have a wise and godly leadership team that will work diligently to fill the position. As far as timing, we will continue to serve at Skyline through the end of June and move to Washington in July.

My life verse for ministry has been Philippians 1:20 which says "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or death." I will continue to pray for Skyline and I ask that you would pray for me and my family during this transition.

Pastor Josh