

Moving Stones

Mark 16:2-4 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that *the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.*

As we go about our daily service to the Lord, we anticipate meeting barriers that are beyond our ability to move. I guess Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Salome could've complained about the stone barrier at the tomb and just stayed home. But in faith they went intent on serving their dead Savior.

On arriving, to their great surprise they found the huge stone barrier REMOVED by God, and a LIVING Savior instead of a dead one.

There are barriers only God can move. Sometimes the large stone standing in our way is the stone in our own heart. God tells us in Ezekiel 36:25-27, "*I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*" God can move stone hearts too.

The faithful first women to the tomb knew the stone barrier was beyond their ability to move. Still, they gathered their spices and took faithful steps toward their Lord. God moved what they could not, and they ultimately found Jesus.

You have some immovable stone in your life. It may be a circumstance, a relationship, or your own heart. It is beyond your ability. Will you take faithful steps toward your Lord? Move yourself, and trust God to move what you cannot.

Mark

TODAY: The "After Church LIFE Group" meets!

WELCOME to John & Holly Flickinger! ... and their SIX children. Wow. John will bring us the Word of God today.

Darren & Karen, THANKS! They're usually serving in so many ways that we FORGOT to thank the McEntires for also housing some of the VBS Team in their home.

Haircuts for Missions: Saturday, August 13th.

Sarah Gafgen Has Some Shows Coming Up: See the "Events" bulletin board to check them out.

Sunday Farewell for Juanita Burgess, August 21st: Anyone interested in pitching in funds toward the cost of the food, please see Donna Mansdoerfer.

Are You Keeping Up With Our Scripture Memorization Schedule? JULY was Matthew 4:3-11. Coming up in August is Matthew 7:1-6. Each month we are trying to memorize new verses. If you misplaced your color booklet there are some on the cabinet in the lobby. Memorized scripture always comes in handy when you are talking with people, so you will be ready to witness for Christ.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Scott Schoener (Psalm 20:1-7)

Opening Prayer: Josh Henderson

Lord's Supper: Jess Nitla, Bill Ceraso, Larry DeSimone, Ben Churchill

Scripture Before Message: Kevin Finn (Psalm 37:3-6)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Bret Goen

Greeters: Tony Sr., Rich Fabi, Sandie Fabi, Bibi Wms

Nursery: Nina & Alexia Next Week: Chris Ann & Laura

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher
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Worship Total..... 113
Bible Class 71
Wed..... 49

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Budget Goal.....\$4,260

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969

Daily Bible Readers: 26



VBS Games



Homeless Meal

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



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