

SERMON NOTES ♦ FEBRUARY 17, 2008
Journey to Jerusalem: Proclaiming Good News

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:31-37

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

SERMON OUTLINE

I. The long way around. . . (v. 31)

II. A tailor-made healing. . . (vv. 32-35)

III. News too good to keep to yourself. . . (vv. 36-37)

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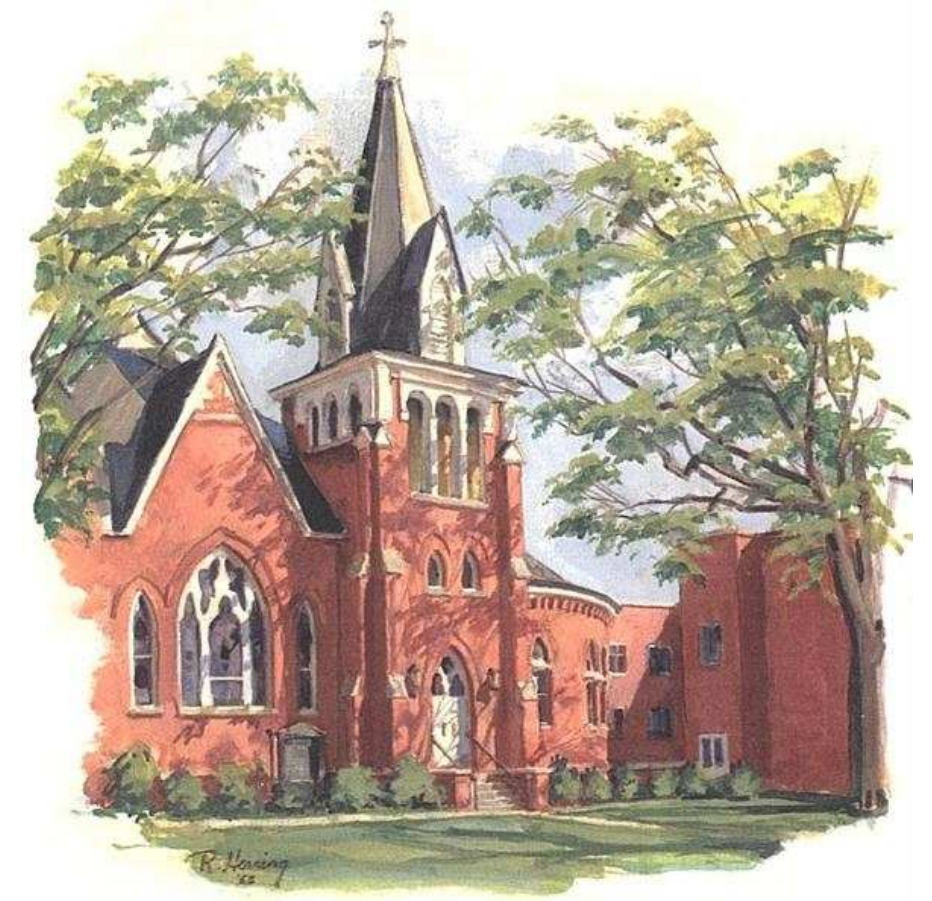
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Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples

**February 17, 2008
 11:00 A.M. Worship**

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Welcome and Announcements
 Invocation

PRELUDE: *There In God's Garden*..... Farlee

Dr. Steven Mowery

***THE DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*.....No. 34
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all
 creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***OPENING SENTENCES**

***HYMN:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.....No. 30

ANTHEM: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*.....Doerksen
 Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Praise Band

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Dr. Fred Coates

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Isaiah 42:1-5 Pew Bible, p.636
Mary Beth Stutts

***HYMN:** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*No. 505

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confession

Merciful God, through Jesus Christ you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of your Body. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow the past to hold us hostage and live in fear of the future. In your loving kindness, O Lord, have mercy on us. Free us from our sin. Remind us of your promises, so that we may rise to new life, and live daily in your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

Thanksgiving

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *These Are Thy Glorious Works*..... Thompson
Chancel Choir

*Response: *All Things Are Yours!* (Verse 1)No. 687
All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you. And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture: Mark 7:31-37 Sermon Notes
Sermon: *Journey to Jerusalem: Proclaiming Good News*Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* (Verses 1-3)No. 562

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* (Verse 4)No. 562

***POSTLUDE:** *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*..... Osterhand

* Those who are able will please stand.

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation of our wonderful church staff by Frank, Liz and Ellie Rader.

Recent Prayer Requests: Bill Morrow; Margaret Sanders; Lecie Miller; Catherine Craig; Fred Kann; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Kay Carrigan; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; Charles Dixon; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson.

Mwandi Mission 2008: Is God calling you to consider a short term mission field experience? Do you have an interest in the work of the Kingdom in other parts of the world? Do you have construction, teaching, technical, interpersonal or other skills you would be willing to share? How about joining the team traveling to Mwandi, Zambia, this July? Fred Coates has all the details and would love to talk with you about this very special opportunity. It will be an unforgettable journey!

Marti Estes 5K - Mooresville Community Walk of Faith, April 19, 2008: Registration forms for the race/walk are available in the Church parlor or you can register online at:

<http://www.activezach.com/events/eventDetails.cfm?pEventId=2312>, or by clicking on the link on the Church website under Missions. Special thanks to the following contributing sponsors - Ladd McCall and Associates CPA, PA; LKN Capital; Lakeland Realty; Jones, Childers, McLurkin and Donaldson, PLLC; Greene-Robinson Properties; Leigh Madison Company; All Waterways Construction, Inc; Crouch Brothers, Inc.; 5 Star Mortgage.

Gold and Silver level sponsorships are still available but you need to act fast as t-shirt design orders must be made by month end. Sponsorship info can be found in the Church parlor or contact Bob Campbell at 704-662-8286 or 704-491-2289 for more information. Volunteers for event preparation and event day needed; please call Gretchen Little at 704-528-9796 or email at gretchenwittle@yahoo.com if you can help.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by Jody Schwandt, Director of the Mooresville Soup Kitchen. Come hear about the exciting things happening at the Soup Kitchen, as they prepare to move to their new location on South Broad Street.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to historic Latta Plantation in Huntersville on Tuesday, February 26. The group plans to leave at noon, eat lunch at the K&W in Cornelius, and tour the home at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$5. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

The Marti Estes 5K Organizing Committee will meet in the Church Library today, at 12:30 p.m.

Mexico Mission Trip May 22-27: We will again be joining Dr. Brown's former church, Grace, Houston, TX, on a mission trip to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula over the Memorial Day weekend. This is a construction trip, working with a Mexican Presbyterian congregation near Playa del Carmen. We'll leave Charlotte on Thurs., May 22, in the early AM, and return home late on Tues., May 27. The trip's cost, covering airfare, accommodations, ground transportation, and food, is \$1250.00. **We have only five openings available for FPC**, although other slots may open later. Registration is "first come, first serve" through a conversation with Dr. Brown, the completion of a registration form, and the turning in of a \$100 deposit—partial registrations don't count. Contact Dr. Brown if you're interested.

Lenten Sermon Series—"Journey to Jerusalem." The sermons preached during Lent will connect with the Scriptures our "Lent in the Living Room" groups will be discussing and will follow the theme of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Here are the Scripture passages and sermon titles:

- ❖ **1st Sun. of Lent, Feb. 10:** Mark 7:24-30, *Receiving Outsiders.*
- ❖ **2nd Sun. of Lent, Feb. 17:** Mark 7:31-37, *Proclaiming Good News.*
- ❖ **3rd Sun. of Lent, Feb. 24:** Mark 8:1-10, *Feeding Body and Soul—Again!*
- ❖ **4th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 2:** Mark 8:11-21, *Missing the Signs.*
- ❖ **5th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 9:** Mark 8:22-30, *Opening Eyes.*
- ❖ **6th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 16 (Palm Sun.):** Mark 8:31—9:1, *Telling Truth.*

Calendar for February 17-24, 2008

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with PYF Praise Band & Chorus
12:30 p.m. - 5KRun/Walk Committee in the Library
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club

Lent in the Living Room groups meet this week

Monday: Weekday Preschool closed
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Moms in Touch
10:30 a.m. - *Exploring Our Reformed Faith* study in the library
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166

Wednesday: **Newsletter Deadline**
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Cartoon* night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Cook-Out

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - PW Coordinating Committee
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Sunday 2/24: 8:30 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

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