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March 23, 2008 ♦ Easter Sunday ♦ 11:00 A.M.

SERMON TEXT: Philippians 3:7-11 (Focus on 3:10a)

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰**that I may know him and the power of his resurrection**, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. “That I may know him...”

1. Three ways of knowing...
2. It is who you know...
3. And it's what you know, too...

II. “...and the power of his resurrection”

1. Knowledge is power...
2. For life and death to come...
3. For life and death right now...

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Dr. Clay J. Brown

Welcome and Announcements
 Invocation

PRELUDE: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*.....Fleischer
 Dr. Steven Mowery

*THE DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*.....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

Leader: The Lord is risen!
 Unison: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*HYMN: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*.....288

ANTHEM: *In Christ Alone*..... Hayes
 Chancel Choir and Orchestra

CHILDREN'S SERMONDr. Fred Coates

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Matthew 28:1-10.....pp. 32-33
Ginny Swedenberg

***HYMN:** *Thine Is the Glory*.....310

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Confession
- 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: *This Is A Day of Rejoicing*..... Pote
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

*Response: *All Things Are Yours!* (Verse 2).....687
“Give out of love,” your Word commands. We are your head, your heart, your hands. Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:7-11 (Focus on 3:10a)
Sermon: *Spiritual Dynamite*.....Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** *Lift High the Cross*.....287

***SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

Invitation
Charge and Benediction
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God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

***POSTLUDE:** *Hallelujah from MESSIAH*..... Handel

* 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 Easter lilies in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by those listed in the insert in your bulletin.

Recent Prayer Requests: Esther Kann and family; Jan Stilwell's mother; Catherine Craig; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Edith Thompson; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.

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.

Logos/MSM and SupperClub will not meet this Wednesday, March 26.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Esther Kann and family in the death of her husband, Fred, on March 15.

We welcome to our services this morning, our own high school brass and percussion ensemble. They are: Darlene Peacock and Neil Trimble, trumpet; Marshall Horsman and Graham Sledge, French horn; John Patrick Justice; trombone; and Matt Abele and Jordan Sledge, percussion. They are joined by Dr. John Harding, trumpet.

Calendar for March 23 - 30, 2008

Sunday:	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:30 a.m. - Worship 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Monday:	Church Office closed 7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. - Moms in Touch
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner No Logos or SupperClub
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
Sunday 3/30:	8:30 a.m. - Worship 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF 7:00 p.m. - Session

<p style="text-align: center;">In Memoriam Fred Lorn Kann October 19, 1927 – March 15, 2008 <i>Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13</i></p>
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