

SERMON NOTES ♦ MAY 31, 2009
Turning the World Upside Down

SERMON TEXT: Acts 17:1-15 (NRSV)

¹After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." ⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." ⁸The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

¹⁰That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. ¹²Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing. ¹³But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds. ¹⁴Then the believers immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. ¹⁵Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

NOTES

I. The customary strategy...

II. The typical response...

III. The standard accusation...

IV. Some implications for us...

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

May 31, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ Pentecost Sunday

PRELUDE: "Voluntary and Fugue in D Minor" Charles Wesley
Christy Floyd

WELCOME Fred Coates
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
An asterisk (*) marks when those who are able will please stand.
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

MINUTE FOR MISSION Logos Program

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.
People: You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Leader: Let us worship God! Let us pray...

***HYMN #142:** "Sing Praise to the Father" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CALL TO CONFESSION Tyler Domske

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: we confess we have held back the power of your Spirit among us. We have been slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. O God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions. By your Spirit, draw us together. Fill us with your fire, that we may do your will and be your faithful people, for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI #734** GREATOREX

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible, pp. 112-3, NT
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Acts 17:1-15 Sermon Notes
 Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “Turning the World Upside Down” Clay Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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: “Alleluia from Exsultate, Jubilate” Mozart

***DOXOLOGY #34** OLD 100TH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #332:** “Let Every Christian Pray” (vv. 1-2) LAUDES DOMINI

***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.

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #332:** “Let Every Christian Pray” (v. 3) LAUDES DOMINI

***POSTLUDE:** “Aria Religioso” Novello

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 the pastor in the chancel area 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 are given to the glory of God and honor of Donald Howie on his birthday today by his family.

Camp Grier: Summer camping sessions will be held at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, from June 14 through July 31 for children and youth in rising grades 2-12. Informational brochures may be found at the rear of the sanctuary, in the parlor, and in the church office. Scholarship help is available.

Vacation Bible School: Registration for this summer’s VBS will be held during May – information and registration forms may be found in the church parlor. This year’s theme is “Kingdom of the Son: The Lord’s Prayer Safari VBS.” Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-26 from 9:30 a.m. – noon, with classes for 3 year olds through rising sixth grade. Adult and teen volunteer help is needed. Please contact VBS director Susan Kendall to volunteer.

Tonight the PYF will have a fundraising dinner event for the 2009 Summer Trips (Mission Trip and/or NWMC). We will be preparing and serving the best spaghetti dinner that anyone has ever seen (or at least a pretty good one). Dinner will start at 5:30, with lots of surprises and entertainment throughout the evening. You WILL NOT WANT TO MISS IT! There is not a set fee for the meal, but each table will have collection plates for donations. The money collected that night will be used to help fund the PYF trips this summer. Please come to support our youth, and to enjoy a great meal and a great night!

June 7 is Graduate Recognition Sunday. Letters with information forms have been mailed out to high school graduates and they will participate in a Graduation procession during the opening hymn on Graduation Sunday. Please return these forms to the church office as soon as possible. Also, please inform our Youth Pastor, Tyler Domske, or call the church office with any information for those graduating from college or graduate school. Thank you.

Logos/MSM need volunteers in all areas for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact Gretchen Little (gretchenwittle@yahoo.com or 704-528-9796) or Lisa Davidson (lisadavidson@hotmail.com or 704-662-9393) if you feel called to serve in this ministry.

VBS Staff Training: All Vacation Bible School volunteers (adults and teens) are encouraged to attend a training meeting on Monday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A light supper will be served, and child care will be provided (reservations requested).

Calendar for May 31 – June 7, 2009

Sunday: VBS Registration in the Parlor
 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 5:30 p.m. - PYF Fundraising Dinner

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
 6:15 p.m. - Last HS Supper Club @ Kobe
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home
 7:30 p.m. - Mooresville User’s Group – room 310

Sunday 6/7: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 12:15 p.m. - Graduation Reception in the FH
 4:00 p.m. - PYF Alpha
 5:00 p.m. - PYF Omega

Recent Prayer Requests: Terry Stevens; Anita Teeter; Suzy Brawley; Patricia Cote, neighbor of Brandon Corolla; Bill Raffety’s father, Mick Raffety; Bob Davidson; Pauline Bowers, Jean Chislaghi’s mother; Rebecca Auten; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown’s parents, especially her dad; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

YTD (April 30) Budget	\$255,813.00
YTD (April 30) Receipts	\$254,496.00
- Deficit	-\$1,317.00

Next Sunday’s Worship—June 7, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services: Clay Brown will be preaching on Romans 7:1-6, “Belonging to Another.”

Lake Norman Fellowship, one of our sister Presbyterian churches, is hosting an Hawaiian Luau on June 20 at their property at 248 Blume Road, Mooresville, NC. The meal will consist of roast pig, roast turkey and various complimentary side dishes. The entertainment is an authentic Polynesian Review with hula and fire dancers. The cost is: 16 years and up - \$20.00; 8-15 years - \$10.00; under 8 – free. Doors open at 4 p.m. with the opening of the pit with two pigs at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Dave Byers (704-907-8718), Tim Correa (704-663-6636), Aisle Pawn Shop on Main Street or State Farm Insurance next to the new bowling alley.