



March 4, 2018

Church of Christ
128 Maple Ave.
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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Ray

Opening Song:

11—Praise Him, Praise Him!

Opening Prayer:

Larry

Hymn:

48—Hallelujah! What A Savior!

Scripture Reading:

Dale

John 2:13-21

Hymn:

300—Must Jesus Bear the Cross Along?

Lord's Supper:

Tom & Ron

Hymn:

234—Hold The Fort

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn: 613—
Are You Washed In The Blood?

Closing Hymn:

82—Brighten the Corner Where You Are

Closing Prayer:

Robert



How Dare We Be Indifferent!

By Joe Chesser

It takes me by surprise every time I think about Jesus making a whip out of cords to drive people, sheep and cattle out of the temple, turning over the tables of the money changers scattering coins everywhere. I visualize fire in his eyes and passion in his voice as he said, "Get out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" (John 2.13-16). It surprises me because this is not the usual image of Jesus I see. Usually I think of Jesus more as a mild, unassuming teacher moving through the countryside helping those in need and telling them about the love of God. But that may be because that's the image of Jesus I prefer to see and imitate. That requires less of me than the prophecy the disciples remembered when they stood back and watched as Jesus cleared the temple: "Zeal for your house will consume me" (John 1.17). It's much easier to be indifferent.

As it was in the 1st century so it is in the 21st century. Consuming zeal and passion for the Lord surprises us. It's not something we see very often in the church, much less experience personally. That's not to say we are lacking passion, for we all have something we get excited about: baseball ... family ... camping ... cooking ... working ... money ... video games, etc. Jon Bloom wrote, "Passion and zeal are gauges that display what our heart treasures, and therefore what fuels our lives". The things we treasure are the things we are passionate about. Zeal for the things of God consumed Jesus. Bloom also wrote "Few things expose us more than comparing what God is passionate about with what we are passionate about."

This is where we begin to get uncomfortable. When it comes to the things of the Lord, most of us lean more toward indifference than we do zeal. Perhaps we have let the command to be zealous for the Lord slip past us. "Never be lacking in zeal but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12.11). This means being passionate for the things of the Lord is not an option for Christians any more than are the other commands in that passage (Romans 12.9-21). Indifference is not acceptable to the Lord ... indifference is a sin! The whole church at Laodicea was in spiritual danger because of their indifference (Revelation 3.16). Interestingly, the message Jesus sent to that church was to "be earnest and repent" (Revelation 3.19). Like them, perhaps the zeal we need most is the zeal to repent!

It is the consuming zeal of the Lord of hosts that offers redemption to lost sinners. God inspired Isaiah to tell of the coming of Christ to rule over God's kingdom, and explained that the "zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this" (Isaiah 9.6-7). Because of this, God is expecting those who accept his salvation to also be "zealous for good works" (Titus 2.14 NKJV). We can't be indifferent about God and at the same time be like Jesus.

Drawing from the zeal of Jesus when he cleared the temple, "How dare we be indifferent!" Our prayer: whatever it takes, Lord, increase my zeal to do your will!!

Joe Chesser preaches for the Fruitland Church of Christ, Fruitland, MO

PRAYER LIST

*Cindy's brother is still not doing well.

*Jimmy, a friend of Dale's, has been diagnosed with melanoma.

*Rebecca was with us last week. Her parents are at Mansfield Care Facility in Philippi, WV.

*Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.

*Tom & Nina's son-in-law, Chris, is looking for work.

*Juanita, her sons, Dale and Ron and her daughter Debbie.

*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

*Ruth and her brother George.

*Our Congregation

*Our Nation & Our Veterans.

CALENDAR

Mar. 4—Bible Study 10 am, Tom

Mar. 4—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Mark

Mar. 4—Business Meeting

Mar. 4—Gospel Sing, Lisbon

Mar. 8—b. Dale

Mar. 10—Daylight Savings Time ends

Mar. 11—Bible Study 10 am, Tom

Mar. 11—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Mark

Mar. 11—Potluck Luncheon

Mar. 12—Area Meeting,
Wadsworth

Mar. 14—Bible study 7 pm, Rob

Mar. 15—b. Jackson

Mar. 17—Ladies' Day, Mentor

Answer to Puzzle
Then His disciples remembered that it was
written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Scripture Reference: John 2:13-21

ANSWERED	BELIEVED	BUILD	BUSINESS
CHANGERS	CORDS	DESTROY	DISCIPLES
DOING	DOVES	DROVE	FATHER
FOUND	HOUSE	JERUSALEM	JESUS
MERCHANDISE	MONEY	OVERTURNED	PASSOVER
POURED	RAISE	REMEMBERED	RISEN
SCRIPTURE	SHEEP	SINCE	SPEAKING
TABLES	TAKEN	TEMPLE	THEREFORE
THESE	THINGS	THOSE	THREE
WHICH	YEARS		

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Hidden Phrase:

Happiness is in the heart, not in the
circumstances.

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm

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