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SERVANTS FOR TODAY...

April 01

AM

Announcements: Ronald Reeves

Song Leader: John Grimes

Opening Prayer: James Hayes

Lord's Table:

John Grimes (*officiating*)

James Hayes

Bill Berryhill

Message: Ronald Reeves

Closing Prayer: John Grimes

Greeters: The Hayes

PM

Song Leader: John Bradford

Opening Prayer: John Bradford

Message: Ronald Reeves

Closing Prayer: Bill Berryhill

Wed. Devo (April 4): J. Grimes

Military:

Brian Asselstine; Steve Bailey; Robert Bradford; Mikeal Burdick; Shawn Cloud; Bryan Hammond; Richard Harris; Clay Johns; Rett Lambert; Dillon Morris; Phillip Toole.

Permanent Prayer List....

Spence Berryhill; Pam Bradford (Cancer); Karen Cumbi; Michie Dennis; Crystal Grimes; Hazel Hayes; Rhea Hoomes; Kathy Nokes; Angie Sanford; Bonnie Sutton; Margaret Tabor; Doris Taylor; Betty Varner; Janice Winterstein.

Sick-Prayer list (as of Wed. P.M.)

Pam Bradford, Carl Bunn, Patricia Dees, Louise Edge, Jessica Lynch, Gerald Miller, Nicole Stanley, Donald Turner, mother of Katrina Powell.

Prepare Communion:

Crystal Grimes

Secure Building:

John Grimes

Welcome—

to each of our visitors here today.

We appreciate your taking the time to stop by and hope you will come again to worship with us. You honor us with your presence, and we would love to answer any questions you may have.

Sunday's Lessons

Bible Study:

A Study of 1 John

AM Sermon:

The importance of the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:22-24

PM Sermon:

The Action of Baptism

Acts 8:36-39

Cathy Reese, cousin to Crystal Grimes' mother, passed away this week. We extend our sympathies.

Louise Edge, sister to J. Hayes, is in the rehabilitation dept. of our local nursing home.

Gerald McKee endured a stroke this week. He is in the local nursing home.

Hazel Hayes has been at home sick this past week.

The monthly fellowship dinner has been cancelled for today.

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Times of Services

Sunday A.M.	Bible Study 9:00
	Worship 10:00
Sunday P.M.	Worship 6:00
Wednesday P.M.	Bible Study 7:00

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The Moral Glory of Jesus

The Word of God presents a matchless portrait of the moral glory of Jesus which attests not only to the inspired nature of the Word but also to the high standard of personal maturation unto which we should strive in our daily Christian walk of life. With respect to His humanity, Jesus committed no sin nor did he have sinful propensities. He was subject to Joseph and Mary during His youth and worshiped in the synagogue of the temple. His compassion is seen in that He wept over guilty Jerusalem and over Lazarus. He relied upon the Word of God in all respects. Jesus was perfect in every stage of development, in every relation of life, and in all of His service to others. With respect to His being a pattern for all men, Jesus was free from influences which typically affect men. He was not unduly influenced by the peculiarities of His race nor by the spirit of the age. Jesus was not unduly influenced by things local, things transient, things individualizing, things national, nor things sectarian. As one author stated, He rises above the parentage of the blood, the narrow horizon which bounded, as it seemed, His life; for He is the archetypal man in whose presence distinctions of race, intervals of ages, types of civilizations and degrees of mental culture are as nothing. With respect to His unselfishness and dignity, Jesus did not gratify personal ambition but maintained devotion to His mission. He never drew attention to Himself. Jesus illustrated a clear interest in others as He fed the multitudes. Some things Jesus was never found to be doing. He never begged though having no obvious source of income. He never fled from His enemies. He never became exasperated or excited by hostility directed toward Him. He was never cast down by rejection. With respect to His status as One who was superior to human judgment and human intercession, Jesus never needed to give nor did He ever give an apology for His action, for He was sinless. He made no excuses to others for what He did, even though they may have questioned the validity of His action. No excuse was necessary because He was sinless. He never was inclined to confess a mistake nor did He ever confess a mistake to His enemies. Such was not necessary because He was sinless. Notably, there is no record in the Bible that suggests that Jesus ever requested someone to pray for Him, a testimony to His relationship with the Father in heaven. With respect to His sinless character, the Bible pointedly affirms His perfection in this life (Hebrews 4:15). This perfection ran as a golden thread through the

tapestry of His life, from His birth through His childhood, youth, manhood, private life, public life, and even His death. The testimony of His enemies attests to the sinless perfection of Jesus. Judas acknowledged that he had betrayed innocent blood. The Pharisees, perhaps the strongest and more dedicated of His enemies, charged Jesus with disrespect to Caesar during His trial. The limits of the accusation, though false, illustrate their awareness of His perfection, though unacknowledged. The Bible records no error or sin committed by Jesus. He never confessed sin, requested pardon, implied personal guilt, displayed apprehension of a penal future, nor was His fellowship with God ever interrupted. Others were never able to convict Him of sin. With respect to the assemblage and correlation of His virtues, His will was balanced with His intellect. He served others when it was proper to do so. He exercised His ruling capacity when it was proper to do so. The justice and mercy of Jesus never clashed, nor did His love and truth or His holiness and pardon. His firmness never degenerated into obstinacy, nor did His calmness ever degenerate into indifference. His gentleness never degenerated into weakness. The elevation of His person did not cause Him to be forgetful of others. He was silent at the right time and spoke when He should. He was the Victor in controversy and the Master of nature. He was and is the Lord of the unseen world. With respect to His power and knowledge, Jesus is both omnipotent and omniscient. His omnipotence is seen in His power over nature, evil spirits, disease, and death. His omniscience is evident in His knowing the hearts of all men, His knowing the life of the people with whom he dealt, His knowledge of the world of evil spirits, and His knowledge of God, the Father. Yes, the biblical portrait of Jesus is truly matchless and a wonderful guide for every child of God today. We cannot match His sinless character or fully duplicate the virtues mentioned above. Yet, we can and must look to Him as our Supreme example and renew our personal commitment to walk in His steps. This is our task. Anything less will degrade the Christ whom we serve and the One who gave His all for us. Our proper course is clear. May we have the Christian fortitude to follow it honorably and graciously.

Ronald D. Reeves, minister