



LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July, 2020

Mark Your Calender

Saturday — July 4

Happy Independence Day

Sunday — July 12

Noon - Deacons' Meeting

Sunday — July 19

Noon - Women Ministry Meeting

Monday — July 27

7:00 PM - Session Meeting



Weekly

- Sun.** 9:30 A. M. - Prayer Time
9:45 A. M. - Sunday School
(No Sunday School at this time)
11:00 A. M. - Worship Service
(See Guidelines)
- Tues.** 6:30 P.M. - Women's Community Bible Study (Summer Break)
- Wed.** 7:00 P.M. - Bridges of Hope Bible Study
- Thurs.** 7:00 A.M. - Men's Community Bible Study (Online - Tentatively restarts July 16)

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Whatever Happened to Justus?

Therefore, it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." So, they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so, he was added to the eleven apostles.
Acts 1:21-26

As we began our reading of Acts, at the end of the first chapter, we come across two men who are never heard of again in all the Bible. They are mentioned once and never again. One we know slightly more information about than the other. Both had been with Jesus since the beginning. But the lot fell to Matthias to fill the place of Judas and not to Justus. Just imagine being up for apostleship and losing the opportunity to someone else. Was he mad, angry, frustrated, happy or what?

Tradition tells us that Matthias went on to be an evangelist to what is now Turkey and the Caspian Sea Region. Tradition further tells us that he was either killed there or in Jerusalem at an old age by being crucified and chopped up and beheaded. What a terrible death for the one who was chosen to replace Judas.

But tradition has little to nothing to say about the other, equally qualified yet uncalled, Justus. There is one story in historic lore that says he survived drinking poison when captured by the heathen. When you read this story in Acts, did you ever stop to think about Justus? I am sure that we will see him in heaven and hear his story as well.

I would say that the world is full of Justus type Christians. Men and women who are called and gifted by God, just not to public leadership roles. Churches are full of such men and women who love and serve Jesus and are called to positions that may be lower in profile but NOT lower in importance to the Kingdom.

I write all of this because sometimes we get discouraged that God has placed us where we are. We think we should be in a different place or doing a bigger job or making more money or whatever. But God puts us where HE can best use us, and we are to praise his name for it. If you love Jesus and want to serve him, then you will do it wherever he has placed you until he moves you somewhere else. It is not about what we do as much as it is about who we do it for – Jesus Christ – Savior and Lord.

Pastor Bill

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSERIES

BIRTHDAYS

- July 03 - Leigh Mays
- July 04 - Kathryn Gordy
- July 10 - Beth Braddock
- July 12 - Pat Kelly
- July 19 - Denise Sellars
- July 24 - Betsy Polhill
- July 31 - Phil Polhill

ANNIVERSERIES

- July 14 - Ricky & Gena Sapp
- July 18 - Don & Stephanie Bray
- July 21 - Walter & Becky Jones
- July 28 - Roger & Rosie Burge

