

Vancleave Church of Christ

Sermon Title: TBA

Scripture: TBA

Prayer Requests and Announcements

September 10, 2023

Wayne Girod: He has had some back issues recently. Let's be mindful of both Wayne and Lanette.

Frank Sentelle: He is to have an MRI to determine how soon he can have back surgery.

Jeff Jellum: Recently been diagnosed with cancer. He is husband of Katy Jellum. Prayers requested.

Mary Stipler: She is to have more tests run. Please continue to pray earnestly for Mary.

Maci Perry: She is waiting on test results from a recent renal scan. Please pray for good outcomes.

Edwina White: The mother of a co-worker of Duane Patton. She battles cancer. Prayers are welcomed.

A young lady from Ocean Springs who was friend of Lilly Holmes recently died. Pray for her loved ones.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Please be sure to give an update on these at: vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org

Becky Tarvin	Earl Kenney	Linda Kenney	Tommy Webb
Terry Thornton	Frank Sentelle	Larry Ishee	Cheryl Solla
Susan Flurry	Timmy Barton	Bonnie Halcome	Grady Weston
Judy Stutts	Rita Newburn	Berkley Smith	Scott Mcollough
Pete Hankins	Rick Bedwell	Wayne Girod	Lanette Girod

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

No ever cared for you like Jesus – His care is an eternal kind.

“Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7BSB)

Announcements / Other:

- Today brother Ron Webb is our visiting Preaching Minister. Thank you brother Ron for your love and service with us!
- We are planning, with God's blessing, to host a **Gospel Meeting** with Brother David Looney **October 15th - 17th** Please pray for this event, spread the word and, if possible be in attendance! This year's theme: "Security in The Storms of Life." See the flier on the foyer for more details!
- Please continue to pray for and support our mission works in Guyana, India, and Guam as well as the good works at Gulf Coast Bible Camp.
- New **Food Pantry** items needed: Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Boxed Tuna Helper, Mayonnaise

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Were you There When They Crucified My Lord?

By Matt Clifton via Bulletin Digest

It was a fact that Jesus was innocent. The Roman governor in charge of Judea, Pontius Pilate, also stated himself after having examined Jesus personally (John 19:4). It is also a fact that Jesus never even committed a single sin (Heb. 4:15). And yet, they fashioned the crown of thorns and placed a purple robe upon His shoulders in mockery, and delivered Him to be crucified. He bore His cross to a place called Golgotha, where they crucified Him (John 19:17-18). The Bible tells us about the state of mind of some of the people who were there.

Soldiers. These Roman men oversaw the crucifixion. They were of cruel mind (Mark 15:16-20), mocking Him even as He hung on the cross (Luke 23:36-37). They were also hard-hearted and indifferent, as shown in John 19:23-24, where they cast lots for Jesus' clothing. This act was foretold in Psalm 22:18. Jesus forgave these men (Luke 23:34)!

Mary. Also there at the crucifixion was Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus (John 19:25-27). The Bible doesn't say much about her state of mind, but every mother can easily understand the pain she must have felt looking upon her son hanging on that cross, slowly and painfully dying.

Priests. These men were full of hatred toward Jesus (Matt. 27:41-43). They admitted Jesus had "saved others," likely referring to those He had healed. They now torture Jesus with their words, saying, "If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." Jesus, of course, could have come down from the cross if He had desired, but he persevered in accomplishing God's plan!

Thieves. Two robbers were crucified on either side of Jesus (Matt. 27:38). One was full of blasphemy, the other humility, admitting his own guilt (Luke 23:39-43).

Centurion. Though he was part of the soldiers, this man made a startling admission. His state of mind was acceptance that Jesus was the Son of God (Mark 15:39).

You. Not personally, of course, but representationally. Jesus bore your sins in His own body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). As He hung there dying, surrounded by heartbroken supporters, vicious gawkers, grim soldiers and proud religious leaders, He did so as a perfect offering to God for each one of them, and for each one of us. Since He died for you, will you live for Him?

A Note from Your Preacher

The apostle Paul stated that he had been "crucified with Christ" yet he also lived by faith in the Son of God who loved him and gave His life for him (Galatians 2:20). Can we not also say and do the same? As we live out our daily routines, let's all try to keep in mind the blessing of forever promised to us by the one who ever lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).