



### Celebrate the Savior Events

- Thursday, April 18 – **Communion Worship Service**  
7:00 p.m. | The Gathering Place
- Friday, April 19 – **Community Good Friday Service**  
7:00 p.m. | Sonlight Wesleyan Church
- Sunday, April 21 - **Morning Prayers**  
8:30 a.m. | North Side of Sanctuary
- Breakfast**  
9:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
- Resurrection Worship Celebration**  
10:15 a.m. | Sanctuary



## Palm Parade

This coming Sunday, we will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus with a palm parade at the start of the service. Before worship starts, the children will meet in the foyer to get a palm branch and will parade through the sanctuary during the opening song. Adults are welcome too! Join them in the back before the service.

## Flood Relief

Thank you for your generous gifts for the Flood Relief to Nebraska. We sent a total of \$930 to the First Baptist Church of Fremont to help those in need.



## Bridal Shower



There is a bridal shower for Julie Cantrell at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. Julie and Andy are registered at Walmart and Target.



## 2019 Graduates

The Christian Education Board will have a reception for graduates of high school and higher education on Sunday, May 19. Please let the church office know the name and school of any graduates in our church family.



### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, April 10**

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up  
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, April 13**

1:00 p.m. – Bridal Shower

**Sunday, April 14**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

### Teachers This Sunday

**Nursery**

The Davis Family

**Kids' Time**

Holly Zoll / Angie Bynum

**LOL**

Traci Heller

### Stewardship Report

April 7, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	3,204.00
Missions	320.00
Building/Maint Fund	245.00
Deacons	85.00
The Match Fund	590.00
Disaster Relief	330.00
Easter	5.00
Bible Study Books	128.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,907.40</b>

# The Kingdom Win

Last Sunday we learned that greatness in God's kingdom is achieved differently than in the world. Jesus set forth serving others as the pathway toward higher status.

We also noticed that assuming a servant's role is often hindered when we already possess an exalted standing, or have accumulated significant resources. In Scripture there is nothing inherently wrong with wealth or position. So where is the rub?

Those with status and standing often have engrained expectations of people serving them. Historically, those in more modest circumstances have not had the opportunity to establish habits of being attended to by others. This is why James wrote, "The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position" (James 1:9). James was not referring to people with an entitlement mentality, which has developed in our day.

As an affluent tax collector, Matthew had to make some radical adjustments in order to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. So, it is possible. In his gospel, Matthew recorded that serving others is the key to greatness in the kingdom. But we humans often get stuck and unwilling to follow the LORD.

A Contrast (Matthew 19:13-22) – Children who possessed very little were free to run to Jesus. But the rich young ruler who possessed a great deal walked away from Christ.

A Parable (Matthew 20:1-16) - Those who worked an hour got paid the same as those who worked all day. People with less to offer (only one hour of labor), often end up with as much or more in the kingdom (generous wages).

An Incident (Matthew 20:20-28) – Two disciples asked for the best seats next to Jesus, in His reign over the promised Messianic kingdom. The Savior teaches them, and the other angry disciples, that the greatest persons in God's kingdom will be the servants of all people.

A Living Example (Matthew 20:29-34) – Two blind men, with the lowest position in society, had very little to offer the Messiah. Yet they could see who Jesus was more clearly than the professional religious leaders. These two guys were healed of their physical blindness and followed the LORD.



## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

### Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

## Help People Follow Jesus

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