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## **Binding The Hands of Jesus**

In Mark 15:1 the record tells of the enemies of Christ binding Him up in preparation for His trial before Pilate. Upon reading this it often fills our hearts with a touch of sadness that the Lord was about to be crucified. Furthermore, it fills us with some amount of righteous indignation, for surely we would have stood by Him and not allowed this to happen as it did.

However, there are very few people today who are not guilty of binding the hands of Jesus. There are several ways in which His hands can be bound, and we should examine those so that we are not guilty.

Many bind Jesus' hands by refusing to obey the Gospel. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this earth to die for our sins. God sent Him because He needed a perfect sacrifice to save mankind. God does not wish for any of us to spend an eternity in Hell and sending Christ was the only way He could offer man the pardon he needed. Through Christ's death a tender invitation is offered to those who would be pardoned for sin (Matt. 11:28-30).

When one refuses to obey the Gospel the hands of Jesus are bound and He cannot offer the salvation that God wishes for the one who refuses Him to have. For the person who refuses to obey the Gospel has caused the Lord to have died in vain. If you have not obeyed Him this is true of you (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:39). In not obeying Him you will one day face the righteous indignation of the Lord Himself (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

However, those who obey can also bind the hands of Jesus by refusing to be transformed from this world. Being transformed involves the renewal of the mind (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:20-24). Renewal of the mind occurs when one reads, studies and meditates on God's word (1 Pet. 1:23-2:2; Phil. 4:8).

Many Christians reject the avenue of renewal and do not follow God's word in this matter (Jas. 1:21). They allow other things to take precedence in their lives, and bind the hands of Jesus so that they cannot do the work they were meant to do. If we neglect to study on our own or fail to take advantage of time to study with others, then we neglect the transforming power of the word. In so doing we are just as guilty as those who delivered Him to Pilate of binding the hands of Jesus.

Christians also bind the hands of Jesus by refusing to pray. Jesus is our High Priest, and as our High Priest He is there to make intercession with God for us. He came to earth as a man for this purpose (Heb. 2:17-18). His priesthood makes it possible for us to approach God in prayer (Heb. 4:14-16). As High Priest He is able to save those

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## ***Please pray for...***

**For our nation as we are going through troubled times**

**For our national leaders and world leaders** as they lead their respective nations.

**For our troops** in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

**For Todd Fulkerson** (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

**For the innocent** who are suffering in the midst of war.

**For the "people in the box"-- the lost in** our families and community.

**For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ** in our own time

**For marriage to stand** in our laws as God ordained it.

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri**

**For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel**

**Alex Cram** is home but still fighting pneumonia.

**Kayla McGraw** being tested and monitored for possible heart problems.

**Ginny Thompson** had back surgery last week in Columbus and is now home recuperating.

**Scott Gampp** was hospitalized on Thursday with a large kidney stone. The stone was not removed but a stint was placed to keep it from moving. He was able to leave for Haiti on Saturday, but let us pray that the stone gives him no further problems while away from home.

**Kim Clevenger** asks for the prayers of the church as she wages a battle against leukemia.



## **Coming Events**

**02/14-21 - Haiti Mission Team in Haiti**

**02/20-22 - Winterfest in Gatlinburg**

**3/8 - Girl Scout Sunday**

### ***VERSE OF THE MONTH***

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies

*Psalm 34:13*

## **Bible Study Curriculum**

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
2/15	Ephesians 6	2/18	Levi 16, Num 1-4, 26
2/22	Preaching Service	2/25	Numbers 9-12
3/01	Philippians 1	3/04	Numbers 13-14
3/08	Philippians 2	3/11	Numbers 15-17
3/15	Philippians 3	3/18	Numbers 20-21
3/22	Preaching Service	3/25	Numbers 22-24
3/29	Philippians 4		

## **In the News**

Wednesday evening high winds took the roof off of Arthur Sullivan's house--all of it. A temporary roof was put on his home on Friday and a permanent roof will be installed in about one week. For details see Terry or Debbie Sullivan.

## **Winterfest Registration in Progress**

Winterfest 2009 is scheduled for February 20-22 in Gatlinburg. We always take a charter bus load to Winterfest and registration is now available on the church's website. Click on "Winterfest Sign Up." Cost is \$90.00 which is due upon departure. This does not include meals or miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, etc). A flyer is available on the table in the foyer. For more information see Shaun McCray or Jamie Riley.

## **Shepherd's Prayer Session**

Thursday evening, 7:30 pm, the shepherds of the congregation will be meeting with the preachers and all will be praying for the special needs in our congregation. If you have something you want included in this prayer, please give it to one of our shepherds before Thursday.

## **Haiti Mission Team**

Our mission team to Haiti left on Saturday for Port Au Prince, Haiti. Today they will be worshipping with the 28th and Delmas church in Port Au Prince. Some of our team members will be teaching a class or preaching a lesson. Please continue in prayer for our Haiti Team and their family members back home. Mike Dixon, Aaron Kallner, Brandi Gampp, Scott Gampp, Candi Gampp, Jason Coriell, Dewey Cordle and Terry Grashel.

## **Haiti Mission Team Dinner**

Wednesday at 6:30 pm, there is a dinner planned in the Annex for immediate family members of our Haiti Mission Team. There are activities planned for the kids so that the adults can share information with each other about news from Haiti. Details for the dinner are included in the invitations which are being distributed this morning and this evening. Please plan to come and share in the fellowship and food being provided.

## **A Bright Spot In February**

This week I got to enjoy the work of two of our congregation's many artists when Debbie Raiser took me to see her husband's and Nick Gampp's paintings now being featured at the Southern Ohio Museum (until March 21). Nick's work--from his amazing collages, to his Japanese rooster, to his self-portrait--with a bird on his head--reminded me of great jazz. Lane's three "ice series" paintings, taken from close-ups of hundreds of photos, appear to be abstract art until you realize you're looking at intricately wrought stream beds viewed through swirls of ice. His picture of two trees colliding, is also jaw-dropper. Debbie tells me that Lane recently won the gold medal from the state water color society for another painting now on tour. ([www.ohiowatercolorsociety.com](http://www.ohiowatercolorsociety.com)--if you want to see.) Upstairs, Nick and Lane collaborated with four others on a sculpture called "The House of the River Sticks" (on display until April 4th.) It is a whimsical driftwood "house" created entirely out of items collected from the Ohio River. Lane's contribution is the swirl of plastic flotsam in the corner, and Nick's is the room with the picture frame, muffin tins and cookie cutters. Anyway, I thought that with the economic uncertainty, electricity being off and the doldrums of February settling in--some of you might like to know that for a donation of \$2, there's a really bright spot downtown that will make you smile. (The museum is open Tu-Fri 10-5, Sat. 1-5.)

—Serena

## **4th Sunday PM Service**

As usual the fourth Sunday PM service we will be having all classes from junior high through adult in the auditorium for a preaching service. All other classes will be meeting as usual. Gabe Coriell will be our speaker. We are looking forward to hearing what Brother Gabe has to say.

## **Spirit Club Meeting**

This evening at 6 pm.

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## **Binding The Hands of Jesus**

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who come to God through Him, for He is there to make intercession for them (Heb. 7:25).

When we refuse to pray as we should He cannot be our High Priest. Figuratively we have bound His hands once again, for he cannot do His work. It is indeed a tragedy if we are doing this, for here is Jesus who lives to intercede for us, but can't because we prevent Him from doing so all because we fail to pray.

Also, Christians bind the hands of Jesus by refusing to take part in the church that He established. The church is the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). As His body we are individually members of one another (1 Cor. 12:27). As members of one another we should care for each other (Eph. 4:15-16). It is through such "mutual edification" that Christ provides much of the help we need to serve Him.

If we fail to do our share we bind the hands of Jesus. A physical head is no good without the rest of the body, and it is the same with Christ and the church. If we do more, He can do more. Have we considered the fact that failure to do our part handicaps the body of Christ? Because of neglect and apathy two things will happen. First of all, the whole body will suffer. Secondly, others are forced to do "double duty" to make up the difference.

Finally, we bind the hands of Jesus by refusing to share the Gospel with those who are lost. Jesus has made His disciples His hands in taking the Gospel to the lost (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; 1 Pet. 2:9). All cases of conversion after the ascension of Christ into Heaven involved a disciple spreading the word. The same is true today. We must be actively working as His hands and teaching His Gospel to those around us.

When we keep the Gospel to ourselves we have bound the hands of Jesus again. We hinder Jesus from telling others of His wonderful grace. Everyday countless souls die with no hope of eternal salvation. Friends, this does not have to be. We must stop the pursuit of worldly pleasure and treasure and start spreading His word to others. The old song we sometimes sing says, "Into our hands the Gospel is given/Into our hands is given the light." What are we doing with it?

We did not have to be in Jerusalem in 33 A.D. to "bind the hands of Jesus." In fact, we may be guilty of the same offense today, as these are just a few of the ways to bind Him up so that He cannot do anything. Friends it is time to loose the hands of Jesus in us, and then through us He may accomplish His full desire to save, to transform and to use.

— Jason E. Stringer  
Dayton Drive Church of Christ  
Waco, TX

# Those Who Serve

## Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer  
 Song Director  
 Scripture Reading  
 Prayer  
 L Server 6  
 O Server 5  
 R Server 4  
 S Wine  
 S Bread  
 U Server 3  
 P Server 2  
 E Server 1  
 R Message  
 Closing Prayer

## February 15

Jon Coriell  
 Shaun McCray  
 Steve Williams  
 Caleb Miller  
 Tim Coriell  
 David Gampp  
 Michael Dixon  
 Dewey Cordle  
 Jamie Riley  
 Alan Graff  
 Lane Raiser  
 Price Gammon  
 Jamie Riley  
 Rich Book

## February 22

Wayne Gampp  
 Nick Davis  
 Eric McLaughlin  
 Troy Gahm  
 Mark Gampp  
 Barry Hayward  
 Spike Ferrell  
 Greg Coriell  
 Josh Coriell  
 Barry Gampp  
 Ryan Coriell  
 Bill Gammon  
 Steve Miller  
 John Berry

## *Regular Service Times*

### Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am  
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

### Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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## Sunday Evening

Song Director  
 Scripture Reading  
 Lord's Supper  
 Assist  
 Prayer  
 Bible Class

Jacob Miller  
 John Berry  
 Mark Risner  
 Ira Coriell  
 Aaron Kallner  
*Ephesians 6*

Matt Hoskins  
 Rich Book  
 Caleb Miller  
 Shawn Gragg  
 Jason Coriell  
*Preaching Service*

## Wednesday Evening

Song Director  
 Prayer  
 Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell  
 Zack Sims  
*Levi 16, Num 1-4, 26*

Aaron McCray  
 Jeff Hayward  
 Numbers 9-12

## Children's Bible Time Schedule

February: *Loving Jesus Who Loves Us*  
 3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray, Derria Kelley  
 6/8: Pam Coriell, Meghan Miller, Kristin Riley

March: *Parables of Jesus*  
 3/5: Jessie Coriell, Zach Coriell, Renee Higbee  
 6/8: Christy Veach, Laryssa Grashel, Cindy Coriell

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*If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624*

## WORD SEARCH

### Ephesians 6

ADMONITION NURTURE  
 AMBASSADOR OBEDIENT  
 ARMOUR PERSEVERANCE  
 BOND PRAYER  
 BREASTPLATE PRINCIPALITIES  
 BROTHERS RIGHTEOUSNESS  
 CHRIST SALVATION  
 DARKNESS SERVANTS  
 DARTS SHIELD  
 FAITH SPIRIT  
 FORBEARING SUPPLICATION  
 FREE SWORD  
 GOSPEL THREATENING  
 GRACE TREMBLING  
 HELMET TYCHICUS  
 LORD WICKEDNESS  
 MASTERS WITHSTAND  
 WRESTLE

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# Word Search Solution

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