

*\*DOXOLOGY – Hymn #732*

*\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

***His Word and Our Response***

**Guest Speaker: Trent Neumann**

**Sermon Title: *The Train is Coming, Get Off of the Tracks!***

**Sermon Text: Luke 21:34-36**

*\*ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY – words included*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come. (4x)*

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,  
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come. (4x)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC Observance information on the back page.)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

*– Elder Tom Jentz*

*\*THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION*

*– Hymn #347; vs. 1, 2, 5, 6*

*\*BENEDICTION*

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*“Serving One Another in Love”*

*Galatians 5:13*

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**LORD’S SUPPER OBSERVANCE**

At Faith Covenant, the Lord’s Supper is observed each Lord’s Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord’s Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience. The wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.



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**April 29, 2012**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***His Calling and Our Praise***

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12:2-6*

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**All: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

**All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)  
We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.*

**\*ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE** – words included  
Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
before the throne my surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

(Chorus)  
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;  
shake off your guilty fears and rise.  
He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;  
his blood atoned for every race,  
his blood atoned for every race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.  
(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”  
(Chorus)  
My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.  
(Chorus 2x)

**\*O WORSHIP THE KING** – words included  
O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;  
our shield and defender the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  
O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light and canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
(song continued on next page)

(Chorus)  
You alone are the matchless King,  
to you alone be all majesty.  
Your glories and wonders,  
what tongue can recite?  
You breathe in the air, you shine in the light.  
O measureless might, ineffable love;  
while angels delight to worship above.  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.  
(Chorus)  
(Verse 1)

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**  
**\*REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING** – Hymn #310

**His Renewal and Our Hope**  
**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**  
**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Matthew 22:36-40*  
‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’  
And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with  
all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.  
This is the great and first commandment. And a second is  
like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these  
two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’  
**All: O most great, just and gracious God, you condemn  
the ungodly, but you have promised mercy through  
Jesus Christ. We confess that we have all sinned  
and fallen short of the glory of God. We have  
dishonored and neglected those around us. We have  
dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.  
We have run after temptations and sins, which  
we should have hated. We are careless, ignorant,  
rash, and presumptuous against your commands,  
promises, threats, mercies and judgments. Have  
mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Be reconciled  
to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us  
from all our sins.** (Adapted from Richard Baxter’s The  
Savoy Liturgy (1660))

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**  
**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *2 Corinthians 5:17-18,21*  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The  
old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is  
from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and  
gave us the ministry of reconciliation. For our sake he made  
him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might  
become the righteousness of God.  
**\*JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN** – words included  
Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
all to leave and follow thee;  
destitute, despised, forsaken,  
thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
all I’ve sought or hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition,  
God and heav’n are still my own.  
Take, my soul, thy full salvation,  
rise o’er sin and fear and care;  
joy to find in every station  
something still to do or bear;  
think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
what a Father’s smile is thine,  
what a Savior died to win thee:  
child of heav’n, shouldst thou repine?  
Hasten on from grace to glory,  
armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee,  
God’s own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
hope shall change to glad fruition,  
faith to sight and prayer to praise.  
**PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**  
*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*  
*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children’s Church  
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:**  
New Covenant Church, Kalispell, Pastor Craig Dyson.

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:**  
Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg and their 3 children serve with World Venture in Madagascar. Please pray for good family transition back into American culture for the next 4 months.

**EVENING PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE****TONIGHT:** Plan to join us this evening from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

**MEN’S RETREAT – MAY 4- 5, 2012!** *All men are invited to attend this retreat* at the Bend Guard Station, 40 miles west of Kalispell in the Thompson River area. The retreat begins Friday afternoon/evening with dinner and ends Saturday afternoon. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. **Sign ups are available in the new addition foyer** to let us know if you will be attending. Food will be provided. Contact Matt Riley at 261-6554 for more information.

**TEA AROUND THE WORLD:** Faith Covenant ladies of all ages are invited to the Annual Spring Tea **Sunday, May 6**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year sign up for your “Ticket for Tea” and join us for an international adventure about teatime traditions from foreign lands and inspiration for your hospitality here at home. **Sign up TODAY in the new addition foyer.**

**GRADUATION SUNDAY!** If you or someone you know is graduating (grade school – post-college) please fill out the card in your bulletin and put it in the offering or leave it in the office. Graduation Sunday is **May 20** during the Fellowship/Coffee hour where we will honor our graduates.

**61ST ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** A Prayer Breakfast will be held at The Salvation Army Community Center, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell, on Thursday, **May 3** at 7 a.m. Come pray with others for our national, state and local leaders and churches. Breakfast by Flo, the Salvation army cook, is a tasty bargain at \$6.00. If you have questions, please call 257-4357.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, May 10** at *Central Christian Church* (across the alley from the county library). If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

**A BIBLICAL TOUR OF ISRAEL & JORDAN:** *October 15-25, 2012.*  
An experience of a lifetime! A complete tour of Israel & Jordan plus many extras such as a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, going up to Mount Nebo where Moses died, Petra and much more! Arrangements can be made for departure from any airport. Darold Reiner, Pastor of The Church at Creston, is hosting this tour. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or reiner@centurytel.net for a full brochure.

**FLATHEAD FOOD BANK’S** Second Helpings Thrift Store is now open next to the Food Bank. **ITEMS OF THE MONTH:** Furniture & appliances. They accept donations Tuesday-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **FOODS OF THE MONTH:** Ramen noodles, jelly & rice may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Ste. 2 in Kalispell or left in the containers in the church kitchen.

*For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com.*

**APRIL MINISTRIES**

DEACON OF THE MONTH .....Micah Hill  
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Karen Hunnicutt  
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn  
*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.*

**TODAY**

USHERS/GREETERS ..... Donnie Burns & Micah Tinkham  
CHILDREN’S CHURCH ..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) .....Hearns  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Lancasters  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Jenny Heyboer & Sharon Riley  
COMMUNION PREP .....Lucille Eisenhart  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Yvonne Hernandez

**NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 6**

USHERS/GREETERS ..... Chad Heath & Bruce Tulloch  
CHILDREN’S CHURCH ..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) .....Hunnicutts  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Buford Bennetts  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Hanni Hanson & Sharon Salyer  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Dar Wassink  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Diane Nugent

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Worship Service

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday	– Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	– Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
	– Junior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
	– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett’s, 513 Crestview Rd, Kalispell
Thursday	– National Day of Prayer
Fri-Sat.	– Men’s Retreat at Bend Guard Station
Sunday	– Ladies’ Spring Tea, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Tuesdays	– Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	– Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
	– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
Sundays	– Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
1st Sundays	– Diaconal Offering
1st Tuesdays	– Elder home visits
3rd Tuesdays	– Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays	– Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
Last Sunday of month	– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8	– Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
	– Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
	– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 10	– Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Sunday, May 13	– Mother’s Day
	– Last day of Sunday School until September
Tuesday, May 15	– Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 20	– Graduation Sunday
Tuesday, May 22	– Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
Sunday, May 27	– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

April 29, 2012

Guest Speaker: Trent Neumann

Sermon Title: *The Train is Coming, Get Off of the Tracks!*

Sermon Text: Luke 21:34-36

SERMON TEXT: Luke 21:34-36 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. How do you act like a baby zebra in your Christian journey? What will change your mind concerning these choices?
2. What is dissipation? What scriptural figures fell into dissipation? How did their slide start? Who else do you know that fell into dissipation?
3. What is the primary difference between moralism and holiness?
4. Francis Schaeffer, speaking on prayer, says: “*In one way you can say the the new birth (justification) is everything; in another way you can say that it is very little. It is everything because it is dispensable to begin with, but it is very little in comparison with the living existential relationship. The legal justification does not end statically; it opens to me a living person-to-person communication with the God who exists.*” How might this change your perspective on the Christian life?
5. Does Jesus want us to literally avoid sleep and neglect the health of our bodies? What does he mean by saying, “stay awake at all times”?
6. What does “stand before the Son of Man” mean (v. 36)?
7. What personal changes do you need to make to reassign values in your priorities?

I. Watch

II. The definitions

III. The call