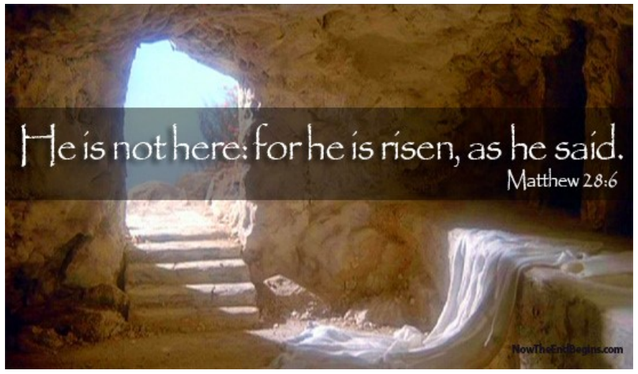

DAILY BIBLE READING - 2017

Sunday, April 30th
1 Chronicles 26-29
Monday, May 1st
2 Chronicles 1-3
Tuesday, May 2nd
2 Chronicles 4-6
Wednesday, May 3rd
2 Chronicles 7-9
Thursday, May 4th
2 Chronicles 10-12
Friday, May 5th
2 Chronicles 13-15
Saturday, May 6th
2 Chronicles 16-18

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"THE BRONZE SERPENT"

By: *Allan Hornbbuckle* **April 30, 2017**

We have been going through a large section of the book of Exodus in bible class for some time now and we are almost at the end of our study. There are so many moments that we do not have time to discuss, but are so rich in application and lessons for us today. One such event from which we can learn a great deal is the situation involving a large bronze or copper snake lifted up to save the Israelites from poisonous serpents. This is not a common occurrence, to be sure.

"*Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived."* Numbers 21:4-9

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Sermons for Sunday, April 30th

Sunday AM:
THE DEATH OF MOSES

Sunday PM:
THE SPIRITUAL REALM

You may visit www.allanhornbuckle.com for archived articles and sermons.

Schedule of Services:
Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:00 am Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Worship: 7:00 pm

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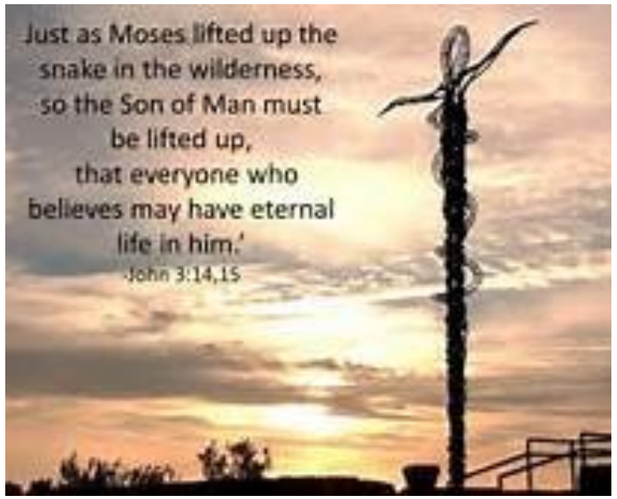

Week of April 16th

Bible Classes: 68 AM Worship: 117 PM Worship: 36
Wednesday Evening: 52 Contribution: 3,202.00

Remember in Prayer

Ken & Sue Adams, friends of Wanda Brown.
Dixie Akers, Royce's sister-in-law, for her health.
Royce Akers met with a neurosurgeon for a plan of treatment.
Sydney & Mildred Carter– Sydney has cancer.
Maxine Doll has health issues. Maxine is Pam's mother.
Diane Haney, a friend of Jim Lamm's daughter-in-law.
Pete Kenny, Diana Byrd's nephew, is fighting cancer.
Christine Lamm's sister has cancer.
Jim & Esther Lamm - Esther for health & Jim is her caregiver.
Brooklyn Mayer, Dawn White's 4 year old niece, has cancer.
Nell McIntire is Lois Ott's sister and has cancer.
Lloyd McLawhorn to regain his strength.
Chris Newell, Stephen's grandmother, for her health.
Ray Price has congestive heart failure and overall health.
Jill Rush, Ronnie & Sharon's daughter, health issues.
Violet Sharp, Nancy's mom, has Alzheimer's.
Howard Streets for relief of the pain in his knee.
Hoite & Margaret Sullivan, Doris' sister & brother-in-law, health.
Frances Wakeland for her health.
Earl Watson has a mass in his back near kidneys.

PROGRAM OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Eddie Haselden
Song Service: Roddy Akers
Opening Prayer: Howard Streets
Communion: Andy Streets
Serving: Ron Herman Eddie Haselden III Ray Brown Jason Vance
Sermon: Allan Hornbuckle
Closing Prayer: J.S. Dismuke

For the Month of April

Elder: Larry Casbeer
Communion Preparation: Mary Ann Googe
Baptismal Garments: Christine Herman

VISITS APPRECIATIED

Ruby Cooper Esther Lamm Lois Ott
Evelyn Pack Violet Sharp Tex Patton

Military

Jordan Akers Robert Bagley
Kristopher Black RJ Boris Adam Bowles
Brandon Boyles Kimberly Boynton
Russell Coble Ryne Collins James Dalton
Ellis Flenoid Steven Hilton Michael Hilton
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Kevin Mitchell Shawn Reynolds
Nicholas Ragland

05/13
Keith & Sandy Dee
05/24
Bryan & Jesse Pahl

05/01
Raymond Boynton
Abigail Streets
05/02
Chase Wakeland
Jordan Cooper
05/09
William Hopkins
05/10
Earline Smalls
05/17
Rusty Akers
05/19
Jonathan Akers
05/20
Esther Lamm
05/26
Tex Patton
05/30
Frances Wakeland

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This is an interesting situation to be sure. One of the most interesting things however from this is shown later in the Old Testament in 2 Kings 18:1-4, *"Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done. He removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan."*

So not only was the people of Israel punished for their complaining against God's providential care, but also their ancestors actually revered the object used to save the people more than God Himself. This is a great warning to all of us to be mindful not to place our faith in the object of God's saving grace more than God Himself too.

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Elders & Deacons Meeting: There will be a meeting this afternoon at 4:30.

Graduating Seniors: We are planning a potluck in honor of our graduates. In an effort to include all graduates, please let Christine know if you will be graduating.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 pm for dinner before Bible study.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those willing to volunteer in the nursery.

Hope Lodge: If you are interested in helping to prepare lunch on the last Monday of the month for the Hope Lodge, please see Doris Akers or Raymond Boynton.

Coffee for Troops provides care packages of coffee and snacks to deployed troops overseas. We are sharing a picture of a troop receiving their care package. Thanks to all who support this effort. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please speak to Eric.

VBS: Please mark your calendars for June 14th—17th. This year we will be studying about Paul's ministry in Rome. On Saturday, we will have a petting zoo, pony rides, jump castle and lots more fun!