

## "TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN" 2-14-21

**Text: Acts 17:1-9 Theme: We Preach Jesus!**

1st Missionary Journey: (Paul/Barnabas) – Acts 13:1 – 14:28

2nd Missionary Journey: (Paul/Silas/Timothy) – Acts 15:36 – 18:22

**Acts 17:1 – "When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue."**

Philippi to Amphipolis = 30 miles West Amphipolis to Apollonia = 25 miles farther West Apollonia to Thessalonica = 40 miles farther West

**Total: 95 mile journey on Via Egnatia Highway Acts 17:6b NKJ – ". . .**

**These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."**

**NOTE: Turning the World Upside Down From God's Perspective:**

**WHEN** did the world flip upside down? At the Fall of Man. Two Big Things

Happened:

- a) Adam/Eve sinned.
- b) The Earth Fell Under a curse.

**WERE** Paul/Silas causing Trouble? No! They were turning the world Upside Right!

**Qualities Seen in These Men:**

**I. THEIR COURAGE– Acts 17:2 –**

**Courage:**

- Having mental/moral strength to persevere and withstand danger or difficulty. (Webster's Dictionary)
- Courage equals confidence in God! (Biblical Definition)

**II. THEIR MESSAGE– Acts 17:2,3**

**III. THE RESULTS– Acts 17:4**

a) **Positive:**

b) **Negative: Acts 17:5**

– **Announcements –**

**Marriage Seminar:** We are planning to host a Marriage Seminar here at church from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on February 21st. The DVD Series is entitled "Rock Your Marriage"! This will include supper at \$12/person + tax. Invite your friends! Please sign your names to the sheet in the Narthex.

**M/O Easter Cantata:** This Cantata will be presented on Sunday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. (God willing.) Anyone high school age or older is encouraged to participate. Childcare will not be provided during the practices. The Cantata will be directed by Martin Sieverding and accompanied by Jennifer Herrboldt. Rehearsals are as follows, starting at 7:00 p.m. –

Friday, February 26 at Zion Reformed Church

Friday, March 05 at Olivet United Methodist Church Tuesday, March 09 at Peace

Christian Reformed Church Tuesday, March 16 at Grace Lutheran Church Tues./Thurs., March 23 & 25 at Salem Reformed Church

**M.O.R.E. Committee:** Thanks for your generous donations over the past years. This past year we bought 45 turkeys for the Food Pantry in Freeman. We gave Total Stop gift cards for Christmas. Valentine's Day we give a box of valentine candy to the Nursing Home Residents and those members of our church over 80. We also give gas cards for those having to travel for medical visits on a long term basis. This past year, due to Covid, we donated money to the MOCC for a gift for each resident and Menno Bucks for all employees.

**PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

\*We rejoice with **Kristin/Robert Heckenlaible** at the birth of their daughter **Bria Kathleen** on Thurs., Feb. 11th, weighing in at 7 lbs., 5 oz.

\***Milo Hauck**, as he has spent most of this past week in the Freeman Hospital and then the Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls. We pray for his recovery.

\***Shirley Mettler**, as she recovers from surgery to remove a kidney stone this past Thursday. We pray for her recovery.

\***Micah Goehring**, as he had surgery on his little finger this past Friday morning. We pray for his recovery.

\*We pray for all of our **Care Center Residents and Assisted Living Residents** as well as the **Staff** who work so hard in caring for them.

\***David Walloch**, \***Terry Sayler**, \***Jimmy Woehl**, \***Bill Headley**, \***Logan Klaudt**, \***Glenda Walker**, \***Lee & Pat Pommerville**, \***Milo & Marilee Hauck**, \***Les Mehlhaff**, \***Myron Holzwarth**, \***Robert Gramkow**, \***Bill Huber**, as these individuals are in various stages in their battle against cancer and/or other health struggles. We praise the Lord for His Power that is mightily at work within each one, giving them strength day by day!

\***Travis Gramkow** (U.S. Navy – Virginia), \***Aaron Helgerson** (U.S. Navy – Florida),

\***Katie (Schultz) Paulsen** (U.S. Air Force – Brussels, Belgium), \***Troy Heckenlaible**,

**Derek Fischer**, **Dan Wonnemberg**, **Katie Huber**, **Trevor Bertsch**, **Dustin Gall**, **John**

**Neth**, **Chad Boettcher** (Army National Guard), \***Lee Heckenlaible**, **Carmen Taylor**,

**Jennifer Masterson**, **Brett Andersen**, **Evan Wintersteen** (Air National Guard), \***Corbin**

**Auch**, \***Travis Brandt**, **Tyler J. Brandt**, \***Jayne Schaaf**, \***Jake Haider** (U.S. Army), \***Alex**

**Olson** (U.S. Navy), – **we pray for God's protection over all in who serve in our Military!**