

## Authority

*One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. “Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,” they said.” Who gave you this authority?”*

Luke 20:1-2

As of 12:01 AM this morning, a statewide “stay-at-home” order has been put into effect for the state of Missouri. This order was announced last Friday by Gov. Parsons. Nearly two weeks earlier, Mayor Quinton Lucas gave a similar order for Kansas City, as did County Executive Frank White for Jackson County. Each order included a statement that the order was being given according to the authority granted to each official through their office. This phrase is used so that others know there is power behind the orders.

In the past several weeks, we have seen press conferences and interviews with many different authority figures. Some, like Dr. Anthony Fauci, have become reliable and trusted sources of information. Others seem less comfortable and reliable in their position of authority in this particular crisis.

Jesus is asked about the source of his authority in the above Scripture passage. Elected officials receive their authority as a result of a vote. Others receive authority as a result of academic training, job experience, or personal skill. The authority figures questioning Jesus – the chief priests, teachers of the law and elders – received their authority as a result of their job and the honor and respect afforded their positions. Suddenly, there was someone else (Jesus) being afforded the same amount of authority and respect as them, but he hadn’t earned it (at least in their eyes).

These leaders didn’t question whether or not Jesus had authority, he was being treated with authority by those who mattered the most – the gathered masses. The religious leaders wanted to know what the source of Jesus’ authority was. Who gave him his authority?

Of course, we know the answer to that question. Jesus’ authority came from God and was a result of Jesus being God in human form. Jesus isn’t the only one who acts with God’s authority. When we seek to follow God’s will, to participate in God’s mission of building his kingdom on Earth as it is in heaven, we too do so with the same authority.

I encourage you to live in such a way, to work in such a way, to be about God’s work in such a way that people wonder where your authority comes from, because it is so amazing. But remember, the source of Jesus’ authority wasn’t questioned because he was advocating the status quo and wasn’t upsetting anyone. It’s was because he was ruffling some feathers. As Jesus once said, “Go and do likewise.”

Blessings,

Chris





*Thank  
you so  
much!*

Members of the Mask Brigade are very grateful for your generous donation of elastic and fabric. In the first fourteen days of production, over 3000 masks were sewn and distributed to local hospitals, first responders and care units. As the need for masks grows, we continue to sew and expand our efforts to include surgical caps, gowns, and headbands. Please join us in prayer for safety of all of those on the frontlines and for an end to this pandemic.

Due to the enhanced Stay-At-Home mandate, this collection has ended.



### April Birthday's

Dana Hahn

Irene Zabel

Cindy Morehead

Jon Raymond

Nicole Ables

Rick McWhirt

Carter Davis

Hope you all have a

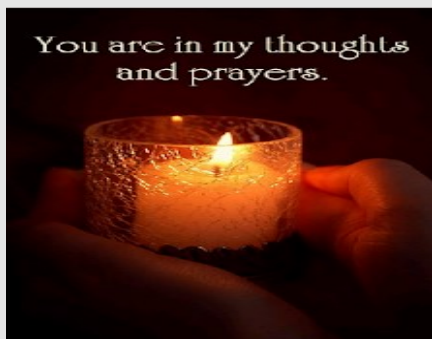
wonderful Birthday!

Congrats to The Rohr's on their new  
grandbaby Charlotte and the Anderson's  
on new baby Evelyn Marie

Thanks to our church kids for showing their  
dedication and love for Palm Sunday.

Very cute and creative Palms to wave in Glory!





Roy Ball	Michael Hatfield
Tammy Brown & Family	Leticia and son Ethan
Les Case	Derek Petty
Donald Cohan	Don Raymond
Dorothy Conn	Steve Raymond
Wade Davis	Nancy Rowe
Chad Elmer	Erin Scott
Janet Ford	Larry Sparks
Richard Fuerst	Ray Trowbridge
Winnie Fuerst	Elaine West
Harvey Geary	Dorothy Wilson
Our New Pastor & his family	

Congregation de Mellier  
Heart and Soul Children's  
Learning Center  
All Ministries  
of the Church



Please join a wonderful Maundy Thursday Service that will be filmed at the Memorial Garden at 7:00 pm and can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube.



Pastor Chris will be live  
At 7:00 pm for a quiet  
reflecting Good Friday  
Service that you can view on  
Facebook Live and You Tube





# April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>5 Services</b> <b>10:00 Online</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00	10 Good Friday Service 7:00	11
<b>12 Easter Service</b> <b>10:00 Online</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19 Services</b> <b>10:00 Online</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>26 Services</b> <b>TBD</b>	27	28	29	30		