

Faith

United Church Of Christ

**February
2022**



**Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am**



Paul and Silas in Prison

Paul and Silas are imprisoned in the 16th chapter of Acts after Paul commands an evil spirit out of a slave girl that had been following them. The possessed slave girl had a spirit of divination that had brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

"As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks."

([Acts 16:16-24](#))

Paul's accusers here care little for religion, but they use religious prejudice against the Jews of that time to retaliate for their financial loss.



The Philippian Jailer Converted

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God." ([Acts 16:25-34](#))

Being persecuted unjustly for Christ leads Paul and Silas to joy rather than sorrow ([Luke 6:22-23](#)). Their praying and singing hymns prepare the other prisoners for conversion later that night.

The jailer's question, "what must I do to be saved?" implies he has already heard the prisoners proclaiming "the way of salvation" and their praying and singing. The miraculous earthquake and Paul's concern for the jailer's life strengthen his faith and lead to his conversion.

The Apostles are Released

But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace." But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out." The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed." ([Acts 16:35-40](#))



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CLOSING POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, power outage, or any cancellation of worship service that may be necessary, we will use our current call list to contact all church attendees. If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Catherine Martz
240-315-5855

Consistory Meeting

February 20, 2022

12 noon



*" For we are God's
handiwork, created in
Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared
in advance for us to do "*

Ephesians 2: 10



FEB 10- ASHLEE SUNDAY
FEB 28 - TINA HOUCK

Thank you to **all** who came to the Annual Congregational meeting and brought delicious food to share for lunch! New Consistory Board members are scheduled to be installed on February 6, 2022 during worship.



"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Ephesians 2: 8

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY
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We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Frances Main who passed away on January 8, 2022.

She was a longtime member and buried here at Faith Church cemetery.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

All-Powerful Father, I bow before You because You are awesome and worthy of all the praise. Your word declares that I can do all things through You who strengthens me! I put all my trust in You. You alone are my God. You alone are my joy. You are my heart and my soul. You are the grass under my feet and the sky above. You are seen and unseen, Father. Keep me at Your right hand forever, fill me with Your grace, and make me Yours all the days of my life.

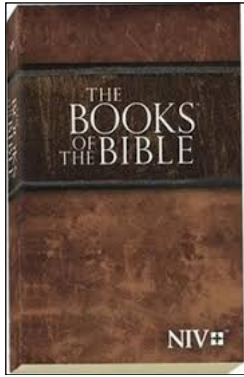
Amen.

***Names on the prayer
list will remain for 3
months unless otherwise
requested longer.***

To **ADD** or **REMOVE** names to :

- *Prayer List*
- *Newsletter Mailing*
- *Birthday/ Anniversary*

Please contact Jennifer Stull
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BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Reading the bible daily may be a challenge but when you have a list and schedule, we find it is so much easier! There are printed copies of a daily bible reading at the church and a PDF is available to email anyone who would like to have one. Please email your request to Jennifer Stull at mychurch.js@gmail.com. Each month this year there will be a short summary of each Book from the Old Testament into the New Testament to enlighten and inform us of what each one is about.

Numbers

Numbers relates the story of Israel's journey from Mount Sinai to the plains of Moab on the border of Canaan. The book tells of the murmuring and rebellion of God's people and of their subsequent judgment.

Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy ("repetition of the Law") serves as a reminder to God's people about His covenant. The book is a "pause" before Joshua's conquest begins and a reminder of what God required.

Joshua

Joshua is a story of conquest and fulfillment for the people of God. After many years of slavery in Egypt and 40 years in the desert, the Israelites were finally allowed to enter the land promised to their fathers.

Judges

The book of Judges depicts the life of Israel in the Promised Land—from the death of Joshua to the rise of the monarchy. It tells of urgent appeals to God in times of crisis and apostasy, moving the Lord to raise up leaders (judges) through whom He throws off foreign oppressors and restores the land to peace.

Ruth

The book of Ruth has been called one of the best examples of short narrative ever written. It presents an account of the remnant of true faith and piety in the period of the judges through the fall and restoration of Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth (an ancestor of King David and Jesus).

1 Samuel

Samuel relates God's establishment of a political system in Israel headed by a human king. Through Samuel's life, we see the rise of the monarchy and the tragedy of its first king, Saul.

2 Samuel

After the failure of King Saul, 2 Samuel depicts David as a true (though imperfect) representative of the ideal theocratic king. Under David's rule the Lord caused the nation to prosper, to defeat its enemies, and to realize the fulfillment of His promises.

Paul and Silas in Prison

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romans	jews	spirit	Jesus	christ
god	slave	prayer	prison	silas
paul				