April Sermon Series: Jesus is___

Series Study Through Mark 14-16

The disciples walked with Jesus for three years. They witnessed this healer restore the broken. They listened to their teacher confound the wise. And they watched Him embrace the unwanted outcasts. If anyone knew what Jesus was all about...it was His disciples. Yet, in the final hours of His life, they are about to see a side of Jesus they could never fully understand. As we wrap up our series through the Gospel of Mark, we will join them in discovering that Jesus is _____.

4/6 __Anointed One / Mark 14 // Karl Schad, Senior Pastor
4/13 __Sinner’s Savior / Mark 15 // Karl Schad, Senior Pastor
4/18 Good Friday Service / CrossWalk / Family Worship & Communion
4/20 __Risen Lord / Mark 16 // Karl Schad, Senior Pastor
4/27 __Disciple Maker / Acts 1:1-3 // Tom Harland, Family Pastor

CrossWalk
Good Friday Worship Experience
Friday, April 18 — 6:30PM

This year on Good Friday we are starting a new event called CrossWalk. It will be an indoor and outdoor interactive worship experience for the family. Our time together will include family worship (inside), followed by a prayer walk to the Cross (outside). After we have all gathered around the Cross, we will share in the Lord’s Supper. This is going to be a moving and meaningful worship experience, so invite your family and friends.

Shine Spring Musical—Are We There Yet?

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to hear and experience this important message on Friday, April 11. No tickets required! Doors open at 6:30, the show begins at 7:00 pm.

Parent-Baby Dedication

We are planning our special Parent-Child Dedication ceremony on Mother’s Day, May 11. This ceremony, for parents of children ages 0-2, is a time for you to commit to raising your little one in a Christian home with God’s help. Your church family will also pray for you, ask God to guide you, and commit to supporting your parenting efforts. If you wish to participate, contact the office at 314-821-2156 or office@gccstl.org and specify which service, you will attend, 9:45 or 11:00. You are encouraged to invite family and friends. We will put together a slide show for the program, so please send 2 photos of your child no later than April 20 with the baby’s full name.
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. And He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...

Ephesians 2:13-14

Bondye Bon (bon-yay-bon) is Creole for “God is good.” On our recent mission trip to Haiti, I was blessed to be on the wonderful team that experienced His goodness.

Through 95 degree sun burning, concrete block moving, rooster crowing, bug crawling, bucket passing, goat butchering, voodoo drum beating, cold water showering, synchronized snoring, earplug wearing, scaffold falling, and Mike Holly head banging...we were reminded that God is good.

Through the beautiful smiles and the outpouring of praise, we saw the goodness of God. Through the warm fellowship and lasting friendships created, we saw the goodness of God. Through linguistic and cultural barriers, we saw Christ bring us together as one people...His people. God is good. I had the privilege of preaching on the Sunday before our return. We walked through Ephesians 2 with this big idea:

HE WHO UNITES US IS GREATER THAN ALL OUR DIFFERENCES.

Indeed, we are one in Christ. Please pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Bel Vie, Haiti. Pray for Pastor Ybene and Laura Dalla. Lift up their church, asking for God’s protection and provision. And if you’re daring, ask how God would have you get involved in the mission work there. The Haiti Mission team is planning on hosting a fellowship time to share stories and pictures for anyone interested. We will let you know when and where.

One in Jesus, Pastor Karl

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START YOUR JOURNEY

Sign up in the CROSSECTION for the course that is appropriate for you:

LIVE FOR CHRIST — 101 COURSE
Sunday, April 13 — 8:30-9:30 am

GROW IN CHRIST — 201 COURSE
Sunday, April 6 — 8:30-9:30 am

SERVE LIKE CHRIST — 301 COURSE
Sunday, April 27 — 8:30-9:30 am

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**WORSHIP WITH THANKSGIVING**

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."  **Psalm 9:1**

Behold, look up, gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and wonder at His great love for you! Not just for you, but for the whole world. There is not a place in the universe that God cannot be seen or reach us with His love. He died to prove it.

So in view of Easter, let’s engage the compassion of our Savior by pouring out glory to His name through thankful lives.

Are you thankful?

Make a list, a long list, of the great things God has done (whether recent or in the past) and share it with others. Pray for more opportunities to share God’s greatness. This is a season to remember, to recall, and re-center our hope on Jesus Christ.

Lord, I thank You that the work You began in the hearts of believers, You are faithful to complete. We give You our whole life. We give You our whole heart.

**HIGH HILL SUMMER CAMP**

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* Early Bird prices are good until midnight Monday, May 19.

**Thank You**

Dear Gateway Family,

Thank you so much for all you did to make our father’s/grandfather’s (Jack Lee) Memorial Service so nice. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank you, Marilyn, Tim, Jenny, Shawn, & Eli

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**YOUNG AT HEART**

To some, it is the Cathedral Basilica; to others, the New Cathedral. For seniors at Gateway (men and women 55+), it is the destination for our April outing. On **Wednesday, April 16**, we will meet at the church at **9:00 am** where a 12-passenger van will be available; additional vehicles and drivers likely will be needed.

During an hour long, guided tour, we will view some of the 83,000 square feet of mosaics, called the largest indoor collection of mosaic art in the world.

From the grandeur of a cathedral, we will step into City Diner by the Fox where menu items are described as "retro-cool comfort food" and are reasonably priced (so, easy on your wallet). Reservations are already made for our group.

When you check your calendar to see if you are free on April 16, you may notice that it falls between Palm Sunday and Easter—that is no coincidence. We hope you can join Gateway seniors for this visit to a beautiful place of worship.

Please sign up at the kiosk in the **CROSSECTION**. Advance sign-up will simplify completing the arrangements and is something we will be doing for all future YAH activities. Thank you!

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY**

Gateway Women presents **The WHO**. No, not the band, but “Women Helping Others” (WHO)! We hope Gateway women will join the fun on **Thursday, April 10**, from **7:00-9:00 pm** at the church to help serve. We will have several service stations set up in the gym, so come alongside your sisters in Christ and help us help others. We will hear from a local organization that we will serve that night and take a “Service Challenge!” Bring a snack to share and a friend! Sign up at the kiosk behind the red information desk.

**WELCOME NEW BABIES!**

**Callie Rose Rothermich** was born February 19, weighing 6 lb 5 oz and 19” long, to proud parents, Stefan and Jamie, big brother Chase, and Grandma Gayla. Congratulations and welcome, little Callie Rose!

**Jack Vernon Cowan** was born March 21 at 8:13 am, weighing 8 lb 14 oz and 21” long. Congrats to his parents Jeremy, Wendy, and big sister, Madison. Welcome, baby Jack!

**IN SYMPATHY**

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the following who have lost loved ones: Bob & LeeAnn Farber (son Danny); family of Jack Lee (Marilyn Haynes; Jenny, Shawn & Eli Hopkins); Catina Heathman (uncle Danny); Jenni Biggs (mother).
Healing Heart Counseling Center is available to assist individuals, couples, groups and families to face and overcome life’s greatest challenges and changes.

Contact the center at 314.821.1120 and begin to heal by tending to your heart (calls are strictly confidential; sliding fee scale used).
MISSION MINUTE: S.W.E.R.V.E.

S.W.E.R.V.E. is coming! Set aside Saturday, June 7 on your calendar for our 4th annual day of service for all individuals and families. Once again, our entire church will have the opportunity to serve in our community all on the same day. As you may have noticed, we will be swerving on a Saturday instead of a Sunday this year. We will be focusing our efforts in one particular area of our community as well. Stay tuned for more specific details as we plan for this exciting day!

Please be praying about how God can best use you and your family on this day. This is an excellent opportunity to serve as a family and teach our children what ‘service’ is all about – DOING! What an amazing day this will be when we all come together as a church to be God’s hands and feet!

APRIL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

April 1 through April 28 – Pack the Pantry at High Hill Christian Camp! Gateway is being asked to donate 50 boxes of plain Cap’ n Crunch cereal (no peanut butter varieties please, only plain) for High Hill’s summer camp needs. Please leave your boxes of cereal in the collection bin between the mission tables in the long hallway.

Sunday, April 27 is the Pie Auction supporting the teen trip to CIY. Plan to stick around after church for a sack lunch and to participate!

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

During the month of May, we will be collecting toiletries for Epworth children’s home.

Saturday, May 3 - Rebuilding Together. Rebuilding Together St. Louis is an established organization that coordinates donation, skilled captains, and numerous volunteers to improve at least 100 homes per year in the St. Louis area for disabled, elderly, and low-income homeowners. Gateway has paired with this organization for the last 13 years to work on a total of 11 homes. Our members have been blessed to provide our St. Louis neighbors with better living conditions and get to know the homeowners personally. On Saturday, May 3, Gateway volunteers will be repairing and renovating a St. Louis city home. This is a one-day event from 8:00 am-5:00 pm, rain or shine, where all skill levels are welcome to help paint, clear, build, etc. Stephen Ryan is the coordinator. Ages 16 and older are welcome to sign up.

BREAD BASKET APRIL COLLECTIONS

April 06: Canned goods (i.e. soup, meat, vegetables, fruit)
April 13: Toiletries (for men, women, and children)
April 20: Dry Goods (i.e. spaghetti, rice, flour, etc.)
April 27: Paper Goods (i.e. paper towels, bath tissue, Ziploc bags)

We have many Gateway families in need so please help keep our shelves stocked. Drop off donations in the baskets at the missions table in the hallway.
**Easter Family Art Show!**

**Guidelines:** Make sure your art is focused on the reason we celebrate Easter—Jesus (the cross, the empty tomb, the resurrection). Please avoid portraying the Easter bunny and Easter eggs.

**Who:** Anyone—children, youth, adults. Art can be created individually or your whole family can work on a project together.

**What:** Art show celebrating the hope we have because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paint, draw, sculpt, carve, or use whatever media you have available. Please, no Easter bunnies or Easter eggs.

**When:** Bring in art between April 6-13. There will be a table near the preschool and elementary check-in spots. Fill out the form to label your masterpiece. Art will be displayed on **Easter Sunday, April 20**. Plan to pick up your art after church on April 27.

Need inspiration? Check out Matthew 27:27-28:10. If you need art supplies, check with Shari Borders or visit Hobby Lobby.

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**Vacation Bible Summer**

**Sunday Mornings Beginning June 8**

Yes, VBSummer is coming back! We will begin with **Weird Animals—Where Jesus’ Love is One of a Kind**. God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

That will be followed by **Wilderness Escape—Where God Guides and Provides**. Kids will get to learn straight from a well-known Bible hero—Moses; discover firsthand what it was like to live in the Israelite camp; and join one of the 12 Tribes of Israel for games, music, crafts, and manna.

Come join us and make an eternal difference in the life of kids! Volunteer sign-up sheets are available at the kid check-in areas and at the red kiosk in the CROSSECTION. **Training meetings for Weird Animals** will be on both **Wednesday, May 14 at 6:45** and **Sunday, May 18 at 12:30**. Choose the one that best suits your schedule.

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**VBS Weird Animals Details**

**June 8 — July 13**

**Personnel needs** include decorators, activity leaders, and crew leaders for both preschool and elementary.

**Decorating/Teaching supplies** needed include:

- Large oar or paddle
- Bundt pan
- Chef’s hat and apron
- Small electric fountain with water
- Lightweight bowling ball – 8 lbs or less

If you can help us collect any of these items or have something we can borrow, please contact Shari.

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**Joyful Noyz Spring Musical:**

**Friday, May 9 — 7:00 PM**

Our 1st-5th grade choir, Joyful Noyz, is busily preparing for their upcoming musical **Simon Says**. Simon Peter has been accused of fraud for preaching that Jesus is the Messiah. Through fun and entertaining drama and songs, the kids will present an impactful story, calling witnesses—New Testament characters—to prove that Jesus is who He said: our Savior and King. Be sure to save the date and invite your family and friends to come enjoy the performance and encourage our kids.
Spring Time!! It is time to get a little RECKLESS.

Normally we adults want to encourage kids to be careful. Think through things before they act. But let us think about that. The years of being a student are reckless. It is typical for students to take a vacation from responsibility. The culture surrounding students tells them to live in a way that is reckless and devoid of wisdom.

We have actually set the bar too low for students! Students are not the future of the church, they ARE the church. This series is unpacking 1 Timothy 4:12 where God has called students to use their time in school as a launching pad to have a reckless faith through Jesus!

We will be taking four weeks to look at this topic.

- Week 1 “Reckless Words”
- Week 2 “Reckless Lifestyle”
- Week 3 “Reckless Love”
- Week 4 “Reckless Faith”

Through April we are also taking sign-ups for our summer trips.

**Jr High:** We have Junior High 2 Camp at High Hill from July 20-25. Get your $50 deposit in to Josh as soon as possible! Spots are limited and filling up quickly!

**High Schoolers:** There are still a couple of spots left on the bus taking us to Colorado for CIY (June 22-29)! I need a deposit of $50 now!!

We will also be meeting to plan YOUTH SUNDAY (May 25th) throughout April. We will have an initial meeting to plan it during the first worship service on April 13. If you want to be involved, make sure you attend the meeting to help plan, dream, and build the service!

**Let’s finish this school year strong!** And as usual, keep the student ministry and God’s students covered in prayer as we push through Spring Fever!

~ Josh

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**SHINE NEWS**

Rehearsals for the SHINE Spring Musical *Are We There Yet?*

**Sunday, April 6, 7:45 am**
Praise Team rehearsal/Sing all 3 services

**Sunday, April 6, 12:30-3:00 pm**
Lunch & Rehearsal

**Tuesday, April 8, 6:00-8:30 pm**
Dress Rehearsal

**Friday, April 11 — 7:00 pm**
PERFORMANCE
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### April Nursery Workers

**Wed., Apr. 2** J. Bender, J. Harris, **Need one more!**

**April 6**

- 8:30 J. Reed
- 9:45 J. & K. Bell, E. Feinstein, V. Schnose
- 11:00 P. Hilderbrand, J. Lyons, J. Vallieres

**Wed., Apr. 9**

- J. Reed, **Need two more!**

**April 13**

- 8:30 J. Reed
- 9:45 E. Brame, F. Kremer, J. Starling, A. Stemme
- 11:00 K. Barnard, J. Salman, **Need one more!**

**Wed., Apr. 16**

- S. Jaegers, M. Jaegers, J. Reed

**April 20**

- 8:30 J. Reed
- 9:45 J. Padua, S. & J. Primm, S. Putnam
- 11:00 J. Bender, B. Clark, F. Goad

**Wed., Apr. 23**

- A. Maupin, J. Reed, **Need one more!**

**April 27**

- 8:30 J. Reed
- 9:45 B. & J. Bensinger, S. Olsson, T. Shon
- 11:00 J. Cuenca, E. Pratt, L. Rekas

**Wed., Apr. 30**

- J. Bender, J. Harris, J. Reed