



Our Purpose is to expand God's Kingdom, as we reach, teach, disciple and activate people for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morganton First Church of God Weekly Schedule

Communion in the Prayer Room	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School:	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evenings	6:00 p.m.
Power House Youth and Prayer Service	
Wednesday Fellowship Supper	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday Small Groups	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study, KidsPlace & PowerHouse Youth	

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From Pastor Don

That you might believe...

This year we celebrated the week of Christ's Passion in April. Resurrection Sunday (Easter) was the second Sunday in the month. Following the Resurrection of Christ, Jesus made several appearances to his disciples and to others. The times were difficult for the followers of Jesus. Their teacher had been crucified; the grave was now empty; and His followers were trying to sort through and make sense of all that they had seen, heard and experienced.

"Where do we go from here?" would be a reasonable question. At one

point, Peter said, "I'm going fishing," to which several other disciples responded and went with him. Times were hard. The familiarity of fishing was a welcome distraction. Even if you were not a fisherman, fishing might be a reasonable consideration. To the disciples who were in the boat Jesus appeared on the shore, ate a breakfast of fish with them and talked with them. Other occasions of Jesus' revealing Himself after the Resurrection included to Mary Magdalene, to two on the way to Emmaus, to the eleven, to James, to a group of 500, and to others.

In Acts 1:3 we read that He "showed himself alive by many proofs by the space of 40 days, speaking things concerning the kingdom of God." Quoting the scriptures from what we know as the Old Testament, Jesus had predicted that He would rise from the grave, that He has victory over death, that He has defeated sin and satan. Now, during these post-Resurrection appearances He is establishing the truth of His Words, as well as the truths spoken by the prophets of old. And His disciples (students and followers) were being grounded in all the Truth of Who He is. He is Emmanuel (God with us); He is Messiah; He is Savior; He is Lord; and He is King of Kings.

What wonderful truth was being burned into the hearts, minds, spirits of His followers. Jesus knew that the days (yes, even years and centuries) ahead for all of his followers would be tough days. His followers would need to know that He is all these things. That is why He said to Thomas, "See...so that you can believe."

For, you see, Jesus wanted them to know, beyond any doubt, that He is Lord of All; He wanted believers. There was work for them to do, and these post-Resurrection meetings were for the purpose of establishing Truth for His followers, so that they could accomplish the tasks that they were charged with. Now, He wants us to know, beyond any doubt, that He is Lord of All in our day, in our lives, in our relationships, in our doings.

Find time during these days to have meetings with the Savior -- while fishing, while walking on the road (to Emmaus), while closed in a room with other people, when alone. It is just as important that we have time with Jesus as it was for those early Christians, the early Church. We are in the post-resurrection period, too. And Jesus wants us to "see...so that we can believe." Then, we have knowledge and truth to share with persons with whom we have responsibility and privilege to talk about Him. Jesus wants us to know Him, and He wants us to make Him known.