

Schedule of Events

Breakfast at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant on
Saturday March 26, 2022 beginning at 8:00
AM

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Noah

AM Sermon: Tom Betti

Pray for / Alice Stone, Terry Campbell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill, and Peggy

Traveling/Working / Hans and Danesa, Reesa Campbell, Tina Crawford,
Wyatt Couch, Steve, and Abby

Radio Programs / Listen to “Searching the scriptures,” our weekly
radioprogram on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today’s Scripture “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed
about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every
weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run
with patience the race that is set before us,” Hebrews 12:1 (KJV
1900)

Wisdom for Today “Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *And* thy
faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds. Psalm 36:5 (KJV 1900)

PM Sermon: Bill Beebe

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Contact Information

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



Relics

By: Bill Beebe

The Catholic church is well known for having “relics” from some church leader or some important event in the early church history. Most of us have heard of the “Shroud of Turin” it is, without a doubt, the most well known “relic” held by the Catholic church. It is a cloth that has an image of a man who is muscular and stands between 5’ 7” and 6’ 2”. The image seems to show that he has shoulder length hair parted in the middle and a full beard, Some researchers believe that the image shows wounds similar to those a crucified person would have had. In addition, there seems to be wounds on the forehead that would have been there had a crown of thorns been pressed down and a wound in the side that resembles what would pass for a sword wound. The image is not painted on the cloth but seems to be somehow imprinted by a method that modern science cannot identify. This relic is supposed to be, according to the Catholic church, the burial shroud of Jesus and the image was transferred to the cloth at the moment of His resurrection. Other relics that the Catholic church has include such things that they believe are pieces of the true cross of Jesus and bones of some of the early church leaders. I saw a program last week about the most unique treasures that were found by common (non archaeologist) people in the UK. One was a small gold box found by a 10 year old boy playing with his dad’s metal detector. When it was cleaned and taken to a nearby museum for identification it was found to have a sliding door and contained some vegetative material. The writing on the box was later determined to claim that it contained a piece of the “true cross of Jesus”. That same show discussed another box, although not found in the UK, that supposedly had a piece of the shin bone of Mary Magdalene, and a birthmark of Mary the mother of Jesus.

One of the most sought after “relic” today is Noah’s Ark. Numerous expeditions have been hosted over the last several years in an effort to find the ark. Moses, writing in Genesis 8:4 (KJV 1900) says “And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.” . The problem is that the exact location of the resting place of the ark is not identified any better than that. While there are numerous traditional sites for the ark, none have been really identified

as the actual place that the ark came to rest. Wikipedia has entries that identify at least four possible locations that have been handed down through history. It is clear that no one really knows where the ark is. Even with modern satellite imagery, there has been no concrete evidence for the location of the ark. But one thing is certain, many people and millions of dollars will still be invested in finding it.

So what is so valuable about these “relics”? Absolutely nothing, except for their historical and artistic value. Christianity is not based on the existence of things that we can see or feel. Neither is it based on “proof” of the stories in the pages of the Bible such as Noah’s Ark, the Ark of the Covenant (which is supposed to be located today in Ethiopia), the temple of Solomon nor the reign of King David. Christianity is based on faith. On faith that God exist, that Jesus is deity, that the Holy Spirit is an actual person within the Godhead. It is based on our faith that Jesus was born, lived and died on a Roman cross to atone for our sins. We do not need to see a piece of the “true cross” or to hold the spear point that pierced His side to believe this. Neither do we need to have His burial shroud to prove His resurrection.

The book of Hebrews tells us that it is faith that is important. Listen as the writer tells us about faith. Hebrews 11:1–3 (KJV 1900) “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by it the elders obtained a good report. ³Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” The writer goes on to tell us Hebrews 11:7 (KJV 1900) “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” The writer of Hebrews brings our attention to Abraham, Moses, Rahab, Gedeon, Barak, Samson, Jephthae, David, and Samuel. Then he says about these Hebrews 11:33–34 (KJV 1900) “Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”

These men and women of faith didn’t need “relics” to shore up their religion. Their faith was all they needed and that is all we need today. So study the Bible and allow your faith to grow strong on what is written and not be based on material things that most will undoubtedly be proven as baseless frauds anyway.

