

<p>OASIS Groups this Fri 4th October Treasure Hunt. See Amy or Claudia for more info</p>	<p>At Last Tuesday's Church Members Meeting Don McLaren has been welcomed into the membership of Emmanuel</p>		<p>Food Bank-Needs are:</p>
<p>EBC Café Open Mon Tues and Wed. Help is always needed. See Charles if you can help for all or part of these days.</p>	<p>Food for Thought This Thurs October 3rd. Guest Speaker is Michael Caddick. Starts at 2.30pm.</p>	<p>A group of people meet for Prayer on a Monday morning 9-9.30am in the church. You are most welcome to join them or pass on prayer requests to Angie Godfrey or Jeff Mount</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereals • Long Life Milk • Coffee • Pasta Sauce • Rice • Noodles • Spaghetti • Tomatoes • Tinned Meat • Hot Dogs • Meatballs • Meat Meals • Tinned Rice Pudding • Tinned Custard • Jam • Biscuits • Tinned Fruit • Savoury Snacks • Sweet Treats • Toilet Rolls • Dry Dog Food
<p>If you are not receiving emails from Emmanuel and wish to, please email the office with permission and we can add you to our mailing list!</p>			

Sunday 29th September 2019

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself.

- 11am Children and youth groups leave
- Nippers: Pre-school 2+
- Buzz: Reception, school years 1-5
- Salt: School years 6-11



- 10.30am** Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.
- Main Door* Lynne Pellow
- Inner Door* Chris & Wendy Tabb
- Easy Worship* Becky Brown
- Teas & Coffees* Karen Campbell & Gillian Pringle / Gordon & Doreen Fraser

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?

Email housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

Sermon Outline Notes: Acts 3:1- 4:31 Learning to Talk

1) Introduction

I have noted that generally speaking the world does not like religions that talk! It favours religions that are content to be hidden away in the secrecy of the individuals private life and which therefore pose no threat to the status quo. But the first thing the Holy Spirit did when he came upon the apostles was set their tongues wagging.

2) The setting

- A man lame from birth is healed by the apostles Peter and John
- Peter speaks to the people, who were astounded by the miracle.
- The response of Peter's hearers is prolific- 4:4

3) The hostility commences

The positive response of many in the crowd is also accompanied by a new, more sinister and negative response by the religious leaders—they seized Peter and John and put them in jail (4: 1-2). The 'honeymoon period' of the early church is over! From now on the infant church is going to find itself encountering increasingly violent opposition.

4) Reasons for the hostility

- (1) Intellectual snobbery! - the apostles are unschooled, ordinary men. Yet they are gathering much larger crowds than the academics were to their learned seminars. We read in 5:17 that the high priest and all his associates were filled with jealousy.
- (2) Embarrassed indignation—the apostles kept reminding the crowds that it was the Jewish establishment that had conspired to get Jesus executed- 3: 13-14; 5:28.
- (3) Resurrection of the dead—The Sadducees who were prominent amongst the church's opponents denied the resurrection of the dead. The High Priest belonged to this

- (4) Desire to silence the apostles and stop the growth of the early church- see 4:17. Christianity was growing because it talked!

5) What was it that gave the church the courage to go on witnessing?

- (1) The incontrovertible evidence of a changed life -4:8-10. Jesus changes lives dramatically and people notice
- (2) The dynamic experience of the Holy Spirit -4:8. Again and again in the early chapters of Acts we find the phrase 'filled with the Spirit' and on every occasion this phrase is used in the context of Christians finding supernatural resources of confidence to proclaim Christ in the public arena.
- (3) The invincible sovereignty of God -4:24-26. Luke quotes from Psalm 2 a psalm in which King David reflects on the opposition Israel faced from surrounding nations. God's purpose cannot be defeated. Now since God had turned the cross from 'apparent defeat' into victory, there was no setback that could possibly hinder the advance of his purposes in the world.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Share responses to the sermon. Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high) how sure are you of Peter's statement in chapter 4:12?