

Protest

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the protest to stand with his “brothers and sisters of color,” stating that it was his duty.

“I can’t pretend to imagine the kind of fear they deal with, and I don’t pretend to have all the answers,” Wood said. “So, if this can be a contribution, this is what I can do. We want to show that people of color don’t have to stand alone. I have kids. I want them to grow up in a world where they know that their friends and people they love are safe. And if that isn’t going to happen, I have to help make that world for my kids.”

Phil Marks, while showing his support of the Black Lives Matter movement, was protesting police corruption. While he thinks most cops are good, caring men and women who stand by their mantra of “serve and protect,” he believes

that the bad ones are not held responsible for their actions and that reform is much needed.

“That’s the problem,” Marks said. “It tarnishes the entire profession. I’m not a cop hater. I’m not someone who thinks that there shouldn’t be laws and shouldn’t be enforcement... but when police do things that are clearly out of line, they are often not held accountable.”

AJ Kirkwood, another Marion resident, hoped that these protests would help bring unity to not only the United States, but to the world at large.

“Everyone needs to stand together,” Kirkwood. “There are white people. There are black people. And we are all humans in the end. We bleed the same blood.”

Whatever the reason they were at the courthouse on



Sunday, the underlying theme was the same. They are looking for change. They are looking for reform.

They are looking to bring forth a better world, one full of love and acceptance, rather than hate.

“The biggest thing is to

listen with an open mind and open ears – to understand that working for anti-racism is messy work,” Williams said. “It’s hard work, and it’s worth it if we are going to have a more just, more equal world. Listening is the first step.”

Faith for the journey

The greatest story ever told is that of the life of Christ. It is the most amazing story I have ever heard. The climax to His life is the resurrection. When all the world believed the champion of God had been defeated and died, He rose victoriously. It wasn’t the end, but rather the beginning! There are many events that took place simultaneously. One of those events is the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They felt as though they had no purpose, direction, or identity until Jesus came alongside them and revived their spirits.

It was during His forty days after the resurrection that He did some very effective work. His biggest task was to get His disciples back on the right track. They had basically all gone back to the only life they knew because they saw Him die. Contrary to what they had seen and what their minds were telling them, He was alive! There were the fishermen that He ate with, Thomas that He asked to feel the wounds, and as many as 500 at one time He revealed Himself to. He portrayed Himself as a revelation of life, because He was.

Now that Christ had gotten His followers back in line, the job at hand was to prepare them for the work they had been trained to do. He understood the task would be difficult and the road they would travel would be rough. His instruc-



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tions had to be effective and lasting. He knew that His time was about to end, and He would soon ascend back to the Father. The words that He shared with them in Acts 1:1-8 were significant to the disciples as well as to us. Let’s look at what He told them:

1. He encouraged them to pray (verse 4a). After His ascension back to the Father, they realized that their lives would never be the same. Instead of them following Jesus and watching Him usher in a new Kingdom, they would now be the leaders. They had seen Jesus get away in a secluded place and pray, and if they wanted to be effective, they must do the same. They knew that nothing would ever happen without prayer, and it had to be prayer with anticipation. When all else fails, pray. They were a large group of followers in that Upper Room, and their main task was to pray. They spent ten days doing nothing but

praying. What a testimony to us!

2. He offered up a test of patience to His followers (verse 4c). He said, “But wait!” There is no doubt this had to be hard for them, but it would later be very beneficial, and the Lord knew it. What were they to wait for? The Power of the Holy Spirit that would come on the day of Pentecost. The enduement of power unlike anything they had ever experienced would now be available to each of them for ministry. The waiting was a test of their patience and dedication to His will.

3. He then gave them their marching orders. (verses 5-8). The unknown is always hard, and they really didn’t know what they were up against. The rest of their lives would be represented by the work of evangelism, and spreading the Gospel to all the world. What would they share? Acts four tells us that they spoke the things they had seen and heard. The death, burial, and the resurrection was their message.

Nothing has changed from them to us. Their mission is still our mission. We must tell everyone that Jesus died for each and every one of us. What a mission! We must have faith for the journey.

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Deaths

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ner, Storey Chapel, on Tuesday, June 2 at 1 pm.

Patty Maynard
1929-2020
A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. A private family service and burial at Riverside Cemetery, Gas City with Mick Simpkins, officiating.

William R. McClelland
1931-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Russell L. Bennett
1948-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Tuesday, June 2 at 12:30 pm.

James P. “Jim” Miller
1938-2020
The family will hold a graveside service at a later date with military honors at the Marion National Cemetery.

Edward J. Riggs
1945-2020
Graveside services will be held at a later date in Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.

Minnie L. Stevens
1918-2020
A private funeral service was held at Grant Memorial Park on Friday, May 29.

Jay C. Spencer
1921-2020
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home on Monday, June 1 at 1 pm.

Richard E. “Dick” Reed
1936-2020
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 2 at 1 pm.

Annette Lynn Shreves
1978-2020
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 3 at 5 pm.

Tracie Renee Dale
1969-2020
Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, June 12 at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion with Evangelist Ryan Weaver officiating. There will be a Celebration of Life from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. following graveside services at the American Legion Post 10.

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