

JANUARY 12, 2020

TODAY: Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service - 7:00 p.m.

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"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved" (Psalm 62:1-2).

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Tune: "How Sweet the Name" CM Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Eternal, faithful, gracious Lord,
We bow before Thy throne;
Come as we gather in Thy Name,
And make Thy glories known.

O send Thy Spirit from above,
To touch these hearts of ours;
That we would praise and honor Thee,
With all our earthly pow'rs.

When we shall hear Thy word proclaimed,
Lord send it deep within;
O fill each heart with love and grace,
And cleanse us from our sin.

May all who gather in this house,
By faith to Jesus flee;
He is the Lord our Righteousness,
Who made our peace with Thee.

O give us grace to bless Thy name
As one, to raise our voice;
To honor and adore our God,
To worship and rejoice.

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Congratulations to Tom and Leslee McLeod upon the birth of their first grandchild. Landon Scott McLeod (5 lb & 13 oz) was born last Saturday (01/04/20) to Blake and Kristen. We give thanks for his safe arrival.

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THE CURE FOR OUR MISERIES

The ultimate reason for the misery which we experience in this life is sin. I do not necessarily mean some specific sin, but because of sin in general for it is the cause of every ill thing including sickness, disease, wars, disagreements, pain, sorrow, death and countless other things. If sin is the origin of every misery, what is the remedy? It is the redeeming work of our Lord Jesus Christ. O that the Holy Spirit would enable us to see that the blessed Redeemer has removed that which is the very root of all of our problems. "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3). When the eye of faith beholds Him who made satisfaction to offended justice for our sins, when we see that Christ condemned sin in His flesh when He gave His life a ransom for many, then sadness will be turned to joyfulness. Herein lays the key to happiness and contentment in this world. "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." Child of God, would you face this new year with confidence and cheerfulness? Believe the Word of God which declares that Christ has made an end of sins for all who believe Him. God the Father is satisfied with the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus on your behalf as evidenced by His resurrection and exaltation to the right hand of the Majesty on high! Though in yourself you are sinful, yet by your Savior's death you have been made "the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). You are made comely through His righteousness. Let every doubt and fear vanish; let sad hearts rejoice. All is well between you and the holy God. Your standing before God is eternally secure because you abide in Christ forever. --Pastor Jim Byrd

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The preaching of the gospel of Christ is the great weapon the Lord uses for "the pulling down of strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4). It will pull down the hugest blocks of stone the enemy can pile together. Preach the gospel, the gates of hell shake. Preach the gospel, prodigals return. Preach the gospel to every creature; it is the Master's mandate and the Master's power to everyone who believes. --C. H. Spurgeon (edited)

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WISE TRAVELERS

"I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only" (Psalm 71:16). Wise travelers provide things needful for their journey, and guard against such as lie in wait to rob them. Our gracious God calls not His dear children to forsake their native country to travel to the heavenly city without furnishing them with a rich supply of all things necessary for their comfort, and also strength to protect them from the power of every enemy. No soldier of His goeth to warfare at his own charge. Christ being both their righteousness and strength, they need no more. Hence they go on from day to day glorying in Him as their richest Treasure and trusting in Him as their almighty strength. This is their constant song in the house of their pilgrimage and all their journey through: "Surely, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength" (Isaiah 45:24). Jesus' righteousness inspires the soul with boldness before God. Jesus' strength obtains victory over every enemy. This is the triumph of faith so believers walk safely and comfortably. Children of grace are not called to be idle spectators in doctrines, but to a life of activity, to holy walking with Jesus, constant hearing of His love, cheerful obedience to His will, diligent search of the Scriptures, steadfast resistance of Satan, striving daily against sin, and praying always with all prayer and supplication.

But well may one ask, "Who is sufficient for these things?" As to natural power and inherent strength, we must all sit down in despair. But faith leads from self to Jesus. I can do all things through Christ strengthening me (Philippians 4:13) so will I go on against my enemies; thus I shall be enabled to walk in the paths of every duty. Yet after I have done all, my Saviour bids me confess the truth, that I am an unprofitable servant (Luke 17:10).

But is not this discouraging to the soul? No; for it works not to obtain righteousness. It is already clothed with that and, in the view of faith, rejoices in it. The soul denounces all other confidences and will make mention of Jesus' righteousness and His only, for acceptance with God, perfect justification before Him from every condemnation of the law and accusation of Satan. True, doubts and fears may arise; distressing thoughts deject, but happily are we conducted, joyful shall be our experience, while the righteousness of Christ is held by faith, as our only hope, our only joy, our only crown of rejoicing. For we are made the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).
-William Mason (1719-1791)

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Each of the three Persons of the blessed Trinity is concerned with our salvation: with the Father it is predestination; with the Son it is propitiation; with the Spirit it is regeneration. The Father chose us; the Son died for us; the Spirit quickens us. The Father was concerned about us; the Son shed His blood for us, and Spirit performs His work within us. What the One did was eternal, what the Other did was external, what the Spirit does is internal.
-A. W. Pink