

March 8, 2015

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Messages by PASTOR TIM JAMES
INTERNET: SermonAudio.com
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WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR BILL PARKER

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing the Praises of the Savior

Tune: " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," p. 257 (8.7.8.7 w/chorus)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Let us sing of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ the sinner's Friend;
For He died to seal our pardon,
Of our sins He made an end.*

*CHORUS: Sing the praises of the Savior,
Who our sins and sorrows bore;
Christ accomplished our redemption,
Praise His Name forevermore.*

*Harken to the voice of triumph,
"It is finished," Jesus cried;
Finished, ev'ry type and shadow,
All the law He satisfied. CHORUS.*

*What a wondrous, mighty Savior,
Righteousness He has brought in;
Risen and on high ascended,
Conqueror of death and sin. CHORUS.*

*When we come unto the Father,
Plead the merits of His Son;
This be all our hope before Him,
Only what our Lord has done. CHORUS:*

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**"O LORD, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name;
for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and
truth."**

—Isaiah 25:1

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 10 Sean Stapleton
11 Evelyn Miklosik
March 14 Kerri Edwards
16 Cheryl Absher

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We extend a warm welcome to Pastor Tim James and his wife Debbie. Brother Tim is the pastor of Sequoyah Baptist Church in Cherokee, North Carolina. He will be preaching in all our services today. Our pastor is preaching to and visiting with several of the Lord's people in Honolulu.

Our summer Bible school is scheduled for June 15th—June 19th. This will be for children 3 years old through high school. No adult classes. We will have a church picnic at Armco Park on Friday, June 19th.

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Here are five great challenges to encourage those who believe Christ, based on Romans 8:31-35.

1. Who can be against the Lord's people if the triune God is for us? Verse 31.
2. Since God sacrificed His Son in our stead to satisfy the demands of His broken law, will He not also freely give us all things? Verse 32.
3. God's elect are justified by the righteous obedience of Christ so who can bring a valid charge against them before the Judge? Verse 33.
4. Who can condemn those in whose stead Christ has already died and conquered the grave and for whom He makes intercession from His throne in glory? Verse 34.
5. Who or what can separate believers from the everlasting love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord? Verse 35.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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BLESSED INDEED!

The blessedness of a child of God is unaffected by the cares and troubles of the world. Believers have a spiritual health that cannot be changed by physical illness, a life that will never die, a Savior who is ever faithful, justice that is fully satisfied, and eternal riches which will never be lost. Children of God have a treasure laid up where moth and rust cannot corrupt, a Foundation that can never be shaken and an inheritance reserved in the heavens. We have an irrevocable pardon, a righteousness approved by God Himself, a Friend who sticks closer than a brother and a salvation that is as secure as the throne of God. We have the almighty God as our Father, the reigning Son as our Advocate and the eternal Spirit as our Comforter. Yes, we are blessed indeed!

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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We are never nearer Christ than when we find ourselves lost in a holy amazement at His unspeakable love.

—John Owen, Puritan preacher

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LIFE 101

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Part of the privilege of being a pastor is that I am often called upon to sit at the bedside of folks who are about to die. Over the years I have become convinced that, on a purely natural level, dying people know how to live. I have yet to hear someone who is facing eternity say, "I wish I had bought a bigger house" or "I regret not devoting more time to my career." Instead, I have often heard plaintive groans such as, "I wish that I had been a better husband or wife," or "If only I had spent more time with my kids," or "Why did I waste so much time and energy on bitter grudges." I have also noticed that those who attend a dying relative or friend quickly let go, if only for a short time, the petty differences on which they have expended precious energy. These natural lessons are of great spiritual value. We are told in Scripture that we are dying. In our youth, we know this in our heads. As the years go by, we not only know it our heads, but also feel it in our bones ...yet I am not convinced that we really believe it in our hearts. If we knew that we would not see tomorrow, which, by the way, we are not promised, what manner of folk might we be? How precious would one more gathering of the saints to worship be! How hungry would we be to hear the glorious Gospel of Sovereign Grace just once more! How easy it would be to say "I'm sorry," or "Please forgive me!" How necessary would it be to embrace our loved ones; dandle our children on our knees! How ready would we be to receive kindness, mercy, even pity! David said in *Psalm 39:4*, "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." Moses said in *Psalm 90:12*, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Death is a great university, and the lessons learned there are of inestimable worth. DEATH is LIFE 101. —Pastor Tim James

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Daily Bible Reading for week: March 8—March 14
Sunday—Deut. 28-29 Monday—Deut. 30-31
Tuesday—Deut. 32-34 Wednesday—Josh. 1-4
Thursday—Josh. 5-8 Friday—Josh. 9-11
Saturday—Josh. 12-15

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THIS IS COMFORTING

A child of God is like a person in a beautiful palace; if there is light in it, he sees the splendid objects around him and enjoys them; but if the light is removed, he is nevertheless in the palace still, and surrounded with the same splendid objects as before, though he cannot see them. So, though the believer's frames and sensible comforts may have their ebbs and flows, his state, Godward, is invariably the same.

—Augustus Toplady