

July 23, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes: - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Messages by PASTOR TIM JAMES

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WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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GOD SENT HIS SON TO SAVE US

Tune: “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus,” (8.7.8.7.)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Sons we are by God’s election,
Saved by free and sovereign grace;
Though by sin we all had fallen,
Yet we are a blood-washed race.*

*CHORUS: God ordained His Son to save us,
Gracious covenant decree;
Now we stand complete in Jesus,
Safe for all eternity.*

*Though we are a sinful people,
With no righteousness to claim;
Jesus shed His blood to save us,
Praise His great and holy Name. CHORUS:*

*Since the Spirit came in power,
Raised us from our lifeless state;
We have trusted in the Savior,
And for glory we await. CHORUS:*

*Soon in heaven we shall see Him,
When in death we fly away;
Then our souls will be with Jesus,
What a grand and glorious day! CHORUS:*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 23 Sara Trimble
26 Michael Sturm

July 27 Ella Pennington
29 Amanda Conley

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“But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:24-25).

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Congratulations to David and Susannah Imes who were united in marriage here at the church yesterday.

We are delighted to welcome our longtime friends, Tim and Debbie James, to our church again. Tim pastors the Sequoyah Baptist Church in Cherokee, North Carolina. He will be speaking in all of our services today.

Sarah Caniano (Tim and Debbie’s daughter) will confess her faith in the waters of baptism this morning. Her dad will baptize her. We rejoice in the Lord for His grace given to her in Christ Jesus before the world began and revealed to her by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Next Lord’s Day we will observe the Lord’s Supper at the close of the morning worship service and then enjoy a meal together in the fellowship hall. There will be no evening service next Sunday. Sign-up sheets for food are on the front table.

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The very trials and afflictions and the sore temptations through which God’s family pass, all eventually endear Christ to them. And depend upon it, if you are a child of God, you will, sooner or later, in your travels through this wilderness, find your need of Jesus as “able to save to the uttermost” (Hebrews 7:25). There will be such things in your heart, and such feelings in your mind – the temptations you will meet with will be such – that nothing short of a Savior that is “able to save to the uttermost” can save you out of your desperate case and felt circumstances as utterly lost and helpless. This is a great point to come to. All trials, all temptations, all strippings, all emptyings that do not end here are valueless – because they lead the soul away from God. But the convictions, the trials, the temptations, the strippings, the emptyings, that bring us to this spot – that we have nothing and can do nothing, but the Lord alone must do it all – these have a blessed effect, because they eventually make Jesus very near and dear to us.

—J. C. Philpot

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LOOKING ONLY TO JESUS

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). My friend, salvation is in looking only to Jesus. It is not in looking to baptism, looking to morality, looking to church membership, looking to keeping the commandments, looking to living by the golden rule or looking to coming to church. It is not in looking to a decision you made or a prayer you prayed. It is not in looking to tears you wept or remorse you felt. Salvation is to be found in looking only to Jesus as the Prophet to teach you, as the Priest who offered to God the sacrifice of Himself for sin, and as the King, the Lord of all. It is looking to Him alone. It is not in looking to your humility or obedience, but in looking to Him who “humbled Himself and became obedient unto death even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8). It is looking to Him as God who is almighty to save. It is looking to Him as Man who lived, suffered, bled, died and arose that God might be a just God and a Savior. It is looking to Jesus as the only Mediator between sinful self and a holy God. It is looking to Him and not to yourself. “Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none other” (Isaiah 45:22). I’ve had people say various things over the years about their desire for assurance of salvation. “I don’t think I feel my sin enough.” Stop looking to your feelings and look only to Jesus. “I don’t think I’ve repented enough.” Stop looking to your repentance and look only to Jesus. “I don’t think I believe enough.” Stop looking to your faith and look only to Jesus. May the Holy Spirit turn the eyes of our souls away from everything else and enable each of us to simply, truly, whole-heartedly look only to Jesus for life, for salvation, for acceptance, for pardon and for righteousness. “And ye are complete in Him” (Colossians 2:10). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE GLORY OF GOD

Such as do not truly know God can never sincerely aim at the glory of God in what they do. For what I do not know I cannot love; what I do not love, I cannot desire; what I do not desire, I can never intend. And, therefore, if I do not know God, I can never intend His glory in my actions; and if I do not intend His glory in my actions, I sin upon that very account, because I do not intend His glory.

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*My awful debt I could not pay, but I am heaven bound;
For Jesus put my sin away, and they cannot be found.
The cov’nant God is satisfied, He can demand no more;
Since in my stead Christ Jesus died, I’m safe forevermore.*

—Pastor Jim Byrd