

**August 13, 2017**

TODAY: Bible Classes: - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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**PUBLIC WORSHIP**

*Tune: Doxology (LM)*

*Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*We gather Lord Thy Name to bless,  
To praise Thee for Thy faithfulness;  
Descend on us in gracious pow'r;  
Cause us to worship in this hour.*

*Thy precious Word we come to hear,  
Enable us Thy Name to fear;  
Come gracious Lord and now impart,  
A love for Jesus in each heart.*

*Spirit of God, O hear us pray,  
Be with us as we meet today;  
Be Thou our Comforter and Guide  
Lead us to Christ Who for us died.*

*Lord on us all Thy grace bestow,  
Let mercy like a river flow;  
Thine shall the glory ever be,  
Now and for all eternity.*

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*“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water” (Isaiah 41:17-18).*

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

<i>August 14 Gary Salyer</i>	<i>August 16 Anna Grace Meek</i>
<i>Alex Bonnette</i>	<i>18 Bonnie Imes</i>
<i>Alan Ison</i>	<i>Austin Patel</i>

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Thompson who passed away last Sunday morning; her funeral was Friday. Though she will be greatly missed, we rejoice that she is now *“present with the Lord”* (2 Co 5:8).

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Child of God, when afflictions befall you, you shall see your God near at hand, *“a very present help in trouble”* (Psalm 46:1). You shall find your strength increased in proportion to your trial. His wisdom will be your high tower, His providence your constant shield, His love your continual solace. *“He will give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways”* (Psalm 91:11). In times of difficulty He will direct your counsels; in times of danger He will fill you with comfort, and *“keep”* you *“in perfect peace”* (Isaiah 26:3). Everything you meet in life shall yield you profit; and death, which puts a fatal period to the hope of the wicked—death, at whose name thousands turn pale, shall to you be an entrance into a new and endless life. He who tasted death for you and sanctified it to you, shall lead and support you through that dark valley; you shall shut your eyes upon the things of time, to open them the next moment in the blissful presence of your reconciled God. You, that a minute before was surrounded by weeping, helpless friends, shall in an instant be transported and inspired to join in that glorious song, *“To Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests to God and His Father: to Him be glory and strength, forever and ever. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing”* (Revelation 1:5; 5:12). *“Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD”* (Psalm 128:1). *“Thus it shall be done to him whom the King delighteth to honour”* (Esther 6:11).  
—John Newton

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*“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it”* (Ephesians 5:25). There is no love to which the love of Christ for His people can be compared. His is a love that exceeds any human love as the ocean is infinitely superior to a cup of water. It is a generally accepted principle that love is known by the sacrifice it will make. Those who love little will sacrifice little; those who love much will sacrifice much. But consider the love of Christ for His church. *“Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends”* (John 15:13). The greatness of His love for the bride the Father gave Him is to be seen in the greatness of the sacrifice which He gave to save her. *“Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour”* (Ephesians 5:2).  
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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**THE AWFULNESS OF SIN**

Judge the awfulness of sin by the sacrifice required to remove it. We know that a just God would never require an unfair payment for sin. His justice would not demand more, nor settle for less than the price required to remove it. Behold the cross of Calvary. See who is fastened to the cursed tree. It is the Lord's Anointed, the holy, spotless, eternal Son of God, the Man Christ Jesus. Why does He hang there? Why does He suffer so? Why does He cry out, *“My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?”* Why does He die? It is because He bore the sins of His own people and since a holy God demands satisfaction for crimes against Him, Christ must suffer, bleed and die as the Substitute for sinners. *“God spared not His Own Son but delivered Him up for us all”* (Romans 8:32). Learn then the awfulness of sin by the payment required to put it away. *“Christ died for our sins”* (1 Corinthians 15:3). Let me weep over my sin that caused His grief and let me rejoice in Him who bore it for me and whose death removed it from me *“as far as the east is from the west”* (Psalm 103:12).  
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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**THE SOLID GROUND OF DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY**

*“Lord, who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed”* (Isaiah 53:1)? I suppose every preacher of the gospel, and every church, at some point, becomes a little dejected and raises the same sort of questions Isaiah did. Let us at those times remember that the revelation of the gospel to the hearts of sinners is the Lord's work which He will perform according to His eternal purpose. When discouraged, let us retreat to the sovereignty of God to strengthen us under the difficulties and disappointments which accompany the declaration of the gospel. The application of His Word of truth to the hearts of our hearers is His business; He saves whomever He will and He does it whenever He will. It is only when we rest upon the solid ground of divine sovereignty that we will find consolation no matter what happens. Let us continue to be faithful in proclaiming the gospel and leave the revelation of truth to the Lord who alone can make the Word effectual to the hearts of sinners.  
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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We heard of a certain clergyman who was said to have given forth “the finest prayer ever offered to a Boston audience.” Just so! The Boston audience received the prayer, and there it ended. The tail feathers of pride should be pulled out of our prayers, for they need only the wing feathers of faith. The peacock feathers of poetical expression are out of place before the throne of God.  
—C. H. Spurgeon