

October 22, 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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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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HALLELUJAH, PRAISE THE SAVIOR

Tune: "Brethren We Have Met to Worship," (8.7.8.7/double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Hallelujah, praise the Savior,
For in old eternity;
God ordained that He would save us,
Christ from sin would set us free.
Lo! He left His throne of glory,
Came into this world of woe;
Satisfied His law and justice,
To pay all the debt we owe.*

*Hallelujah, praise the Savior,
By His blood and agony;
He redeemed His chosen people,
Fully won the victory.
Jesus bruised the head of Satan,
Put away iniquity;
Reconciled us to the Father,
When He died on Calvary.*

*Hallelujah, praise the Savior,
On Him all our hopes depend;
Prophet, Priest and King of glory,
What a Brother, what a Friend!
Robed in pure and righteous garments,
Soon in heaven we shall be;
And with all the ransomed army,
Praise His Name eternally.*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct. 22 Mary Cunningham
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Oct. 28 Marie Hineman

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"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?" (Matthew 21:42)

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I give thanks and praise to the Lord for His manifold blessings upon our Bible Conference. To each of you who contributed in any way to make these meetings a special time for our visitors and all who attended, I give thanks to God for you.

We were scheduled to have the Lord's Supper and then have lunch following our morning worship service next Sunday, but I am canceling the lunch and reinstating our regular Sunday evening service. We will observe the Lord's Supper at the close of the PM service.

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"We do not find rest, hope nor comfort in our faith but in Christ." If you will give careful thought to that statement it will be of great help to you. Faith is not a foundation, a refuge nor a source of help. Faith is a means, a look, an empty hand. It is Christ Who is our Refuge who protects from every storm. He is our Rock on which we build. He is our Source of every mercy and our only plea. My faith may be weak, but He cannot fail. If all my debts have been paid by my Surety, I don't have to be ashamed to come before God. The praise and credit goes not to my boldness and faith, but to my gracious Benefactor! I am not debt-free because I believe (though I do, and that faith united me to Him) but because He set me free and paid my debt. Christ is our confidence and our assurance. The moment I seek a reason for hope in anything I do, even in the blessed grace of faith, I forfeit any possibility of peace. *"Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust"* (Psalm 40:4). *"When Isaiah saw His glory, he spake of Him"* (John 12:41). When any man truly sees the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, then Christ becomes the message and the object of faith.

—Henry Mahan, from our bulletin, 10/26/1986

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He that knoweth God in Christ will honor God by trusting Him; he that honors God by trusting Him will honor Him by praying; he that honors Him by prayer shall honor Him by praising Him; he that honors Him by praises here shall perfect His praises in heaven. —Richard Sibbs, 1577-1635

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There is no altar in any church today; our Altar is the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ and as the successful Redeemer He sits at His Father's right hand reigning over all things. Some people wonder why we do not give a so-called altar-call and I'll be glad to tell them why we do not: there is no Biblical basis for it and walking an aisle has nothing to do with a heart-faith in Christ. I do not compel you to come to the front, pray the sinner's prayer or be counseled by a personal worker. I compel you to do business with the living God through Christ Jesus! Come to Christ believing the record God has given of Him and His finished redemption. I am confident that if God does a work of grace within your heart bringing you to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus, you will search me out and request that you be allowed to follow the Lord's command to confess Him publicly in believer's baptism. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). I do not boast of being a sinner and all that the word includes. It certainly brings great sorrow to my heart knowing that I am by nature a rebel and a criminal against the most high God. But I do rejoice that Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. He lived in this world as the perfect Man for sinners. He died a justice-satisfying death to redeem sinners from the curse of the law. He reconciled sinners to God by His blood. He arose for sinners because He had accomplished our justification. He ascended back to glory and ever lives to make intercession for sinners. Someday He will come again to receive ransomed sinners unto Himself. Am I a sinner? Yes, but I will not despair about that for I am a sinner SAVED BY GRACE. —Pastor Jim Byrd

*This is my story, to God be the glory;
I'm only a sinner, saved by grace!*

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The Lord's purpose has always been the salvation of a chosen people *"to the praise of the glory of His grace."* The glorious trinity threw His whole self into this marvelous work. The creation of the universe was a small thing in comparison to the spiritual and eternal deliverance of sinners by the infinite wisdom of the Father, the bloody death of the Son and the life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit —Pastor Jim Byrd