

October 8, 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: NO SERVICE

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SING PRAISES TO THE LAMB

Tune: "My Faith Has Found A Resting Place," (CM Double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*The Lord of glory, God the Son,
Whom angel hosts obey;
The bosom of the Father left,
And dwelt in human clay.
Christ Jesus came into the world,
The Messenger of grace;
The Lamb of God was sacrificed,
To save His chosen race.*

*Christ gave His life for helpless men.
Our sins the Savior bore;
O let us trust this gracious Lord,
And praise Him evermore!
Since Jesus was our Substitute,
His people are secure;
Because of His redeeming blood,
We ever shall endure.*

*We trust no other but the Lamb,
Who was for sinners slain;
His blood has washed us from our sin,
And cleansed from ev'ry stain.
Sing hallelujahs to the Lamb,
Who came to save the lost,
O magnify the Name of Him
Who paid our ransom cost.*

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REMINDER: There are no Bible classes next Sunday morning. Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Nursery schedule is as usual.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct. 9 Tim Wiseman

Oct. 12 Janet Walker

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"Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth" (Ps 96:6-8).

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We extend our sympathy to Greg and Kim Ratliff. Greg's father passed away last Tuesday and his funeral was Friday. Remember the family in prayer during this time of bereavement.

Pastor Allan Ison returned this past Tuesday from preaching in Malawi, Africa for pastor James Mwale and the congregation entrusted to him. God blessed the services and the visit. We give the Lord thanksgiving for His manifold blessings and for giving our brother traveling mercies. I have asked Allan to tell us of his trip in the service this evening.

Our annual Bible Conference begins Friday evening. Be prayerful that God would bless us with His presence as we hear the preaching of the gospel. In preparation for these services, there will be no Wednesday night service this week.

Ladies, if you have not already done so, please sign the sheets on the communion table for food for Friday evening and Sunday lunch.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Friday: 7:00PM – Pastor Tim James – Cherokee, NC
8:00 – Pastor Gary Shepard – Jacksonville, NC
Refreshments - soup and sandwiches
Saturday: 10:00AM – Pastor Gary Shepard
11:00AM – Pastor Tim James
6:00 – picnic at the home of Larry and Nina Smith
Sunday: 10:00 – Pastor Tim James
11:00 – Pastor Gary Shepard
Lunch
No Evening Services

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In another's righteousness we stand and by another's righteousness we are justified. All accusations against us, founded upon our unrighteousness, we answer by pointing to the perfection of the righteousness which covers us from head to foot, in virtue of which we are unassailable by law as well as shielded from wrath. —Horatius Bonar

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THE CERTAINTY OF TRIBULATIONS

All of the Lord's people are certain to experience afflictions. After having taught His disciples that troublesome times would come their way, the Master proclaimed: *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). When John saw the chosen, redeemed, called and perfected multitude in heavenly glory, they were identified as those who *"came out of great tribulation"* (Revelation 7:14). When these troublesome days come your way, rest assured that your brothers and sisters in Christ will, as God enables, remember you before the throne of grace, and that is much appreciated. But there is One, above all others, whose compassion, love and intercession for His brethren is infinitely greater. Christ is that Friend who sticks closer than a brother. Why does the Lord afflict His brethren? Why do these troubles come so often? I cannot give an answer except to say that our beloved Savior afflicts His people, not for His own pleasure, but for our profit. William Cowper, in his great hymn, "God Moves In A Mysterious Way," wrote:

*"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread,
Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.
His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower."*

The Psalmist, in the midst of life's trials wrote, *"When my spirit was overwhelmed with me, Thou knewest my path"* (Psalm 142:3). Our gracious God is always near His children, not as an indifferent spectator to our circumstances, but as One who knows and watches with the loving concern of a Father. Child of God, your trial began when He ordained it; it could not come earlier and will not last longer than He has already determined. Rest assured, *"all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are called according to His purpose"* (Romans 8:28). The Lord always knows what is best for us and has promised that in seasons of distress He will give grace and strength as they are needed. *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me"* (2 Corinthians 12:9). In the midst of affliction, where can a child of God find peace? Hear again what the beloved Redeemer said to His disciples, *"In Me ye might have peace."* He has promised never to leave nor forsake us; He is our peace having made peace with God by the blood of His cross. It is in Christ alone that sinners saved by grace find peace, even in the midst of tribulation. —Pastor Jim Byrd