

March 10, 2019

TODAY: 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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A COVENANT WAS MADE

*Tune: "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place," (CM/double)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
A covenant was made;
Salvation was ordained by God,
His wisdom was displayed.
'Twas in eternity the Lord,
Chose for Himself a race;
Ordained to rescue us from sin,
And save us by His grace.
The Son of God in cov'nant love,
Our Su-re-ty became;
He pledged to save us from our sins,
Sing praise unto His name.
Behold the mercy of the Lord,
A great salvation this;
Unworthy souls by Christ are saved,
Ordained to endless bliss.
The Son would give His life for us,
From sin to set us free;
His blood would wash and make us whole,
Safe for eternity.
Praise God for that great covenant,
To it salvation trace;
God gave free grace in Christ His Son,
Unto His chosen race.*

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Brother Bill Parker is preaching today and Wednesday in Honolulu, Hawaii. Remember him in prayer as he ministers to the brethren there.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 10 Sean Stapleton
March 14 Kerri Edwards

March 16 Cheryl Absher

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Congratulations to Corey and Chelsea Charlotte, on the birth of their son Ronald Lee born on March 5th. Grandparents are Terry and Cinda Lewis and great-grandmother is Marty Lewis.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Cynthia McClean on the death of her mother, Lois Faye Lynn. Funeral services were yesterday in Columbus.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Janet Lester and family on the death of her husband and our dear brother Kerry Lester. Funeral service will be 1 pm Tuesday with visitation from 11-1 at Steen Funeral Home on 13th street.

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"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). James bids us to ask the Lord to give us wisdom. The term wisdom is more than knowledge, information or learning. We can have vast stores of knowledge and yet be fools. Knowledge is the horse; wisdom is the driver who steers him in the proper direction. Wisdom is the proper combination of truth and Spirit, of faith and conduct, of mind and heart, of knowing the will of God and yielding to it. WISDOM IS DISCERNMENT OF HEART AND DISCIPLINE OF MOUTH. Wisdom is seeing the mind and providence of God and yielding to it in the face of opposition from within and without, regardless of the frowns and flatteries which Satan uses to turn us aside.
—Henry Mahan, from our bulletin, August 13, 1989

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THE ANVIL AND THE HAMMERS

*I stood one evening by the blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime,
And looking in I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with years of beating time.
"How many anvils have you had," said I,
To wear and beat these hammers so?"
"Just one," the blacksmith said with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears them out, you know."
And so I thought, the anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,
And though the sound of clanging blows is heard,
The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone.*

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In 1526, having translated the New Testament out of the original Greek, William Tyndale printed the first New Testament in English. Prior to that, in 1521, men sent from the Vatican had told Tyndale not to oppose the pope by translating the scriptures into the language of the people. They told him, "We had better be without God's laws than the pope's." The pope, you see, had threatened with death, anyone who tried to put the Scriptures into the hands of the public. To the pope's representatives Tyndale replied, "I defy the pope and all his laws; and if God spares my life, ere many years, I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost." In time, his enemies arrested him in Brussels and convicted him of heresy. He was strangled and his body was burned at the stake on October 6, 1536. The enemies of the Scriptures come and go, but the Word of the Lord has and will continue to withstand all efforts to eliminate it. *"But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:25).* *"Heaven and earth may pass away; but My words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31).*

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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The Lord Jesus Christ has answered to divine justice for all the sins of those in whose stead He died. The law of the Lord, finding the iniquities of His people to meet upon their Substitute (Isaiah 53:6), turned all of its wrath loose upon the Savior. The Redeemer drank the cup of damnation dry and *"There is, therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."* How can there be? The judgment of God wore itself out on the Lord Jesus Christ, pouring out upon Him all the vengeance the sins of His people deserved. God can demand no more than the full payment our Surety has rendered; the debt has been paid; no indebtedness remains. The sins of His people were washed away in the blood of His cross. There is no fear of condemnation to all who believe Christ and there is no possibility that the wrath of God will ever pursue any redeemed sinner.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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Hypocritical professors are like dunghills covered with snow. They look well for a time, but sooner or later, the snow will melt and they will prove themselves to be but dunghills still.

—Augustus Toplady

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"Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield" (Psalm 115:11).