

March 24, 2019

TODAY: Morning Worship – 10:15 a.m.

Evening Worship – 6:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service ----7:00 p.m.

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Next Lord's Day morning we will partake of the Lord's Supper at the close of our worship service and then have lunch together. Signup sheets for food are on the communion table. There will be no evening service next Sunday.

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A PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

Tune: "ROCK OF AGES" 7.7.7.7. Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Bless Thy people, gracious Lord,
As we gather round Thy Word;
Give Thy servant at this hour,
Words directed by Thy pow'r;
Grant Thy grace that we may be,
Led to worship only Thee.

Let us join to sing Thy praise,
May each heart this anthem raise;
Praise Thee for Thy love and grace,
Which chose out of Adam's race;
Multitudes to know Thy name,
Sovereign mercy we proclaim!

Give us ears Thy voice to hear,
Stir within us holy fear;
Teach us of Thy Son who died,
Who the law has satisfied;
Stubborn wills O Lord subdue,
With Thy grace our hearts endue.

Send Thy Word by grace divine,
To this needy heart of mine;
I am sinful, I confess,
Robe me with Thy righteousness;
All the praise shall ever be,
Thine throughout eternity.

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"Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back" (Isaiah 38:17). Where is God's back? Is there any place behind His back? NO! He is everywhere present and everywhere seen. Behind His back, therefore, must be NOWHERE AT ALL! All our sins are thrown into the NOWHERE.

--C. H. Spurgeon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 25 Daniel Busch
26 Joe Turner

March 26 Tom Morgan
28 Bill Flieman

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BRINGING GRACE

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11-12).

Bringing grace is a new covenant blessing. My heart delights in a bringing God. My spirit rejoices in a bringing Savior. My whole soul glories in a bringing Holy Ghost. Isaiah declares that when human means and efforts all failed, *“And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore, His arm it sustained Him”* (Isaiah 59:16). The blessed Spirit brings glad tidings of good things in the gospel, in precious promises, home to the heart of God’s redeemed. Zacchaeus knew something about it when his gracious Savior said to him, *“This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham”* (Luke 19:9). The poor fellow who fell among thieves enjoyed this bringing grace when the Good Samaritan *“came where he was”* with his wine to revive, his oil to mollify, his beast to carry and provisions of grace for life. It was a blessed day when the Spirit of grace brought the salvation of God to me, and brought me to the God of salvation. May each of you blessedly enjoy the same bringing grace.

--Thomas Bradbury

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THE SOVEREIGN PROTECTOR

A sovereign Protector I have,
Unseen, yet forever at hand;
Unchangeably faithful to save,
Almighty to rule and command.
He smiles and my comforts abound,
His grace as the dew shall descend;
And walls of salvation surround,
The soul He delights to defend.

--Augustus Toplady

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“Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land” (Isaiah 32:1-2).

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SOCIAL MEDIA

We live in a Facebook world. Not so long ago, no one thought about communicating so easily with such a potentially wide variety of people, but things are different today. I recognize that the people of God as well as the general public receive quite a lot of enjoyment via this social media. It is a wonderful way to stay in touch with family and friends. Gospel articles, cheerful words, recipes, pictures, etc. are shared with others which bring gladness to the heart and a smile to the face. However, that which offends me as a child of God and preacher of the gospel is that there are some who profess to believe the truth of grace and put things on FB that are unfit to be read or repeated. Before you write something or click “like” or “share,” please give serious thought to the worthiness of the words or pictures you are about to dump on the internet. If you profess to believe

the gospel of Christ, you should NEVER POST the filthy language of the world (you know the vile words I mean), off-color remarks, sexual innuendos or pictures that will offend other believers and be read by children and unbelievers. But there is an even greater reason for exercising extreme caution in what is sent. Will the content of your posting bring reproach to the Lord Jesus you say you believe? Will it magnify His name? My FB friend, the Bible gives an absolute standard for all of our actions. “...*Do all to the glory of God*” (1 Corinthians 10:31). Think before you put something on FB. Can I post this for the glory of my Lord? Will this posting be inconsistent with the message of grace and godliness? Will this bring reproach upon the gospel I profess to believe, the Christ I say I adore and the church of which I am a part? David prayed this timely prayer; let us do the same. “*Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips*” (Psalm 141:3).

–Pastor Jim Byrd