

April 21, 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.

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THE SAVIOR LIVES

Tune: DOXOLOGY (LM)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Behold the Savior from on high,
Came to this world to live and die;
He suffered on the cross alone,
And shed His blood sin to atone.*

*Our sins which Jesus bore that day,
His precious blood has washed away;
His death full satisfaction made,
Our ransom price the Savior paid.*

*'Tis finished God our Savior cried,
And bowed His holy head and died;
And when the sacred veil was rent,
Into the tomb His body went.*

*Within the grave that body lay,
Until His resurrection day;
Then Jesus rose up from the tomb,
And scattered all our fear and gloom.*

*He lives and nevermore shall die,
He ever rules o'er earth and sky;
And since He lives, no more to die,
We too shall live with Him on high.*

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Congratulations to Jessica Fain and Dane Haukedahl who were married on April 20th.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 21 Shelby Conley

April 24 Ron Trabandt

23 Jeannie Farris

26 Jeremiah Burchett

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THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST

He came from the bosom of the Father to the bosom of a woman. He became the Son of Man that we might become sons of God. He was born contrary to the laws of nature, lived in poverty, was reared in obscurity and only once crossed the boundary of the land in His childhood. He had no wealth or influence, and had neither training nor education in the world's schools. His relatives were inconspicuous and non-influential.

In infancy He startled a king; in boyhood He puzzled the learned doctors; in manhood He rules the course of nature. He walked upon the billows and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge of His services. He never wrote a book, but all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him. He never wrote a song, yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters put together have. He never practiced medicine and yet He healed more broken hearts than doctors have healed broken bodies.

He is the Star of astronomy, the Rock of geology, the Lion and Lamb of zoology, Harmonizer of all discords and the Healer of all diseases. Great men have come and gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him; Satan could not seduce Him; death could not destroy Him; the grave could not hold Him. *"He was rich yet for your sakes became poor"* (2 Corinthians 8:9). How poor? Ask Mary; ask the wise men. He slept in another's manger; He cruised the lake in another's boat; He rode on another man's foal; He was buried in another man's tomb. He died that we might live. He was cursed that we might be blessed. He entered into the darkness that we might live in the light. He was forsaken by the Father so that we would never be forsaken by the Father. He is the perfect One, the chiefest of ten thousand. *"He is altogether lovely"* (Song of Solomon 5:16).
--author unknown, edited

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THE WORK OF THE SOVEREIGN SPIRIT

Believing the glorious gospel of God is no small thing. The message of salvation altogether by grace and founded upon the worthiness and work of the Son of God is offensive to the natural man because it declares the sinner's inability to make any contribution to his own salvation. This gospel is the proclamation of the good news that all God requires and all the sinner needs has been rendered by the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. When God the Holy Spirit comes to a spiritually dead sinner, He finds in that poor soul nothing with which to work. The mind is enmity against God, the heart is as adamant stone toward the truth and the will is set in opposition against the divine will. The Spirit must quicken the dead, break down the rebellion, convince of sin, righteousness and judgment, grant repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. There will be a divinely wrought work of grace in the soul whereby the regenerated sinner is made a new creature in Christ Jesus and thereby is made to know and rejoice in the marvelous truth that he or she stands accepted before God solely upon the basis of Christ and His work of redemption. What but the work of the sovereign Spirit could bring a needy sinner to cast themselves upon the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Savior?
--Pastor Jim Byrd

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ALL DRESSED ALIKE

An old preacher remarked that he had observed a family of children who were all dressed alike. Upon inquiry as to the reason, the answer was, so that none could boast of having better clothes than the others. There was an equality among them as far as their clothing was concerned. It is also that way in the family of God. Each of the Lord's children is dressed in the best robe, the righteousness of the Savior who brought in everlasting righteousness by His substitutionary, justice-satisfying death (Daniel 9:24); His name is "*THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*" (Jeremiah 23:6). One garment covers each of the Savior's brethren – the robe of their elder Brother. Certainly the people of God differ in talents, abilities, attainments and gifts, but all are equally justified before God by His grace, through the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. --

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"If the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (1 Corinthians 15:16-18).