

May 12, 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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WE SING OF WONDROUS LOVE
Tune: "My Faith Hath Found" (CM/Double)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

O Lord, we gather in this place,
To honor Thy great name;
To sing of wondrous love and grace,
Proclaiming all Thy fame.
Thou Sovereign over earth and sea,
The sun and stars that shine;
Thy reign is from eternity,
And all the world is Thine.

Before the earth was made below,
Or heavens high above;
God chose a people to bestow,
His mercy, grace and love.
'Twas not for works which we would do,
But solely by His grace;
The Lord decreed to make us new,
And save a chosen race.

And though we died when Adam fell,
God saved us in His Son;
His blood and righteousness prevail,
Before the Holy One.
While on this earth this grateful song,
Shall rise to heights above;
And when we join the heav'nly throng,
Still sing of sovereign love.

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"Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than hell; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea" (Job 11:7-9).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 12 David Absher
Scott Davis
15 Brent Busch

May 16 Joseph Burchett
17 Isaac Meek
18 Teresa Kuehne

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There will be NO vacation Bible school this year. Our annual picnic will still be on Friday, June 21st at Armco Park.

Congratulations to our 2019 high school graduates: Scott Busch, Ethan Patel and Kyleigh West. We will be recognizing these graduates after worship service next Sunday evening. If there are any other graduates, please let the office know.

Congratulations to Luke and Lindsey McSweeney on the birth of their son, Carter Allen, born May 2nd.

We give thanks to God for all our mothers today and everyday. Happy Mother's Day!

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A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT

The Lord told a troubled preacher, "Be not afraid, but speak...for I have much people in this place" (Acts 18:9-10). It is obvious that Paul was fearful, but the Lord's word encouraged his heart and made him zealous to preach the gospel. It is a great incentive to preach knowing that God has a people marked out from all eternity as His own. These must hear the truth which the Holy Spirit will miraculously use to quicken spiritually dead sinners. How encouraging to be assured that God has a people in this world who must be confronted with the gospel and brought to believe the Lord Jesus Christ. I preach the good news of Christ and His accomplished work of redemption to all who will listen and I do so with the joyful assurance that the Lord will make His word effectual to the hearts of those to whom He sends it (Isaiah 55:11).
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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To be assured of our interest in Christ is not arrogance; it is FAITH. It is not pride; it is DEVOTION. It is not presumption; it is GOD'S PROMISE. If assurance of salvation rested in my works, it would be presumption (even foolishness); but we believe God will receive all who come to Him in Christ Jesus.
—Augustine

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Here is something to think about. Since it is by the grace of God we are what we are (1 Corinthians 15:10), so it is by the grace of God we are not what we are not.
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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CHRIST'S MESSAGE

Those who believe and proclaim the message of God's free and sovereign grace are often accused of embracing a new and different message. Let me set the record straight: we believe and preach what the Savior declared during His earthly ministry.

-1- TOTAL DEPRAVITY. Christ set forth man's unwillingness to be saved by grace alone and man's inability to bring salvation to pass. "And ye will not come to me that ye might have life" (John 5:40). "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

-2- UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION. The Master often spoke of those the Father gave Him. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given me; for they are Thine" (John 17:9).

-3- LIMITED ATONEMENT. Nowhere did our Lord ever say that He came to make salvation a possibility for everyone or that His death was a sin-offering for all men. He declared the certainty of the redemption and salvation of those given to Him by the Father. The Savior stated expressly that His purpose for coming to the world was to "give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). "I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

-4- IRRESISTIBLE GRACE. The Prince of preachers proclaimed the necessity of the invincible power of the Spirit to make spiritually dead sinners alive toward God. To Nicodemus He said, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7) and then declared the sovereignty of the Spirit's work in the next verse. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." He told the unbelieving Jews who surrounded Him in Solomon's porch that though they would not embrace Him in saving faith, others would, and then gave the reason why they refused to believe Him. "Ye believe not because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:26-27).

-5- PRESERVATION OF THE SAINTS. The Lord Jesus said of His sheep, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:28-29). He declared of those given to Him in electing grace, "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day" (John 6:39).
—Pastor Jim Byrd