

*July 14, 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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#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*July 17 Colin Whitt*

*18 Justin Turner*

*19 Isaiah Stettner*

*Jamie Horan*

*20 Kevin Cunningham*

*July 20 Kyleigh West*

*Garrett Turner*

*21 Donna Williams*

*Mark Hickman*

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The Lord willing, next weekend we will be privileged to have visiting with us Jean-Claude Souillot and his wife Wendy from Chalon, France. Brother Souillot will be speaking in the auditorium to both adult bible classes and then preaching in the morning and evening services. After the night service, we will have refreshments and enjoy a time of fellowship with our guests in the back. Sign-up sheets are on the front table.

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#### THE SONS OF GOD

*“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father”* (Galatians 4:6). The liberation of the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage did not make them to be the children of Abraham. Their deliverance from slavery proved that they were his offspring and God brought them out of bondage according to His covenant of promise made to the great patriarch (Genesis 15:13-14). Even so, the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit and the effectual call of grace which results in our trusting Christ do not make us the children of the Lord, but rather reveal that we are the sons of God. Those chosen unto salvation have always been the Lord’s children; we were never the devil’s sons and daughters. We have eternally been the loved sheep of the Shepherd; we were never hated goats. All the Lord’s children were typified in the prodigal son. Though he forsook the father’s house and wandered far away from home, yet to his father he remained a beloved son as evidenced by the loving reception he extended to the wayward son upon his arrival home. God did not disown His sons when we fell in Adam, but He had already ordained a remedy to the disease that we would inherit from our fallen father. The Son of God, our eternal Surety and Savior, came into this world to reconcile, redeem and make us righteous by His obedience unto death. The Holy Spirit sends us a gospel preacher and the word of God comes home to the heart in power, not to make us sons of God, but because we have eternally been His children. When we come home to God through Christ, we are tenderly and warmly welcomed by the Father.

--Pastor Jim Byrd

## JESUS DIED FOR ME

Tune: "My Faith Has Found..." CM/Double Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

The death of Christ on Calvary,  
His wondrous love and grace,  
His blood that sets the prisoner free,  
Constrain my heart to praise.  
For none but Jesus could redeem,  
His truth has made me free;  
This is my song and joyful theme,  
That Jesus died for me.

My sins were on the Savior laid,  
And Jesus bled and died;  
His soul a sacrifice was made  
And God was satisfied.  
Was ever love so great as this,  
Was ever grace so free?  
This is my glory, joy and bliss,  
That Jesus died for me.

The angels in their splendor meet,  
Around the Savior's throne;  
And bow with reverence at His feet,  
His glories to make known.  
Those happy creatures praise His Name,  
With endless unity;  
But I can sing, He took my blame,  
For Jesus died for me.

Soon I shall see Him face to face,  
My Savior, God and King;  
And I will praise Him for His grace,  
And of His mercy sing.  
With all the white-robed choir above,  
Throughout eternity,  
My voice will sing of sovereign love,  
For Jesus died for me.

## PROVIDENCE IS ONGOING

A gifted artist has in their mind's eye a beautiful picture, though the canvas before them is blank; no one can imagine what the final product will be, except the painter. Upon picking up the paintbrush and making a few strokes, others who might observe the newly begun work have no ability to envision the completed beauty of the just-begun picture nor the talent of the artist. It is not until the work is finished that we see the magnificent talent of the artist and glorious beauty of the painting. Is it not that way with the providence of the Lord as it pertains to all things in general and to each of us in particular? Before the world began, God purposed all things; He ordained that everything would work together for the spiritual and eternal good of His children; it was all determined according to His good and perfect will. But as we view the events in this world and in our lives, we cannot see or understand why His "brush strokes" sometimes go this way while at other times they go that way. The fact is, we have no ability to perceive the end product except for what we read in holy Scripture. Someday, however, when we stand before the Lord in the righteousness and perfection of our Savior, we will see that everything that happened on earth worked together to bring us to Christ and mold us according to the will of the Lord. In that day, He will present us "*a glorious church, having neither spot, nor wrinkle, nor any such thing,*" but we shall be "*holy and without blemish,*" and then we will see that the Lord did a magnificent job with each of us and it was all "*to the praise of the glory of His grace.*" I am certain, therefore, that we should be more patient with and more forgiving of one another remembering that the Lord is not finished with any of us yet.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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I am well satisfied it will not be a burden to me at the hour of death, nor be laid to my charge at the day of judgment, that I have thought too highly of the Lord Jesus Christ, expected too much from Him myself, or labored too much in commending and setting Him forth to others, as the Alpha and Omega, the Lord our Righteousness, the sufficient atonement for sin, the only Mediator between God and men, the true God and eternal life. On the contrary, alas! My guilt and grief are, that my thoughts of Him are so faint, so infrequent, and my commendations of Him are lamentably cold and disproportionate to what they ought to be.

—John Newton