

February 5, 2012

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Messages by the PASTOR

TELEVISION: WCHS - TV Channel 8, Charleston, WV, Sunday 7:00 a.m., and WFXL - Fox 31, Channel 4, Albany, GA, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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

Message by the PASTOR

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Thy works, not mine, O Christ,

Speak gladness to this heart;

They tell me all is done;

They bid my fear depart.

With confidence I now draw nigh,

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And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ,

Upon the shameful tree,

Have paid the law's full price

And purchased peace for me.

His blood atoned for all His race,

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And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Thy righteousness, O Christ,

Alone can cover me:

No righteousness avails

Save that which is of Thee.

Before the throne my Surety stands,

Before the throne my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands.

(Tune: "Arise, My Soul, Arise!," p. 223)

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Brother Joe Brison is preaching today in Albany, GA, for the congregation of Eager Avenue Grace Church. Please be in prayer for him as he preaches and as he travels home.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 8 Doug Hennig

11 Shane Pennington

12 Becky Golden

Feb. 13 Jennifer Maynard

Joe Ronk

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Congratulations to Adam and Chrissie Lelonde on the birth of their son, Colton Stephen, born Jan. 26.

SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE

We are planning a Spring Bible Conference for April 19-21. The speakers will be Brother Jim Byrd, pastor of First Baptist Church of Almont, MI, and Brother Gary Shepard, pastor of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Jacksonville, NC. Mark these dates on your calendars.

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). God has blessed His people from the beginning with every needful new covenant blessing, treasured up in Christ Jesus their covenant Head. There is not a single blessing of grace and salvation which is not secured and deposited in Him. Ah, my friends, it is well for us they are treasured up in Christ Jesus, because in Him they are safe and secure. The Holy Spirit, in His appointed time, convinces the heart of the poor sinner of the need of these spiritual blessings; He gives him deeply to feel his need, and puts a cry in his heart after them. The Lord says, *"I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them."* The poor sinner will never come to Christ, bow down before Him and seek the Lord's blessing, until he is brought into poverty, destitution, and indigent circumstances. He will never flee to Christ for refuge until every other resource fails him, and he is at his wits' end and knows not what to do. But, blessed be HIS name, Christ is a refuge for the helpless and the destitute. —John Kershaw

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GOOD TIDINGS

The word "gospel" literally translated means "good tidings." As God's ambassadors we have the privilege to tell sinners, who are trying their best to gain or maintain salvation by their religious attempts, that Christ did absolutely everything necessary to obtain the salvation of all of God's elect. Christ fulfilled every legal requirement of God's law and justice for His people, and He actually justified them at Calvary when He cried, **"It is finished!"** **"Being"** (literally, "having been") **justified freely** (without any cause on our part) **by His grace through the redemption** (release obtained by payment of the ransom price) **that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24)**, is good news to a sinner! Christ said, **"Come unto ME, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28)**. Now, I have that **"peace that passeth all understanding,"** and now I know I am as sure of heaven as if I am already there, because of HIM who is ALL in my salvation (**1 John 5:12,13**). —Pastor Richard Warmack

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TRUE CONVICTION

True conviction of sin can only come by the power of the Holy Spirit in light of the truth as it is in Christ. In the new birth, He brings us under the preaching of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ and shows us our utter sinfulness and depravity. He reveals to us that without Christ, God in human flesh, the one and only way of salvation, and without His precious incorruptible blood as the full payment of all our sins, there is no forgiveness for us. He reveals to us that without Jesus Christ as our Advocate, and without His righteousness accounted to us, there is no justification for us before a holy God Who must punish sin. He reveals to us that without Christ we are nothing but sin and can do nothing but sin. By this He drives us to Christ for all salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, eternal life, and glory. This too is a conviction of the Holy Spirit – the conviction of faith in Christ and the assurances of God's grace in HIM. —Pastor Bill Parker

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"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile." (Psalm 32:1-2)

If he alone was blessed whom no sin had ever stained, this world would have a wretched doom! If he alone was blessed, whose feet had never strayed from godly ways, where could we hide our heads? But blessedness belongs to the transgressor PARDONED — to the sinner whose sins are no more seen by God — to the guilty, to whose account the guilt is no more reckoned. We are transgressors, we are sinners, we are deep-steeped in guilt. Is this blessedness given to us?

Yes, truly, if through grace we have received Christ. There is redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of all our sins. His cross redeems from transgression, iniquity, and sin. His beautiful righteousness so hides all guilt, that God's omniscient eye no more discerns it. His blood wipes out all record of iniquity. For the believer's sins may be searched for, but they shall not be found. Such blessedness is the fruit of faith. Oh, precious grace! Blessed are those to whom it is freely given! From faith's deep roots all virtuous blossoms spring. The honest mind, the truthful heart, the honest purpose, are pre-eminently its fruits.

—Henry Law

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Daily Bible Reading for week: Feb. 5—11

Sunday—Lev.14-15

Monday—Lev.16-18

Tuesday—Lev. 19-21

Wednesday—Lev. 22-23

Thursday—Lev. 24-25

Friday—Lev. 26-27

Saturday—Num. 1-2