

August 12, 2018

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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**PRAISE OUR EVERLASTING LORD**

Tune: “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus,” (8.7.8.7. with refrain)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

God in wisdom chose to save us,  
Praise Him for His sovereign grace;  
Gave us to our cov’nant Surety,  
Son of God, our Hiding Place.

REFRAIN: Come and worship God our Savior,  
Sing His praise with one accord;  
Bow before Him, praise Jehovah,  
Praise our everlasting Lord.

Christ the Savior of poor sinners,  
Came into this world of woe;  
Came to save His chosen people,  
To pay all the debt we owe. REFRAIN:

“It is finished” cried the Savior,  
Then in triumph Jesus died;  
With His blood He sealed our pardon,  
We are fully justified. REFRAIN:

Now exalted in the heavens,  
Jesus reigns upon His throne;  
And to us He sends His Spirit,  
Making Christ the Savior known. REFRAIN:

Soon in heaven we shall see Him,  
We will gaze upon His face;  
There with joy we all shall praise Him,  
For His mercy, love and grace. REFRAIN:

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

August 12 Doretha May  
Susan Malone  
Gary Shepard  
14 Gary Salyer  
Allan Ison

August 14 Alex Bonnette  
15 Anna Grace Meek  
18 Bonnie Imes  
Austin Patel

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“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore” (Psalm 133:1-3).

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**REJOICE**

Let us learn the meaning of the word “rejoice,” not just in doctrine, but in experience. There is always cause to rejoice in the Lord—in His BLOOD that cleanses, His RIGHTEOUSNESS which perfects, His LOVE which never fails, His PROVIDENCE which works all things for our good, His INTERCESSION which is continual, and in the fact that our names are in the Book of Life—all by His grace!  
—Henry Mahan, from our bulletin, 2/14/1988

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**WHO IS THE GOSPEL FOR?**

The gospel, my dear sir, is a salvation appointed for those who are ready to perish and is not designed to put them in a way to save themselves by their own works. It speaks to us as condemned already and calls upon us to believe in a crucified Savior that we may receive redemption through the blood, even the forgiveness of our sins. And the Spirit of God, by the gospel, first convinces us of unbelief, sin and misery; and then, by revealing the things of Jesus to our minds, enables us, as helpless sinners, to come to Christ, to receive Him, to behold him, or, in other words, to believe in Him.  
—John Newton

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There never was, nor is, nor ever will be the least particle of holiness in the world, but what flowing from Jesus Christ, is communicated by the Spirit, according to the truth and promise of the gospel.  
—John Owen, puritan preacher

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If you are under the load of sin, burdened down by your guilt, and troubled over your relationship with the holy God of heaven, may I give you this advice? SEEK THE LORD! Seek Christ believingly, earnestly, sincerely, only, and early! SEEK HIM NOW!  
—Scott Richardson

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It is our responsibility, as a New Testament church, to be a “pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). We are to boldly proclaim the gospel of the sovereign grace of God to sinners through Christ, and we must do so in words true and plain. The Lord has entrusted to us the good seed of His Word and our assignment is to sow the seed. In the natural world, a farmer prepares the ground and then spreads a good, quality seed. He has no ability to make the sun shine upon the earth in which the seed has been distributed and he cannot cause the rain to fall upon that ground. Having done all he could, he is dependent upon the Lord to warm the ground with His sun and to water it with His rain. The farmer, therefore, must patiently wait for the Lord of the harvest to do His special work. It is the same way in the spiritual realm. We preach the gospel of the grace of God to unworthy sinners through the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the only seed that will ever bring forth fruit. But even preaching this message will not result in fruit apart from the Lord doing His special work in the hearts of those who’ve heard the Word. We preach and pray that the Lord of the harvest will bring forth fruit. Sowing the good seed is our responsibility; bringing forth a harvest is the Lord’s business.  
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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From whence this fear and unbelief?  
Hath not the Father put to grief  
His spotless Son for me?  
And will the righteous Judge of men  
Condemn me for that debt of sin,  
Which, Lord, was charged on Thee?  
Complete atonement Thou hast made,  
And to the utmost farthing paid  
Whate’er Thy people owed.  
How then can wrath on me take place  
Now standing in Thy righteousness  
And sprinkled with Thy blood?  
If Thou hast my discharge procured,  
And freely in my place endured  
The whole of wrath Divine;  
Payment God cannot twice demand,  
First at my bleeding Surety’s hand,  
And then again at mine.  
—Augustus Toplady, 1772