

TODAY’S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Daniel Balch /Opening Prayer by: Bobby Rader

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#869 We’re Marching to Zion

#882 No Tears in Heaven

Scripture Reading by: Parker Balch

#381 Years I Spent in Vanity

Lord’s Supper and Contribution

#867 To Canaan’s Land

Sermon: The Death of the Son of God

Mark 15:33-39

#851 I’ll Fly Away

#881 Mansion Over the Hilltop

Closing Prayer by: James Scott

We will have 3rd Sunday evening singing  
service tonight

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 5:00pm — Worship

Wednesday: 6:30pm — Bible Study Classes

September 19, 2021

“Stand Firm in...Liberty”

Galatians 5:1

My God, My God

The first line of **Psalm 22** is the only word spoken by Jesus from the cross in Mark’s Gospel (**Mark 15:34**). On the one hand, it is a lament out of the depths of despair, expressing the abandonment that Jesus felt on the cross; he identified with the sense of alienation the psalmist experienced. On the other hand, we should note that this psalm ends with vindication and restoration: the cry of distress is motivated by the confidence that God—*my God*, an affirmation of hope and faith despite everything—hears and will act. We need to note both aspects of the psalm, not only to better understand what Jesus accomplished, but also to orient ourselves properly in the midst of our own trials. We, too, are called to move from lament to praise of a God who does not abandon us, but who identifies with us even to the point of death on a cross. I encourage you to read this passage in its entirety and meditate upon it as we examine “The Death of the Son of God” this morning:

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?  
<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.  
<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”  
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.  
<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.  
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.  
<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;

# Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

## Our Sick

**Peggy McIntosh** is in Magnolia Place Health Care.

**Jackie David**, Walden David's mother has covid.

**Gary Frazier** had a heart procedure last week.

**Mike Little** had surgery 2 weeks ago and is still in the hospital.

**Winona Angelle** has covid.

## Continued Prayers

### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Frank & Tina Garcia, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Winston Leifester, Caitlin Smith, Oscar Cantu, Jo Ann Modisette, Ka'Leisha Jones

## Shut Ins

### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Catherine Parker

## Upcoming Activities

**Elders, Minister** meeting Monday, Sept. 20th at 5:30 p.m.

**Bridal Shower** for Hailey Noel bride elect of River Lucy, Sunday, Oct. 3rd from 2-4 p.m. She is registered at Amazon and Walmart.

Sunday, Sept. 26th we will have our monthly fellowship meal at 5:00 p.m.

We will have a blood drive on Monday, October 4th from 4-8 pm in the fellowship room.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bobby Rader	Danny Balch	
Don Taylor	Phillip Strickhausen	
Robert Ward		

## Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa,  
Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

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<sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
<sup>16</sup> For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
<sup>18</sup> they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!  
<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!  
<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!  
<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.  
<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup> The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord!  
May your hearts live forever!  
<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.  
<sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.  
<sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.  
<sup>30</sup> Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
<sup>31</sup> they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

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