



John 17:3
 And this is eternal life,
 that they know you, the
 only true God, &
 Jesus Christ whom you
 have sent.

2 Peter 3:18
¹⁸ But grow in the grace
 & knowledge of our Lord
 & Savior Jesus Christ. To
 him be the glory both
 now & to the day of
 eternity. Amen.



Matthew 28:19-20
¹⁹ Go therefore & make disciples
 of all nations, baptizing them in
 the name of the Father & of
 the Son & of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all
 that I have commanded you.



Greeter Today: Buddy Marr

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2/18/24

Sunday School Attendance: 42
Worship Attendance: 81

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish a happy birthday this week to Gina Walden and Martha Watt.

Join us this evening for Bible study and prayer at 6:30.

Join us Wednesday at 6:30 for women's Bible study, children's ministry and youth ministry.

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Amber and Jesse Upchurch on March 23rd from 2:00-5:00 at Smiths Grove Baptist Church.

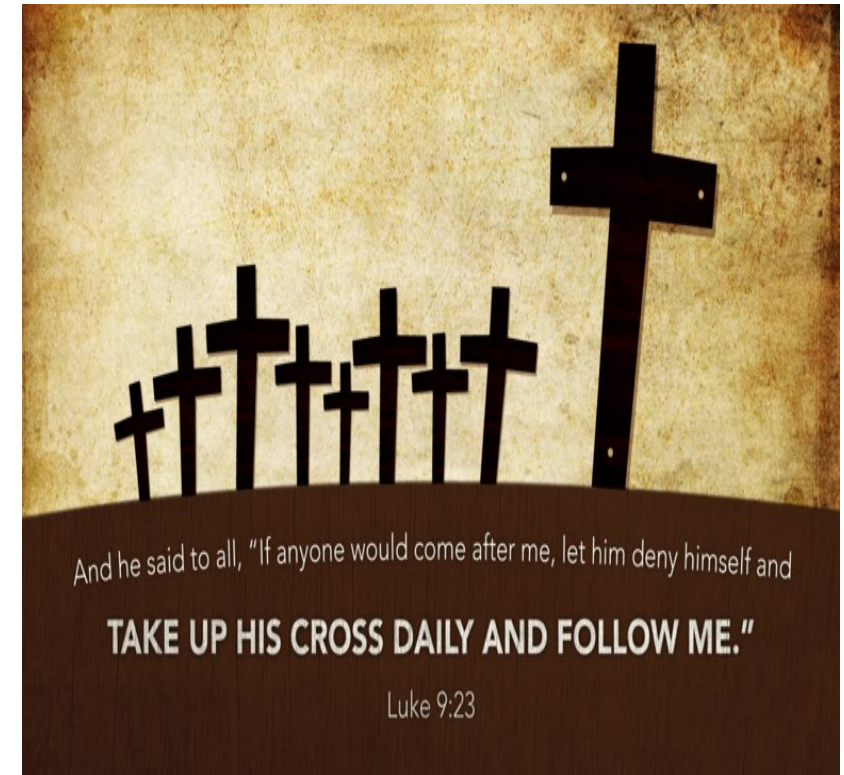
Join us after the morning service on March 3rd for a potluck meal followed by our quarterly members meeting. At the meeting we will provide updates about the remodel of the historic sanctuary.

The building is reserved this afternoon.

Sunday February 25th, 2024



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Call to Worship

Glorious Day

Welcome & Announcements

Scriptural Call to Worship

Psalm 22:27-31

Worship through Song

Gracefully Broken

I Thank God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worship through Giving

Gratitude

(After the offering, children 5th grade & under are dismissed to children's church)

Worship through Proclamation

Mark 8:27-38

Worship through Response

Just As I Am

Benediction

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:27–31 (ESV) — 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. 28 For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. 29 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. 30 Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Mark 8:27–38 (ESV) — 27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. 31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Sermon Notes

Three times in Mark 8-10, Jesus predicts his _____, the disciples fail to understand or to respond appropriately, and he then teaches them about discipleship. What it means to follow Jesus can only be understood through the lens of the _____.

Peter’s confession is a turning point in the gospel of Mark; the framework of the next two chapters is of a _____, a journey to the cross. Along the way Jesus will teach the disciples the _____ of his mission and the _____ of their discipleship.

Recognize who Jesus is: the _____ (the Messiah)

Matthew 16:17 (ESV) And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Learn how God _____

You have no idea how God works. - Mark 8:33 The Message

Being a follower of Jesus means letting go of our own ideas and doing the life of faith Jesus’s way

Understand what it means to _____ Jesus

- deny _____

To deny self is to adopt an attitude in which self-interest and personal desires are no longer central.

- take up your _____
- _____

The repetition of come after/follow emphasizes that discipleship means following in the same _____ as Jesus.