



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.



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8/24/25

Sunday School Attendance: 33
Worship Attendance: 76

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish a happy birthday this week to Jack Estes
and John Byars.

Our next game night will be Friday, September 5th
at 5:00 PM.

Our annual church picnic will take place at Ed Spear
Park on Sunday September 14th, thirty minutes after
the morning service.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for Bible
studies for all ages at 6:30 PM. There is a free meal
for children and youth served at 6:00 PM.

Sunday August 31st, 2025



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Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,



for his wondrous works to the children of man!

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Call to Worship

This Little Light of Mine

Welcome & Announcements

Scriptural Call to Worship

Psalm 107:10-16

Worship through Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

His Glory and My Good

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worship through Giving

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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

Worship through Proclamation

Acts 6:1-7

Worship through Response

Your Will Be Done

Benediction

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:10–16 (ESV) — 10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, 11 for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. 13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. 15 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

Acts 6:1–7 (ESV) — 1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Sermon Notes

The words *serve* and *service* in the New Testament have a variety of meanings:

- To offer food and drink to _____ (Matthew 8:15)
- to meet _____ needs (Matthew 27:55; Acts 6:2)
- to provide _____ assistance (Romans 15:25)
- to teach God’s _____ (Acts 6:4)

In Acts 6 we see two forms of service:

- the ministry of “tables” or _____ work (v2)
- the ministry of the _____ or pastoral work (v4)

Neither ministry is superior to the other. Both are ways ... of serving God and his people. Both require spiritual people, “full of the Spirit,” to exercise them.... The only difference between them lies in the form the ministry takes, requiring different gifts and callings. - John Stott

1 Peter 4:10–11 (ESV) 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

When everyone serves:

- The work is _____
- _____ are met
- _____ is developed
- The _____ is advance

Mark 10:45 (ESV) For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”