

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Bobby Rader /Opening Prayer by: Robert Ward

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#535 The Glory-Land Way

#528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Scripture Reading by: Jackson Burgess

#509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Lord's Supper and Contribution

#470 Victory in Jesus

Sermon: "Love is Not Selfish"

Luke 15:25-31

#947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

#851 I'll Fly Away

Closing Prayer by: Tommy Cary

Welcome by: Bobby Rader

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#874 Walking Alone at Eve

#849 Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Brooks McKelroy

Prayer by: Phillip Strickhausen

#742 When Upon Life's Billows

Sermon: "Twelve Ordinary Men: Nathanael Bartholomew "

John 1:47-49

#907 Hark the Gentle Voice

#523 I Know the Lord Will Find a Way

Closing Prayer by: Chris Young

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 6:00pm — Worship

Wednesday: 10:00am — Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm — Bible Study Classes

August 12, 2018

"Stand Firm in...Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

Jesus at the Wedding

At almost every wedding – it may be at the rehearsal or at the ceremony itself –there is at least one mistake or moment of crisis. I remember our wedding, for example, where the bride did not arrive until an hour after the ceremony was supposed to commence. She claimed that they ran behind getting everyone's hair fixed and the delay was compounded with an exceptionally foggy night, making travel to the church building take twice as long as normal. You can ask her yourself if she wants to stick to that story.

One of my favorites comes from a wedding rehearsal. It seems the minister told the father of the bride, "As you give your daughter's hand to the groom, you should say something nice to him." The father, a grocery store manager, took the advice. During the wedding ceremony, he placed the bride's hand on his future son-in-law's hand and said, "No deposit, no return."

In **John 2**, we have a very human story along these lines. Jesus and his disciples are at a wedding, and Jesus' mother is there. But there is about to be a big problem at this wedding. They had not planned properly, and they were quickly running out of refreshments for the guests. In particular they were running out of wine; once they ran out of wine, the celebration would be over. That's when Mary stepped in. She said to the servants, "*Do whatever he tells you.*" (**John 2:5**)

That is a profound statement. Have you ever pondered its deeper significance? Have you ever considered what a transformation would be made in this world if all of us took that advice? It would bring happiness in this world. It would bring eternal life in the world to come. Let's recall some of the things that Jesus has said and contemplate them with Mary's advice ringing in our ears.

We would let our light shine as Jesus said in **Matthew 5:16**. We would let it shine so brightly and clearly that people would be attracted to the church. We would have a preserving influence like salt that he mentions in the same passage. People get their opinion of the church and of Jesus from us, from the way that we live. What do people think by the life you and I live?

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Privilege to Serve
Sunday, Aug. 12th

Our Sick

Doris Trahan will begin taking chemo treatments on Aug. 15th.

Frances Petree is in Fall Creek Rehab in Humble.

Continued Prayers

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, James Scott, Gary Nielsen, Harold Cryer, Gerald Lucy, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Patricia Padon, Frank & Tina Garcia, Ronnie Davis, Bill Lunceford, Eric Davis, J. P. Williams, Mark Wilcox, Phillip Cottle, Cheryl Mast

Shut Ins

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Pauline Taylor, Winona Angelle, Pat Henley, Myrtle Sheffield, Ronnie Rubit, Joe Leonard, Dr. Ronald Davis

Our Missionaries

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

Plastic Bags

The Food Bank is in need of plastic grocery bags. A barrel is in the foyer.

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meet Monday, Aug 13th at 7:00 pm.

Singing at Magnolia Place Health Care today at 4:00 pm.

Primetimers will be going to Italianio's in Atascocita on Tuesday, Aug. 14th at 4:30 pm. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

We will be having a Houston Food Bank truck on Thursday, Aug. 16th at 8:30 am.

We will be having a Fish Fry on Sunday, Aug. 19th after morning service in the family life center. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for side dishes.

Nursery Help Needed

Help is needed in the attended nursery. If you are interested in helping on Sunday's please let the office know and we will work you into the rotation schedule.

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

Communion Preparation: Cathy Stifflemire
 Nursery Attendants: Raven Lartigue & Sharon Lartigue

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Aug. 19th: Barbara Taylor
 Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Aug. 19th: Tania Balch & Catherine Parker

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We would put the kingdom of God first in our lives. That is what Jesus said to do in **Matthew 6:33**. In context, Jesus is teaching the folly of worry and anxiety. He uses the birds of the air and the flowers of the field as an illustration, reminding us that God cares for them. If we put the kingdom first, the other things will fall into place and be taken care of. We must put the Lord and his kingdom first in our lives. We cannot put our loved ones first, we cannot put our jobs first, we cannot put our pleasure first. God must come first.

We would treat others the way that we want to be treated as Jesus said in **Matthew 7:12**. We do not want others to gossip about us, so we will not gossip about others. We want to be treated kindly, so we must treat others kindly. And the teaching has even more far-reaching implications than our attitudes. Imagine that we had never heard the story of Jesus; would we want someone to share the gospel with us that would save our souls?

All of these teachings come from the Sermon on the Mount. We could go on drawing just from that great message. *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. (Matthew 5:44) Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. (6:19-20) Do not be anxious about tomorrow. (6:34)* These are admittedly hard sayings. But what if we actually had the audacity to live them out?

Do whatever he tells you.

Bryant Perkins

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