



January 6, 2019

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm
Bible Classes: 9:30 am

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Christ is Our Safety Net

Trapeze artists are known for their bravery and perfect timing. They perform flips, twists, and stunts that amaze us. Some of us wouldn't even climb the ladder, much less fling ourselves through the air. The life of a trapeze artist is challenging and full of mistakes and corrections. This is where the safety net comes in. The trapeze artist continues to practice and improve while using the safety net to remain safe.

In a sense, Christians are spiritual trapeze artists. While we aren't known for death defying stunts, we have chosen a life which takes the spiritual and moral high wire. We have chosen to live a life that is difficult, challenging, and one which makes us stand out from the world (Romans 12:2). Beyond everything else, the greatest connection is in the fact that Christians also have a safety net.

Everyone has made mistakes, and everyone has sinned (Romans 3:23). Therefore, everyone has fallen off the trapeze. We had no control and no power to change our own fate, but then the Lord stepped in. As Romans puts it, "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him" (5:6, 8-9).

Christians were given Christ as our safety net. What we deserved from our sinful choices was to fall to our spiritual deaths (Romans 6:23), but God spared us. Through Christ came salvation. By Christ sacrifice, God gave us grace (Ephesians 2:5-8).

However, even when we fall there is more to do. It is still possible to "fall from grace" (Galatians 5:4). We must get up and climb back up the trapeze. We cannot let our sins keep us down. Even when we fall, we must get up and keep walking right (1 John 1:5-7). As Christians, we are eternally blessed to have Christ as our safety net. Let's use this safety net as little as possible and get right back up when we fall!

Your Brother,
Timothy Wood

Order of Worship

Welcome to Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell

19 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Call to Worship: Jody Venkatesan

**400 Living by Faith
— Good, Good Father
S-54 And Can It Be?**

*Assistant 1: Tim Wood
Giving: DuBois Murphy
Bread: TBA*

*Fruit of the Vine: Carl Wamble
Assistant 2: Bobo Ozomah
Assistant 3: John Jones*

872 am Crucified with Christ

*Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:20
Sean Semple*

776 Will Your Anchor Hold?

Sermon: Bren White

380 Just as I Am

Prayer Requests/Announcements

888 Thank You, Lord

Closing Prayer: Phillip Venkatesan

Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Chuck Morris

**682 To God Be the Glory
— Blessed be the Name of the Lord**

Call to Worship: Allen Pratt

**S-120 That's Why We Praise Him
— Above All**

*Assistant 1: Ross Thian
Assistant 2: Justin Bishop
Giving: Demetrius Morris
Bread: Chris Forand*

*Fruit of the Vine: Brandon Porter
Assistant 3: Curtis Madeley
Assistant 4: Marvin Blye
Assistant 5: Zane Huckabey*

888 Thank You, Lord

*Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:20
Ian Huckabey*

872 I am Crucified with Christ

Sermon: Bren White

380 Just as I Am

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— Shout Hallelujah

Closing Prayer: Bruce Robins

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Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- Please fill out a guest card and drop it in the collection basket.
- Personal sound receivers are available for hearing enhancement in all classes and services in the auditorium. Stop by the sound booth to get one.

Leaders	Location	Time
Demetrius Morris	Church Building	1:30
Ricky Cook	Church Building	12:30
Farin Crone	Crone 8050 Harriet Tubman Ln. Columbia, 21044	6 PM
DuBois Murphy & Tim Wood (Teens)	Church Building	2 PM
Curtis Madeley	Brosey 1116 Severn Pines Way Severn, 21144	1 PM
Carl Wamble	Wamble 3006 Berrywood Ln. Springdale, 20774	TBA
Calvin Hunt	Reimers 6007 River Birch Ct. Hanover, 21076	4 PM
Bren White	Gregg 103 Sanderling Ct. Glen Burnie, 21060	2 PM
Brent Smith	Paugh 7921 Rustling Bark Ct. Ellicott City, 21043	6 PM
Mike Wilson	Wilson 6906 Mayfair Terrace Laurel, 20707	3 PM

Others Serving this morning:

Ushers: (1) Will Evans,
(2) Jonathan Anglin

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Ushers: (1) Darius Alexis,
(2) Lachlan Huckabey



Where Faith Meets Life!

Wednesday, January 9th

Devotional	Farin Crone
Singing	John Landrum
Closing Prayer:	DuBois Murphy



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