



March 18, 2018

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm

Bible Classes: 9:30 am

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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A Change for the Better

We've all had those moments in our lives that we wonder why we do the things that we do. It takes many different shapes and forms. Example: Stomping your feet three times before entering somewhere, eating your side dish first before anything else, checking your phone every thirty minutes, etc...

For me I have a set routine when I get on my computer at home. I check several different things in order. This takes about 30-45 min. I have done this for years. When I started a family, I tried to keep up this routine, but my family took priority. At one point I stopped and asked myself why I do this. It isn't important enough to cause strife in my life.

We can look to God's inspired word and see that there were countless times when God's plan took priority over what people were comfortable with; Jonah, the Israelites leaving Egypt, and even Mary having Jesus. Look at these people and think about if you were in their position. Ask yourself, would you be as flexible for God as they were?

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A little girl noticed that every time her mother cooked a roast she chopped a piece off the end of the roast before putting it in the oven. Intrigued, she asked her mother why she did this. "Well to be honest, I do it because that's the way my mother always does it" came the reply. "I'm sure she must have some good reason for it." At the next family gathering, the child decided to satisfy her curiosity. "Grandma, why do you always chop the end off of the roast before cooking it?" "Well to be honest, I do it because that's the way my mother always does it" came the reply. "I'm sure she must have some good reason for it." A week or so later the little girl was visiting her 90-year-old great grandmother. She explained that mom and grandma always chop the end of the roast before cooking it but couldn't remember why. Did she know? "Ha ha ha!", laughed Great-grandma. "I can imagine the two of them doing that! Why, I only cut the piece off because my pan was too small!"

We often time put things so high on our to-do lists or regular schedule that when new things happen we can't possibly deviate from or regularly scheduled items even when we are sure why we do them. Flexibility is being open to the plans and ideas of others, and willing to be instructed and challenged to change for the better. You have to be willing to bend; if not, your relationship will break. We can see that our plans and ways are not autonomous; we can trust God, go with His flow, and make the most of opportunities and relationships.

Now ask yourself:

1. How do I exhibit Flexibility in my daily life?
2. What blocks Flexibility from working and being exhibited in me?
3. How can I make Flexibility function better, stronger, and faster, even in times of uncertainly and stress?

Tim Wood

Order of Worship

Welcome to Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Will Evans

44 Anywhere is Home (PFL)

Call to Worship: Jody Venkatesan

589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

882 No Tears in Heaven

382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Assistant 1: John Jones

Giving: Ben Anglin

Bread: Jeff Watson

Fruit of the Vine: Mike Wilson

Assistant 2: Phillip Cummings

Assistant 3: Jack Birus

S-55 Sanctuary

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:23-28
Paul Brosey*

490 It is Well with My Soul

Sermon: Bren White

940 Only a Step

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— Holy Spirit Dwell in Me

Closing Prayer: Sterling Saunders

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.

Others Serving this morning:

Ushers: (1) Reggie White,
(2) Brent Smith

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Allen Pratt

— Step by Step

— All to Us

Call to Worship: Alan Bobo

589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

490 It is Well with My Soul

479 Peace, Perfect Peace

Assistant 1: Darius Alexis

Assistant 2: Marty Findley

Giving: Calvin Hunt

Bread: Steve Koziol

Fruit of the Vine: Brandon Porter

Assistant 3: Jason Blankenship

Assistant 4: Patlesk Quaye

Assistant 5: Jason Kane

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:23-28
Byron Vaughan*

882 No Tears in Heaven

Sermon: Bren White

940 Only a Step

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— When the Night is Falling

Closing Prayer: Allen Pratt

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.

Others Serving this morning:

Ushers: (1) David Reimers,
(2) Jeff Ray

Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- 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.

Serving Next Week: March 25th

8:00 Service

Call to Worship	Paul Wharton
Assist 1	Shaun Holt
Giving	Will Evans
Bread	DuBois Murphy
Fruit of the Vine	Steve Brosey
Assist 2	Bob Ozomah
Assist 3	Rowan Crone
Scripture Reader	Calvin Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Carl Wamble
Usher 1	Phillip Venkatesan
Usher 2	Reggie White

10:30 Service

Call to Worship	Vaughn Harvey
Assist 1	Emagii Graves
Assist 2	Corey Dockendorf
Giving	Mark Williamson
Bread	Wayne Dellinger
Fruit of the Vine	AJ Johnson
Assist 3	David Reimers
Assist 4	Bolajao Ajao
Assist 5	Dakota Dellinger
Scripture Reader	Caleb Dockendorf
Closing Prayer	Steve Thornton
Usher 1	Khari Gardener
Usher 2	Jeff Ray

Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday, March 21st

Call to Worship:	Michael Wilkins
Song Leader:	Calvin Hunt
Scripture Reading:	Paul Brosey
Speaker:	Ricky Cook
Lord's Supper:	Farin Crone
Closing Prayer:	Steve Brosey
Usher A	Rowan Crone

Devotional	Dan Hager
Singing	Dan Hager
Closing Prayer:	Phillip Venkatesan



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