



April 15, 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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Isn't It Grand To Be A Christian?

The words of an old song repeatedly ask this question. "Isn't it grand to be a Christian, isn't it grand?" In a world where hostility and venom have become so commonplace, there is a great need for us to remember the exhortation of the apostle Paul – *Philippians 4:8* "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." As children of God we need to remember the spiritual blessings that we have in Christ Jesus.

As Christians we are members of the Lord's church – our religious world is rife with spurious doctrines and confusion. By the grace of God, our hearts have been opened to glorious light of the gospel of Christ and we have been blessed to render obedience thereto. When we were baptized into Christ (*Galatians 3:26-27*), God added us to the church that Jesus built (*Matthew 16:16-18*).

As Christians Jesus is our Lord – not just Lord (*Acts 2:36*), but also our Lord. To obey the gospel of Christ is to enter into a covenant relationship with Him (*Romans 7:4*). This fact indicates that there are promises and commitment that are personal. We do not serve some abstract entity that exists in the minds and imagination of men. Rather, we serve a Savior that desires that we know Him and allow His Spirit to work through us.

As Christians we have a heavenly hope – wise King Solomon realized that there must be something more to life than just our fleshly existence for it to have true meaning (*Ecclesiastes 2:17-19*). May we ever live with the awareness that this life is really a time of preparation for the life to come. Life properly lived is lived with a view to the Savior's return (*Philippians 3:20*).

Life has its trials, troubles and struggles. Yet, the God we serve is greater than these. Life has its woes and sorrows. Thankfully, the God we serve is more gracious than these. As Christians we are blessed in the person of Christ Jesus to view and live life as a joy and not a burden. Isn't it grand to be a Christian? Indeed, it is grand – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and all day Sunday. All day, every day it is grand!

In Him,
Ricky Cook

Order of Worship

Welcome to Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Will Evans

S-52 One Thing I Ask

Call to Worship: Jody Venkatesan

83 God is So Good
480 Blessed Assurance
S-117 Here I am to Worship

Assistant 1: John Jones
Giving: Ben Anglin
Bread: DuBois Murphy
Fruit of the Vine: Phillip Cummings
Assistant 2: Jack Birus
Assistant 3: Jonathan Anglin

— Rescue Me

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6
Irston Hair

412 Jesus, Hold My Hand

Sermon: Ricky Cook

555 Seek Ye First

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— Make a Joyful Noise

Closing Prayer: Sterling Saunders

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

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Bruce Robins

524 I Know Whom I Have Believed

Call to Worship: Wayne Dellinger

537 Here We are But Straying Pilgrims
659 I Love to Tell the Story

Assistant 1: Darius Alexis
Assistant 2: Corey Dockendorf
Giving: Calvin Hunt
Bread: Kerry Clark
Fruit of the Vine: Brandon Porter
Assistant 3: Jason Blankenship
Assistant 4: Patlesk Quaye
Assistant 5: Marvin Blye

469 Faith is the Victory

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6
Steve Koziol

452 Standing on the Promises

Sermon: Ricky Cook

628 Will You Not Tell It Today

Prayer Requests/Announcements

957 This World is Not My Home

Closing Prayer: Allen Pratt

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.

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: April 22nd

8:00 Service	
Call to Worship	Paul Wharton
Assist 1	Shaun Holt
Giving	Will Evans
Bread	Mike Wilson
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	Alan Bobo
Assist 1	Emagii Graves
Assist 2	Caleb Dockendorf
Giving	Brandon Porter
Bread	Wayne Dellinger
Fruit of the Vine	AJ Johnson
Assist 3	Charles Pratt
Assist 4	Joe Ford
Assist 5	Jason Kane
Scripture Reader	Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer	Calvin Hunt
Usher 1	Ian Huckabey
Usher 2	Charles Pratt

Others Serving this morning:


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

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 (2) Alex Ray

Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday, April 18th

Call to Worship:	Farin Crone	Devotional	Dan Hager
Song Leader:	Kwesi Asiedu	Singing	Dan Hager
Scripture Reading:	Paul Brosey	Closing Prayer:	Phillip Venkatesan
Speaker:	Dan Hager	 <i>Please remember to turn off, mute or set to vibrate all cell phones and electronic devices during services.</i>	
Lord's Supper:	Jody Venkatesan		
Closing Prayer:	Paul Wharton		
Usher A	Rowan Crone		