



June 17, 2018

**Sunday:**

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

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Bible Classes: 7 pm

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## Hopeless or Hopeful?

*"This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." Lamentations 3:21-26*

Surely one of the greatest tragedies to befall the nation of Israel was the destruction of Jerusalem during the reign of Zedekiah (Jeremiah 39:1-9). Nebuchadnezzar, a Babylonian king, razed the city and took many of the Israelites captive. It had to have been a devastatingly humiliating experience for the people of God to see their city go up in flames and be led away as captives by a pagan nation. That event, with its aftermath, precipitated the writing of The Lamentations of Jeremiah.

With their afflictions and sufferings still fresh in his mind, Jeremiah pens the Lamentations. Jeremiah, as did his brethren, struggled to comprehend the judgment of God upon His people. Yet, at the depth of despair the prophet comes to a stunning realization. In their affliction he came to a better understanding of, and developed a greater appreciation for God's wisdom, goodness, power and grace. In chapter 3 of Lamentations there is an abrupt shift in the tone of the prophet's words. He changes from the accusing agony of verses 1-18 to praising God for His compassion.

There is a great word of encouragement and lesson to be learned from what Jeremiah wrote. Whatever our lot in life may be, it is because of God's loving kindness that we are not consumed. In any given situation we may not know God's purpose. However, we may always rest assured that He is faithful. The weight of our trials and sorrows may move us to tears and frustration. Yet, it behooves us to remember that God IS! He is loving. He is faithful. He is compassionate. He is God and we are not. We do not know what He knows. We do not see all that he sees. But, we do know Him. In our times of trial and trouble, yea at all times, may we remember the great declaration of God, *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."* - Jeremiah 29:11  
To God be the glory!

In Him,  
Ricky Cook

# Order of Worship

## Welcome to Worship

**8:00 AM:**

*Song Leader: Mike Wilson*

**167 Hosanna (SFP)**

*Call to Worship: Jody Venkatesan*

**745 Humble Yourself (SFP)**

**667 There is Power in the Blood**

*Assistant 1: John Jones*

*Giving: Ben Anglin*

*Bread: DuBois Murphy*

*Fruit of the Vine: Phillip Cummings*

*Assistant 2: Jack Birus*

*Assistant 3: Jonathan Anglin*

**886 Sing Hallelujah to the Lord**

*Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 4:1-10  
Rowan Crone*

**282 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

*Sermon: Ricky Cook*

**12 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed**

*Prayer Requests/Announcements*

**788 Wonderful Words of Life**

*Closing Prayer: Sterling Saunders*

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

**10:30 AM:**

*Song Leader: AJ Johnson*

**47 Holy, Holy, Holy**  
**881 Mansion Over the Hilltop**

*Call to Worship: Wayne Dellinger*

**567 Restore My Soul**  
**186 Christ, We Do All Adore Thee**

*Assistant 1: Darius Alexis*

*Assistant 2: Emagii Graves*

*Giving: Zane Huckabey*

*Bread: Kerry Clark*

*Fruit of the Vine: Brandon Porter*

*Assistant 3: Jason Blankenship*

*Assistant 4: Patlesk Quaye*

*Assistant 5: Marvin Blye*

*Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 4:1-10  
Steve Koziol*

**702 Trials Dark on Every Hand**

*Sermon: Ricky Cook*

**903 There is Power in the Blood**

*Prayer Requests/Announcements*

**969 Don's You Want to Go to That Land**

*Closing Prayer: Allen Pratt*

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

### 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: June 24th

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	Del Meadows
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) Jack Birus

### Others Serving this morning:

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

### Sunday Evening Worship

### Wednesday, June 20th

Call to Worship:	Farin Crone	Devotional	Dan Hager
Song Leader:	Kevin Caldwell	Singing	Dan Hager
Scripture Reading:	Paul Brosey	Closing Prayer:	Phillip Venkatesan
Speaker:	Ricky Cook	 <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		