



June 24, 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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Faith

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:1-6

According to the declaration of the Holy Spirit, faith is confidence based on the witness supplied by God. It is not, "You have faith, but I have facts." To the contrary, the Christian faith is based on historical events, many of which were miraculous in nature. The witness of God concerning these historical facts gives our faith substance. Faith is based on events of the past, about which we would know little or nothing if the record had not been preserved in God's Word. This means of producing faith is attested to by the apostle Paul, *Romans 10:17* "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The witness of God (Scripture) has been given so that His children are able, with a steadfast assurance, to face a chaotic world with a sure resolve. Faith is the assurance that we are more than conquerors (*Romans 8:37*). Faith is the being certain that there is a heavenly home (*John 14:2-4*).

For the Christian, faith is a stabilizer. It enables us to have peace in the midst of a storm and find joy when we are tested by trials and troubles. If we have faith, then like the apostle our mantra is, *2 Timothy 1:12* "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day." At the core of our faith is God. It is because He is that we believe. It is because He reigns in the kingdom of men that we do not despair. It is because He is faithful that we wait with patient expectation for the return of Christ Jesus. Well David spoke when he declared, *Psalms 34:8* "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" To God be the glory!

In Him,
Ricky Cook

Order of Worship

Welcome to Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Will Evans

— **Jesus Rose with All Power**

Call to Worship: Paul Wharton

26 An Empty Mansion (PFL)
113 His Grace Reaches Me
S-109 Beautiful Lamb

Assistant 1: Shaun Holt

Giving: Jody Venkatesan

Bread: Mike Wilson

Fruit of the Vine: Steve Brosey

Assistant 2: Bob Ozomah

Assistant 3: Rowan Crone

S-27 Shout to the Lord

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 5:1-10
Calvin Mitchell

S-115 Hard Fighting Soldier

Sermon: Ricky Cook

834 Salvation has Been Brought Down (PFL)

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— **Take the Lord with You**

Closing Prayer: Carl Wamble

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

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Calvin Hunt

66 Doxology
23 Our God, He is Alive

Call to Worship: Alan Bobo

— **How Great is Our God**
 — **Above All**

Assistant 1: Emagii Graves

Assistant 2: Caleb Dockendorf

Giving: Del Meadows

Bread: Wayne Dellinger

Fruit of the Vine: AJ Johnson

Assistant 3: Charles Pratt

Assistant 4: Joe Ford

Assistant 5: Jason Kane

587 Sing and Be Happy

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 5:1-10
Kerry Clark

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Sermon: Ricky Cook

— **Before the Throne of God Above**

Prayer Requests/Announcements

16 All Creatures of Our God and King (PFL)

Closing Prayer: Allen Pratt

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

- 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 activities in the auditorium. Stop by the sound booth to get one.

8:00 AM Service	
Call to Worship	Paul Wharton
Assist 1	Will Evans
Giving	DuBois Murphy
Bread	Steve Brosey
Fruit of the Vine	Carl Wamble
Assist 2	Bob Ozomah
Assist 3	John Jones
Scripture Reader	Calvin Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Sterling Saunders
Usher 1	Jack Birus
Usher 2	Reggie White
10:30 AM Service	
Call to Worship	Alan Bobo
Assist 1	Ricky Cook II
Assist 2	Curtis Madeley
Giving	Zane Huckabey
Bread	AJ Johnson
Fruit of the Vine	Wayne Dellinger
Assist 3	Caleb Dockendorf
Assist 4	Cory Dockendorf
Assist 5	Leroy Bell
Scripture Reader	Ian Huckabey
Closing Prayer	Allen Pratt
Usher 1	Dakota Dellinger
Usher 2	Alex Ray
6 PM Service	
Call to Worship	Jody Venkatesan
Scripture Reading	Paul Brosey
Lord's Supper	Dan Hager
Closing Prayer	Bren White
Usher	Rowan Crone

Others Serving this morning:

Ushers: (1) Phillip Venkatesan,
 (2) Reggie White


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

Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday, June 27th

Call to Worship:	Paul Wharton
Song Leader:	Kwesi Asiedu
Scripture Reading:	Del Meadows
Speaker:	Ricky Cook
Lord's Supper:	Calvin Hunt
Closing Prayer:	Michael Wilkins
Usher A	Joe Ford

Devotional	Kwesi Asiedu
Singing	John Landrum
Closing Prayer:	Jody Venkatesan
 <p><i>Please remember to turn off, mute or set to vibrate all cell phones and electronic devices during services.</i></p>	