



September 16, 2018

**Sunday:**

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Bible Classes: 9:30 am

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Bible Classes: 7 pm

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## Same Old Same?

The way a person thinks frames who that person is. Solomon, in his great wisdom, declared, *“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.”* (Proverbs 23:7) One of life’s great challenges is that of keeping one’s thoughts from being framed by circumstance or ungratefulness. Sadly, the thoughts of many are shaped by these very things.

What one thinks is manifested by one’s speech and one’s outlook on life. Many have allowed the rigor, thorns and trials of life to influence them to adopt a “same old same” outlook on life. No hope and no expectation. Life will just be more of the “same old same.”

Hopelessness, helplessness and despair are the products of way of thinking that does not take into consideration the loving kindness of the great God of heaven and earth.

When David gave consideration to the character and deeds of God, he was moved to declare, *“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.”* (Psalm 68:19) Every day, because of His covenant love and covenant loyalty, God provides for our daily needs (both spiritual and physical). God’s blessings are to be found in abundance in our daily living. From the air that we breathe to the portion of grace needed to bear a thorn. From the sunshine and rain to the strength that we garner from His word. The list is endless.

An old inspirational quote captures the truth of our blessings. *“When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies within yourself.”* Admittedly, the hardships of life can cloud our thinking. We do not see the reason in every event of life nor is there pleasure in every circumstance. When these things are true, faith must rise to the fore. There is much that we do not know. Yet, we know God. The God of whom Jeremiah declared that His steadfast love never ends (Jeremiah 3:22) and of whom Paul was fully persuaded as to His constancy (2 Timothy 1:12). To God be the glory! Amen!

In Him,  
Ricky Cook

# Order of Worship

# Welcome to Worship

**8:00 AM:**

*Song Leader: Marty Findley*

**S-14 Light the Fire**

*Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins*

**47 Holy, Holy, Holy**  
**77 Glorify Thy Name**  
**337 Hallelujah! What a Savior**

*Assistant 1: Bryson Gilbey*  
*Giving: Paul Wharton*  
*Bread: Sean Semple*  
*Fruit of the Vine: Eric Gilbey*  
*Assistant 2: Phillip Cummings*  
*Assistant 3: John Jones*

**83 God Is So Good**

*Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 12:1-10*  
*Paul Brosey*

*Sermon: Ricky Cook*

**909 There's a Fountain Free**

*Prayer Requests/Announcements*

**410 He Leadeth Me**

*Closing Prayer: Calvin Mitchell*

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

**10:30 AM:**

*Song Leader: Kwesi Asiedu*

**54 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise**

**S-91 In Christ Alone**

*Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey*

**153 Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down**

**71 As the Deer**

**470 Victory in Jesus**

**453 Love Lifted Me**

*Assistant 1: Leroy Bell*  
*Assistant 2: Curtis Madeley*  
*Giving: Del Meadows*  
*Bread: Chris Forand*  
*Fruit of the Vine: Demetrius Morris*  
*Assistant 3: David Reimers*  
*Assistant 4: Ivens Jeans*  
*Assistant 5: Neal Wilkins*

**S-45 How Deep the Fathers Love**  
**129 Amazing Grace**

*Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 12:1-10*  
*Floyd Fowler*

**226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Sermon: Ricky Cook*

**869 We're Marching to Zion**

*Prayer Requests/Announcements*

**611 Heavenly Sunlight**

*Closing Prayer: Bren White*

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

- 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.

**Serving Next Week: September 23rd**

**8:00 AM Service**

Call to Worship	Farin Crone
Assist 1	Phillip Venkatesan
Giving	Aaron Jarvis
Bread	Jeff Watson
Fruit of the Vine	Brent Smith
Assist 2	Steve Brosey
Assist 3	John Landrum
Scripture Reader	Marty Findley
Closing Prayer	Jody Venkatesan
Usher 1	Jack Birus
Usher 2	Reggie White

**10:30 AM Service**

Call to Worship	Allen Pratt
Assist 1	Kweku Asiedu
Assist 2	Ian Huckabey
Giving	Caleb Dockendorf
Bread	Marvin Blye
Fruit of the Vine	Mark Williamson
Assist 3	Cory Dockendorf
Assist 4	Darius Alexis
Assist 5	Charles Pratt
Scripture Reader	Dakota Dellinger
Closing Prayer	Chuck Morris
Usher 1	Jeff Ray
Usher 2	Khari Gardener

**Others Serving this morning:**

Ushers: (1) Bob Ozomah,  
 (2) Will Evans

**Others Serving this morning:**

Ushers: (1) Joe Ford,  
 (2) Alex Ray

**Sunday Evening Worship**

**Wednesday, September 19th**

<b>Call to Worship:</b>	Vaughn Harvey
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kevin Caldwell
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Brent Smith
<b>Speaker:</b>	Ricky Cook
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Farin Crone
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Jody Venkatesan
<b>Usher A</b>	Jonathan Anglin

<b>Devotional</b>	Calvin Hunt
<b>Singing</b>	Calvin Hunt
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	DuBois Murphy



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