



October 7, 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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Where is Your Focus

We're all familiar with the name Henry Ford. He was the mastermind behind the Ford Motor Company and a big contributor the advancement of our automobiles today. Perhaps one of the keys to his great success is found in his analysis of how people work: "A weakness of all human beings," Henry Ford said, "is trying to do too many things at once. That scatters effort and destroys direction. It makes for haste, and haste makes waste. So we do things all the wrong ways possible before we come to the right one..." As people, we often don't know which direction to go or what things are most important. We lose sight on what deserves our focus. The result is, we focus on a bunch of things, too many things, and never truly give our focus on the things that matter.

The question is, what really matters in this life? We know the answer, don't we? It's not a secret to Christians. If we broke down everything in this life, we know what the answer is: Obeying God. Then why are we focused on so many other things? We spread our time and attention so thin, often God and His Word rarely ever get the focus they deserve.

Like us, Martha had her focus on too many things. As a result, she lost sight of what was truly important; the very thing her sister was doing, listening to Jesus. Do we remember Christ's reply to her? "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

Maybe you've lost focus. Maybe you're in a place right now where it's hard to keep your eyes on Jesus because of everything in the way. Let's get things cleared up. Let's start seeing what's truly important. It may be time for a spiritual vision check up. Let's do what it takes to start seeing clearly so we can reach the prize (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Brett Petrillo

Order of Worship

Welcome to Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Will Evans

716 Sing to Me of Heaven

Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins

100/101 Holy Ground

601 My God and I

— Oh How He Loves You and Me

Assistant 1: John Jones

Giving: John Landrum

Bread: Jonathan Anglin

Fruit of the Vine: Sean Semple

Assistant 2: Calvin Mitchell

Assistant 3: Bob Ozomah

406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*Scripture Reading: Gen. 32:22-32
Phillip Cummings*

242 Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Sermon: Ricky Cook

834 Salvation has been Brought Down (PFL)

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— Make a Joyful Noise

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) Ben Anglin,
(2) Bryson Gilbey

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Chuck Morris

895 Thy Word

— We are the Body of Christ

Call to Worship: Wayne Dellinger

866 I Will Call Upon the Lord

160 Glory to His Name

Assistant 1: Emagii Graves

Assistant 2: Ross Thian

Giving: Calvin Hunt

Bread: Kerry Clark

Fruit of the Vine: Del Meadows

Assistant 3: Ivens Jeans

Assistant 4: Neal Wilkins

Assistant 5: Leroy Bell

15 Step by Step (SFP)

*Scripture Reading: Gen. 32:22-32
Steve Koziol*

— Refiners Fire

Sermon: Ricky Cook

770 While Jesus Whispers to You

Prayer Requests/Announcements

55 Beyond This Land of Parting

Closing Prayer: Steve Thornton

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

Others Serving this morning:

Ushers: (1) Ian Huckabey,
(2) Lachlan Huckabey

Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- 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.

Leaders	Location	Time
Demetrius Morris	Church Building	1:30 PM
Ricky Cook	Church Building	12:30 PM
Farin Crone	Crone 8050 Harriet Tubman Ln. Columbia, 21044	6 PM
DuBois Murphy & Tim Wood (Teens)	Church Building	2 PM
Curtis Madeley	Brosey 1116 Severn Pines Way Severn, 21144	1 PM
Carl Wamble	Mitchell 7415 Quail Ridge Ln. Bowie, 20720	TBA
Calvin Hunt	Reimers 6007 River Birch Ct. Hanover, 21076	4 PM
Bren White	Gregg 103 Sanderling Ct. Glen Burnie, 21060	2 PM
Bren Smith	Paugh 7921 Rustling Bark Ct. Ellicott City, 21043	6 PM
Mike Wilson	Not meeting today	

Wednesday, October 10th

Devotional Farin Crone

Singing Brent Smith

Closing Prayer: Steve Brosey



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Where Faith Meets Life!