



December 9, 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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What Do You Say?

I would venture that many of us, having read the title of this article, are able to appreciate the context with no explanation needed. I am familiar with this query as a child, as a father, and even as a grandfather. When given something, the appropriate response is “thank you.” I can vividly remember this query/directive being put to me by my own mother when a word of thanks was lacking. It is a matter of common courtesy and good manners to say, “thank you.”

Someone has declared, “*Who you are is God’s gift to you, who you become is your gift to God.*” Inherent in this saying is the idea that one must do something with the blessings one receives. This is the basic teaching of the parable of the talents (*Matthew 25:14-30*) God expects us to be faithful. Paul exhorted Timothy not to neglect the gift he had received of God (*1 Timothy 4:14*). This exhortation is still needed and relevant for every child of God in our present time.

In this context, the terms “talent, gift, skill or ability” are synonymous. It is important that we take note of the fact that each of us has different abilities and potential for we are each unique by God’s design (*1 Corinthians 12:12-31*). It is equally important that we be aware that there are no no-talent members of the kingdom of God. In the parable of the talents each servant was given something. What each servant received was based on their individual abilities. The resulting expectation was not that they would be equal in their achievements, but faithful in their service.

Our faithful use of the abilities with which God has blessed us is our way of not only saying, “thank you.” It is also how we demonstrate our love for God and others (*John 14:15; 1 John 3:18*). God is glorified when we serve Him. Yet, our service in His name must be more than lip service – *Luke 6:46*. May God bless us each with the wisdom and discernment to know the gifts with which He has blessed us. Additionally, may we each have a spirit of gratitude and faith that moves us to use our gifts to God’s glory in His service. To God be the glory!

In Him,
Ricky Cook

Order of Worship

Welcome to Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Carl Wamble

619 Take Time to Be Holy

Call to Worship: Jody Venkatesan

789 Work, for the Night is Coming

760 Who Will Follow Jesus

784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Assistant 1: Reggie White

Giving: Ben Anglin

Bread: Steve Brosey

Fruit of the Vine: Jeff Watson

Assistant 2: Phillip Cummings

Assistant 3: Brent Smith

162 Give of Your Best to the Master

*Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 4:12-16
Kevin Caldwell*

297 I Want to Be a Worker

Sermon: Ricky Cook

272 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Prayer Requests/Announcements

743 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

Closing Prayer: Farin Crone

Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord.

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Calvin Hunt

852 When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

973 Everybody Will Be Happy Over There

Call to Worship: Allen Pratt

458 Redeemed

722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen

Assistant 1: Kweku Asiedu

Assistant 2: Curtis Madeley

Giving: Kwesi Asiedu

Bread: Alan Bobo

Fruit of the Vine: Chris Forand

Assistant 3: Neal Wilkins

Assistant 4: Jason Kane

Assistant 5: Jason Blankenship

239 In Moments Like These

*Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 4:12-16
Brandon Porter*

— **Song of Moses**

Sermon: Ricky Cook

291 The Great Physician

Prayer Requests/Announcements

484 You are My All in All

Closing Prayer: Bruce Robins

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

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
Ricky Cook	Church Building	12:30
Farin Crone	Lorien Nursing Home	2:30 PM
DuBois Murphy & Tim Wood (Teens)	Church Building	2 PM
Curtis Madeley	Brosey 1116 Severn Pines Way Severn, 21144	1 PM
Carl Wamble	Lorien Nursing Home	2:30 PM
Calvin Hunt	Reimers 6007 River Birch Ct. Hanover, 21076	4 PM
Bren White	Gregg 103 Sanderling Ct. Glen Burnie, 21060	2 PM
Brent Smith	Paugh 7921 Rustling Bark Ct. Ellicott City, 21043	6 PM
Mike Wilson	Lorien Nursing Home	2:30 PM

Others Serving this morning:

Ushers: (1) Calvin Mitchell,
(2) Jack Birus

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(2) Joe Ford



Where Faith Meets Life!

Wednesday, December 12th

Devotional	Paul Wharton
Singing	John Landrum
Closing Prayer:	Del Meadows



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