

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell

538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Call to Worship: Carl Wamble

— Shout Hallelujah

457 How Firm a Foundation

18 Faithful Love

Bread: Palmer Young
Fruit of the Vine: Reggie Oliver
Giving: Chris Forand

155 Highest Place

Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:14-21
Charles Hamilton

96 I Stand in Awe

Sermon: Ricky Cook

904 Have You Been to Jesus?

Prayer Requests/Announcements

S-14 Light the Fire

Closing Prayer: Chris Forand

Usher 1: LeRoy Bell
Usher 2: Reggie White
Projectionist: Byron Vaughan

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



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Antoine Johnson

— We Will Glorify

Call to Worship: Bernard Foster

— 10,000 Reasons

800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

310 In Gethsemane Alone (PFL)

Bread: Cornelius Morris
Fruit of the Vine: Demetrius Morris
Giving: Neal Wilkins

478 O I Want to See Him (PFL)

Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:14-21
Jesse Frerot

610 I Love My Savior, Too

Sermon: Ricky Cook

652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

Prayer Requests/Announcements

238 You are the Song that I Sing

Closing Prayer: Neal Wilkins


Usher 1: Henry Jenkins
Usher 2: Ian Huckabey
Projectionist: Bruce Robins

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

We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.

Wednesday January 14th

Song Leader	Allen Pratt
Devotional Leader	Carl Wamble
Closing Prayer	Mike Wilson
Projectionist	Antoine Johnson



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 give it to one of the ushers.
- Communion cups are available in the foyer. The cups will be picked up by the ushers after communion.

Serving Next Week: January 18th	
8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Mike Wilson
Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Call To Worship	Vaughn Harvey
Bread	Steve Jones
Fruit of the Vine	Wayne Dellinger
Giving	Mike Wilson
Scripture Reader	Zane Huckabey
Closing Prayer	Mike Wilson
Usher 1	Rutherford Wilson
Usher 2	Bob Ozomah
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	Demetrius Morris
Song Leader	Kevin Taylor
Call to Worship	Allen Pratt
Bread	Bruce Robins
Fruit of the Vine	Del Meadows
Giving	Antoine Johnson
Scripture Reader	Mark Williamson
Closing Prayer	Antoine Johnson
Usher 1	John Birus
Usher 2	Curtis Brooks
Projectionist	Chuck Morris



January 11, 2026

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Spanish service 12:15 pm
Bible Classes: 9:30 am
Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Blessings Through Adversities

“Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness *And* rivers in the desert.” *Isaiah 43:19*

While we are early in a new year, with all the hope and excitement that it brings, many have already begun to appreciate the reality that while we are in a new year, many of our past circumstances remain. Many of us still work the same job and pay the same bills as last year. However, may we never lose sight of the possibilities and potential created by the power and providence of God. Adversity is nothing new to this world or to the people of God. Noah, Abraham, Job, the nation of Israel, to name a few, were all familiar with adversity.

Individually and collectively, we will experience adversity – *John 16:33* “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” Therefore, let us be mindful of the fact that God can, and often does, use adversity as the catalyst for blessing. In Isaiah 43 the nation of Israel was reminded that their lot was not dictated by their current circumstance. The place of their exile (Babylon) would itself be destroyed. Israel was reminded of God’s deliverances prior to this experience to the end that they might take comfort in God’s grace, compassion, power, and providence.

We serve the same God that Israel served but under a better covenant. Even as they could expect God to bless them in their adversity, we may expect Him to bless us in ours – *Hebrews 4:16* “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Our hope does not reside in the fact that this is a new year. Our hope resides in the fact that God is able to do a “new thing.” To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook