

Order of Worship

<p style="text-align: center;">8:00 AM:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell</i></p> <p>598 Standing on the Promises</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Call to Worship: Steve Jones</i></p> <p>531 Praise the Lord 53 At Calvary 203 Hallelujah! What a Savior!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bread: Palmer Young</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Eric Gilbey</i> <i>Giving: Mike Wilson</i></p> <p>557 Rock of Ages</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Scripture Reading: James 1:1-8</i> <i>Kevin Taylor</i></p> <p>234 Higher Ground</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p>23 All Things are Ready</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p>S-57 Glory and Honor</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closing Prayer: Mike Wilson</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Usher 1: Shaun Holt</i> <i>Usher 2: Kweku Asiedu</i> <i>Projectionist: Byron Vaughan</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Song Leader: Aaron Springer</i></p> <p>Medley: 532 All People That on Earth Do Dwell 66 Doxology 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins</i></p> <p>337 Hallelujah! What a Savior! 266 Majesty 622 Ring Out the Message 452 Night, with Ebon Pinion (PFL)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bread: Antoine Johnson</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Jesse Frerot</i> <i>Giving: Mark Williamson</i></p> <p>76 How Great Thou Art</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Scripture Reading: James 1:1-8</i> <i>Zaiden Meadows</i></p> <p>23 Our God, He is Alive</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p>934 Softly and Tenderly</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p>S-78 Days of Elijah</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closing Prayer: Mark Williamson</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Usher 1: Cornelius Morris</i> <i>Usher 2: Ethan Graves</i> <i>Projectionist: Allen Pratt</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.</i></p>
Sunday Evening Worship	Wednesday, February 21st
Song Leader: Rodney Philyaw	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.
Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins	
Scripture Reader: Kwesi Asiedu	
Speaker: Ricky Cook	
Lord's Supper: Kweku Asiedu	
Closing Prayer: Michael Wilkins	
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell	10:30 Service



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 on the welcome table in the foyer.

Serving Next Week: February 25th

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	Steve Jones
Song Leader	Mike Wilson
Call To Worship	Jeff Watson
Bread	Zane Huckabey
Fruit of the Vine	Ian Huckabey
Giving	Shaun Holt
Scripture Reader	Byron Vaughan
Closing Prayer	Shaun Holt
Usher 1	Kevin Hogg
Usher 2	Reggie White
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	Neal Wilkins
Song Leader	Aaron Springer
Call to Worship	Alan Bobo
Bread	John Jones
Fruit of the Vine	Chris Forand
Giving	Jonathan McMillion
Scripture Reader	Demetrius Morris
Closing Prayer	Jonathan McMillion
Usher 1	Joe Ford
Usher 2	Neal Wilkins
Projectionist	Chuck Morris



February 18, 2024

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am
Bible Classes: 9:30 am

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Chen Colunga	Demetrius Morris
Eric Gilbey	Bob Ozomah
Chris Forand	Ronald Rivera
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Don't Let The Downs Get You Down

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

To say that "life has its ups and downs" is news to no one. Yet, the quality of one's life is ultimately a choice. One can find blessings or burdens in trials. One can find joy or sorrow in times of trouble. Is this so? The Holy Spirit moved the apostle Paul to write that indeed it is - *2 Corinthians 12:7-10* "And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

The abundant life that Jesus came to offer to all (*John 10:10*) is not happiness because we have no troubles or trials. Rather, it is joy although we have troubles and trials. Philippians chapter 4 contains a message that helps us understand how to live abundantly. To be sure it is not easy. However, it is equally true that the power of God working in us makes this a very real possibility.

Abundant living comes from positive programming - *Philippians 4:8* "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." In the Bible we are taught that there is a divine law of sowing and reaping - *Galatians 6:7-8*. In the parable of the sower, Jesus teaches us that the word of God is a seed sown in the hearts of men (*Luke 8:5ff*). As it pertains to sowing and reaping three facts are to be observed. 1) One will always reap what was sowed. 2) One will reap in proportion to what was sown. 3) One must sow before one is able to reap.

Additionally, abundant living stems from right living. Right living is a demonstration of faith in God and obedience to Him. Right living is an indispensable part of being a child of God - *James 1:22* "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." It is the will of God that we submit ourselves to Him in obedience. It is then that God can use us to His glory. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He Lives,
Ricky Cook