# Order of Worship

#### 8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Mike Wilson

#### 38 Awesome God

Call to Worship: Jeff Watson

867 To Canaan's Land I'm on my Way

679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Bread: Zane Huckabey Fruit of the Vine: Ian Huckabey Giving: Shaun Holt

# 258 The New Song

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:45-52 Byron Vaughan

## 973 Everybody Will Be Happy Over There

Sermon: Ricky Cook

# 4 To God Be the Glory

Prayer Requests/Announcements

# 548 The Lily of the Valley

Closing Prayer: Shaun Holt

Usher 1: Kevin Hogg Usher 2: Reggie White Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell

Our songs today are Songs of Faith and Praise.

## 10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Aaron Springer

## Medley:

- 6 All Creatures of Our God and King
- 4 To God Be the Glory

Call to Worship: Alan Bobo

- 779 I Love You, Lord 863 I Love You with the Love of The Lord (PFL)
- 876 Jesus, Name Above All Names (PFL)
- How Great the Father's Love For Us

Bread: John Jones Fruit of the Vine: Chris Forand Giving: Jonathan McMillion

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:45-52
Demetrius Morris

#### 472 A Shelter in Time of Storm

Sermon: Ricky Cook

701 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Prayer Requests/Announcements

#### 323 If We Never Meet Again

Closing Prayer: Jonathan McMillion

Usher 1: Joe Ford Usher 2: Neal Wilkins Projectionist: Chuck Morris

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, February 28th

| Song Leader       | Mike Wilson |
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| Devotional Leader | Ricky Cook  |

Life Groups Meet Today

Where Faith Meets Life!

Closing Prayer John Jones



# **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.

# Take a Moment to Listen

Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying
to say;

Listen today, whatever you do Or they won't be there to listen to you.

Listen to their problems, listen for their needs
Praise their smallest triumphs, praise their smartest deeds;
Tolerate their chatter, amplify their laughter,
Find out what's the matter, find out what they're after.

But tell them that you love them, every single night And though you scold them, be sure to hold them; Tell them "Everything's all right; tomorrow's looking bright!"

Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying
to say.

Listen today, whatever you do And they will come back to listen to you.

Denís Waitley



#### Sunday:

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

# Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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# Nothing Is News to God

"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';" Isaiah 46:9-10

One of the frailties of our fleshly existence is that we can be caught off guard, unaware, or unprepared despite our best efforts to the contrary. By contrast, the greatness of God is such that He never has this experience. Nothing happens but that God knew it would happen before it happened. Nothing ever takes God by surprise or is news to Him. This is not to say that God predetermines or foreordains everything that happens in life. The above referenced passage of scripture simply declares God's omniscience.

We are better able to appreciate what God is doing and why He allows life to unfold as it does retrospectively than prospectively. This was true of Joseph – *Genesis 50:20* "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." It was in retrospect that Joseph appreciated and understood the work of God in his life. The same is still true for us today.

The beginning and the end are the two extreme poles of any activity. God's declaration in Isaiah 46:10 is that He has perfect knowledge of all events no matter how far they may be in the future. Remember that God is not only omniscient, but He is also omnipotent. His omniscience allows Him to see what is going to happen before it happens. Thus, He knows what will be best for us and is able to plan accordingly. His omnipotence allows Him to act according to His knowledge. It is no wonder then that the apostle declared – 1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it." To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives, Ricky Cook