

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Mike Wilson

679 They'll Know We are Christians

Call to Worship: Shaun Holt

— He Will Come and Save You
— I Will Call Upon the Lord

Bread: John Jones
Fruit of the Vine: Zane Huckabey
Giving: Charles Hamilton

— Said I Wasn't

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-21
Eric Gilbey

836 The Great Redeemer

Sermon: Ricky Cook

68 Because He Lives

Prayer Requests/Announcements

315 I'll Live in Glory

Closing Prayer: Charles Hamilton

Usher 1: Alan Sandlin
Usher 2: Kevin Hogg
Projectionist: Carl Wamble

Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Nash

— Thank You, Lord
453 Love Lifted Me

Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey

Medley:

118 God Has Smiled on Me
36 Amazing Grace (PFL)

346 It Won't Be Very Long (PFL)

Bread: Del Meadows
Fruit of the Vine: Steve Koziol

337 Hallelujah! What a Savoir

Giving: Gwan Price

— Woke Up This Morning

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-21
Henry Jenkins

23 Our God, He is Alive

Sermon: Ricky Cook

526 Pass Me Not (PFL)

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— Holy Spirit, Dwell in Me

Closing Prayer: Gwan Price

Usher 1: Ethan Graves
Usher 2: Cornelius Morris
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, March 25th

Song Leader Mike Wilson

Devotional Leader Allen Pratt

Closing Prayer Alan Sandlin

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: March 29th

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	John Jones
Song Leader	Kevin Taylor
Call To Worship	Bernard Foster
Bread	Lester de Caires
Fruit of the Vine	Jeff Watson
Giving	Wayne Dellinger
Scripture Reader	Kellen Gibson
Closing Prayer	Wayne Dellinger
Usher 1	Reggie White
Usher 2	LeRoy Bell
Projectionist	Carl Wamble

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	Bruce Robins
Song Leader	Allen Pratt
Call to Worship	Alan Bobo
Bread	Antoine Johnson
Fruit of the Vine	Mark Williamson
Giving	Kerry Clark
Scripture Reader	Bruce Robins
Closing Prayer	Kerry Clark
Usher 1	Adrian Williams
Usher 2	Joe Ford
Projectionist	Chuck Morris



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today



March 22, 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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What Makes the Difference?

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” 1 John 5:4

“What is the meaning of life?” If this question were to be asked of different people, it would come as no surprise that the answers would be many and varied. We live in a world of varying opinions and ideologies. These range from pessimistic to optimistic. Doubtless, our outlook on life is affected by our experiences, upbringing, social circles, and many other external factors. Yet, these things alone are not necessarily what shape one's outlook.

Long ago King Solomon was able to discern the utter futility of life in any context that does not include God – Ecclesiastes 12:13. Yet, many today are still trying to understand life in some context that does not include God. The answer, as it was in the days of Solomon, has not changed. Apart from God there is no lasting purpose or fulfillment to be found.

The apostle John wrote to encourage his readers concerning the challenges that they faced in everyday living. In so doing he declared that Christians could share in the same victory that Jesus had already obtained – John 16:33. It is unanimously and unmistakably declared in scripture that it is Jesus who makes the difference – Acts 4:12. How and why is this so? The answer is not to be found in the course of life. Rather, it is found in the One who is life. The assurance of life, the confidence of a prepared place waiting for us in the life to come is the difference that Jesus makes in the lives of His followers.

We are sojourners in this world on our way to a better place. This fact clarifies our perspective and strengthens our resolve. The One who is Faithful and True makes the difference. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook