

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kwesi Asiedu

648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Call to Worship: Bernard Foster

922 Jesus Paid It All
S-91 In Christ Alone
S-45 How Deep the Father's Love

Bread: Calvin Mitchell
Fruit of the Vine: Aaron Springer
Giving: Steve Jones

226 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-13
Kevin Taylor

464 Because He Lives

Sermon: Ricky Cook

915 Trust and Obey

Prayer Requests/Announcements

452 Standing on the Promises

Closing Prayer: Steve Jones

Usher 1: Reggie White
Usher 2: Kweku Asiedu
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell

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

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Bruce Robins

731 Take Time to Be Holy

Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins

705 A Common Love
121 Come Let Us All Unite to Sing
725 Let Us Break Bread Together

Bread: Jonathan McMillion
Fruit of the Vine: Del Meadows
Giving: Wayne Dellinger

143 Come, Christians Join to Sing

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-13
Zaiden Meadows

490 It Is Well with My Soul

Sermon: Ricky Cook

122 The Love of God

Prayer Requests/Announcements

704 Bind Us Together

Closing Prayer: Wayne Dellinger

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

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.



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: April 14th

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	Steve Jones
Song Leader	Kevin Caldwell
Call To Worship	Vaughn Harvey
Bread	Carl Wamble
Fruit of the Vine	Shaun Holt
Giving	Eric Gilbey
Scripture Reader	Calvin Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Eric Gilbey
Usher 1	Kevin Hogg
Usher 2	LeRoy Bell
Projectionist	Aaron Springer

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	John Jones
Song Leader	Jonathan McMillion
Call to Worship	Allen Pratt
Bread	Demetrius Morris
Fruit of the Vine	Steve Koziol
Giving	Rodney Philyaw
Scripture Reader	Emagii Graves
Closing Prayer	Rodney Philyaw
Usher 1	Ethan Graves
Usher 2	Cornelius Morris
Projectionist	Allen Pratt



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today

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, April 10th

Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Devotional Leader	Allen Pratt
Closing Prayer	Antoine Johnson



April 7, 2024

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Contending For The Faith

“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.” Jude 3

As one reads the epistle from Jude, it is hard to miss the candor with which he wrote. Jude declares that it was originally his intent to write concerning the “common salvation.” The salvation which every member of the church has (*1 Corinthians 15:1-2*) and that is available to all men (*Acts 2:39*). Yet, he felt compelled to write and exhort his audience to “contend for the faith.”

Jude wanted to write about what unites us in Christ Jesus. Our “common salvation” should always be a uniting factor. In human relationships blood is a uniting factor. With our relatives, the fact that we are of the same blood counts for a great deal. Often, it is the fact that we are of the same blood (even if we are not of the same mind) that is the catalyst for unity. If the blood in our veins counts for a great deal, the blood of Jesus counts for more.

Although it was his desire to write about what unites us, he found it necessary to write the brethren and exhort them to stand against the things that could potentially divide us. Candidly we must admit that all our troubles in the church are not from external sources. In verse 4 Jude pointedly identifies trouble of an internal sort – “For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”

The best way to “contend for the faith” is to hold Christ Jesus preeminent in all things. May we strive to be reflections of Him in all that we do and speak – *Philippians 2:5* “*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*” Sermons are preached by lips and life. Some astute soul has observed – “*The best sermons are the ones we live.*” May God bless each of us to be reflections of His love and grace in all that we do and speak. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
 Ricky Cook