

| Order of Worship | |
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| 8:00 AM: <i>Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell</i> 15 Step by Step <i>Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey</i> 54 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise 185 Jesus, Thy Name I Love — Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted <i>Bread: Shaun Holt</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Kevin Taylor</i> <i>Giving: Chris Forand</i> 709 How Sweet, How Heavenly <i>Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-10</i> <i>Bill Roberts</i> 452 Standing on the Promises <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> 912 Burdens are Lifted at Calvary <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> S-57 Glory and Honor <i>Closing Prayer: Chris Forand</i> <i>Usher 1: Bob Ozomah</i> <i>Usher 2: Kevin Hogg</i> <i>Projectionist: Carl Wamble</i> <i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.</i> | 10:30 AM: <i>Song Leader: Aaron Springer</i> 882 Sweet, Sweet Spirit 874 Jesus is Lord <i>Call to Worship: Bernard Foster</i> 687 ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus 702 Trials Dark on Every Hand 684 This World is Not My Home 645 The Old Rugged Cross <i>Bread: Mark Williamson</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Jerry Prestridge</i> <i>Giving: Emagii Graves</i> <i>Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-10</i> <i>Bruce Robins</i> 833 Ring Out the Message <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> 618 Sweet Hour of Prayer <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> 810 Jesus Loves Me <i>Closing Prayer: Emagii Graves</i> <i>Usher 1: Elijah Prestridge</i> <i>Usher 2: John Birus</i> <i>Projectionist: Chuck Morris</i> <i>Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord.</i> |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 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. |
| Song Leader: Lester de Caries | |
| Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey | |
| Scripture Reader: Zane Huckabey | |
| Lord’s Supper: Rodney Philyaw | |
| Closing Prayer: Vaughn Harvey | |
| Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell | |

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| <div><div>A Warm</div><div>Welcme</div></div> <div>Guest Guide:<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.</div> | |
| Serving Next Week: August 3rd | |
| 8:00 Service | |
| Brother of the Month | Reggie White |
| Song Leader | Kevin Caldwell |
| Call To Worship | Carl Wamble |
| Bread | Chris Forand |
| Fruit of the Vine | Calvin Mitchell |
| Giving | Eric Gilbey |
| Scripture Reader | Kevin Taylor |
| Closing Prayer | Eric Gilbey |
| Usher 1 | Bob Ozomah |
| Usher 2 | LeRoy Bell |
| Projectionist | Byron Vaughan |
| 10:30 Service | |
| Brother of the Month | John Jones |
| Song Leader | Bruce Robins |
| Call to Worship | Alan Bobo |
| Bread | Steve Koziol |
| Fruit of the Vine | Del Meadows |
| Giving | Rodney Philyaw |
| Scripture Reader | John Birus |
| Closing Prayer | Rodney Philyaw |
| Usher 1 | Joe Ford |
| Usher 2 | Henry Jenkins |
| Projectionist | Antoine Johnson |



July 27, 2025

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| 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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| <h2>How Do You Read It?</h2> <p>“He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” <i>Luke 10:26</i></p> <p>The verse from the Bible referenced above was Jesus’ reply to a question posed to him by an expert in the law of Moses. His motives were not honorable, but his question was scriptural. In trying to trap Jesus, this lawyer became tangled in his own net. The exchange between Jesus and the lawyer imparts to us that it is necessary to know the word of God. It further imparts to us that just knowing what the Bible teaches is insufficient. The word of God is likened unto a seed – <i>Luke 8:11</i> “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.” This seed bears fruit when it is sown in an honest and open heart – <i>Luke 8:15</i> “But the ones <i>that</i> fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”</p> <p>The lawyer in the exchange recorded in Luke 10 certainly possessed intellectual knowledge of the word of God. He was able to answer Jesus’ question (<i>Luke 10:27</i>). Jesus acknowledged that the lawyer had answered his question correctly (<i>Luke 10:28</i>). Yet, the rest of the exchange declares that the lawyer lacked a proper regard for the very thing in which he thought he trusted. He knew the law (intellectually). However, he lacked the proper regard for it.</p> <p>Introspectively, we need to ask ourselves the same question that Jesus asked the lawyer. “How do you read it?” Do we read it as fiction, suggestion, or as God’s revelation? Do we read it as a matter of obligation or devotion? The Bible is the word of God - <i>2 Timothy 3:16</i> “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” The Bible must be read with the intellectual acknowledgment that it is true. Beyond this, it must be read with a heart of submission and a willingness to obey (i.e. – in the manner of the Bereans – <i>Acts 17:11</i>). It is in the word of God that we find all that we need to navigate the sojourn called “life” – <i>2 Peter 1:3</i> “as His divine power has given to us all things that <i>pertain</i> to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” To God be the glory! Amen!</p> <p>Because He lives, Ricky Cook</p> |
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