

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Lester de Caires

453 Love Lifted Me

Call to Worship: Calvin Mitchell

988 I'll Be List'ning

313 The Old Rugged Cross

Bread: Shaun Holt

Fruit of the Vine: Zane Huckabey

Giving: Steve Jones

869 We're Marching to Zion

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:4-11

Bill Roberts

834 Salvation has Been Brought Down (PFL)

Sermon: Ricky Cook

909 There's a Fountain Free

Prayer Requests/Announcements

957 This World is Not My Home

Closing Prayer: Steve Jones

Usher 1: Kellen Gibson

Usher 2: Kevin Hogg

Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell

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

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Bruce Robins

844 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Worship: Allen Pratt

876 Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

786 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

346 He Lives

Bread: Jerry Prestridge

Fruit of the Vine: Mark Williamson

Giving: John Jones

406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:4-11

Kevin Nash

— Shield About Me

Sermon: Ricky Cook

410 He Leadeth Me

Prayer Requests/Announcements

755 God Be with You

Closing Prayer: John Jones


Usher 1: Michael Ozomah

Usher 2: Elijah Prestridge

Projectionist: Antoine Johnson

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

VBS



TRUTH HUNTERS

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, August 13th

Song Leader

Devotional Leader

VBS

Closing Prayer

A Warm Welcome

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: August 17th

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month

Reggie White

Song Leader

Kevin Taylor

Call To Worship

Bernard Foster

Bread

Reggie Oliver

Fruit of the Vine

Aaron Springer

Giving

Palmer Young

Scripture Reader

Eric Gilbey

Closing Prayer

Palmer Young

Usher 1

LeRoy Bell

Usher 2

Reggie White

Projectionist

Kevin Caldwell

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month

John Jones

Song Leader

Kevin Nash

Call to Worship

Vaughn Harvey

Bread

Demetrius Morris

Fruit of the Vine

Steve Koziol

Giving

Kerry Clark

Scripture Reader

Cornelius Morris

Closing Prayer

Kerry Clark

Usher 1

John Birus

Usher 2

Joe Ford

Projectionist

Chuck Morris

Laurel church of Christ

August 10, 2025

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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“One Thing!”

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 3:13-14*

In our society of abundance, it is easy to miss the significance of the number 1. We often have many things to do in any given day. We may have numerous places to attend in any given day. It is probably so that we have multiple things that we would like to do/ accomplish in our lifetime. There is nothing inherently wrong or evil with any of these. Yet, it is here that we may find ourselves challenged by the number 1. We are not always afforded the time or opportunity to accomplish all that we desire. What if I have multiple things to do but can only choose 1? What if the case happens to be that some of my desires are mutually exclusive (e.g. – *Matthew 6:24*)? Such a case requires the wisdom to prioritize and choose and the discipline to stay the course.

Life ultimately comes down to one thing. Solomon searched life from all considerations and came to the accurate conclusion concerning life – *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14* “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.” Yet, it is easy to become entangled with the cares and concerns of this life and not give ourselves completely to the one thing that really matters. David was aware of the danger of this pitfall and was deliberate in his living concerning it – *Psalms 27:4* “One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.”

The declaration of the apostle (noted above) declares that he also was deliberate in his pursuit of the one thing that really matters. One of the many blessings that we have in Christ Jesus is that God reminds and encourages us through His word of the need to be deliberate in our living concerning His will. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook