

Order of Worship

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Nash

238 You are the Song That I Sing

Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey

63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

412 Jesus Hold My Hand

737 When I See the Blood (PFL)

Bread: Steve Koziol

Fruit of the Vine: Neal Wilkins

Giving: Kerry Clark

83 God is So Good

Scripture Reading: Adrian Williams

973 Everybody Will Be Happy Over There

Sermon: Alan Bobo

948 I Am Resolved

Prayer Requests/Announcements

S-115 Hard Fightin’ Soldier

Closing Prayer: Kerry Clark

Usher 1: Bob Ozomah

Usher 2: Michael Ozomah

Projectionist: Bruce Robins

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

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: Bruce Robins	
Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey	
Scripture Reader: Rodney Philyaw	
Lord’s Supper: Antoine Johnson	
Closing Prayer: Vaughn Harvey	
Projectionist: Joe Ford	

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 23rd

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	Wayne Dellinger
Song Leader	Kevin Caldwell
Call To Worship	Steve Jones
Bread	Zane Huckabey
Fruit of the Vine	Charles Hamilton
Giving	Palmer Young
Scripture Reader	Connor Sullivan
Closing Prayer	Palmer Young
Usher 1	Bob Ozomah
Usher 2	LeRoy Bell
Projectionist	Byron Vaughan

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	Joe Ford
Song Leader	Antoine Johnson
Call to Worship	Alan Bobo
Bread	Ethan Graves
Fruit of the Vine	Emagii Graves
Giving	Gwan Price
Scripture Reader	Josiah Price
Closing Prayer	Gwan Price
Usher 1	John Birus
Usher 2	Joe Ford
Projectionist	TBD

Laurel church of Christ

August 16, 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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Getting Closer to God

Without a doubt, there are times when God seems far away. In times like these, we may feel as if our prayers go unheard. Or we may wonder why it feels God is so disconnected from our lives.

What we need to remember is that God is unchanging (Malachi 3:6). His character stays absolutely holy. His faithfulness remains constant. His power continues unabated. It is we who change. Oftentimes the problem is that we allow sin into our lives and choose a direction away from God. Sometimes the problem is that we spend less and less time with Him in Bible study, meditation, and prayer. Then one day we realize that we have gradually grown distant from God.

For those in situations like this, the inspired writer James offers a solution. He tells us how to once again draw near to God. It is found in James 4:8: “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” James’ two suggestions are:

Stop whatever is pulling you away from God. It is mentioned in the text as “cleanse your hands.” If you have been actively engaged in sin, you must renounce it (Ephesians 4:22). Stop doing things that harm your soul. If you have been drifting away from God, stop whatever is causing you to wander. Get your life back on the track that God has laid out for you.

Start your heart again for God. The passage states it this way: “purify your hearts.” By repenting and getting forgiveness, God cleanses us once again (1 John 1:9). It is then that we must keep our hearts focused upon God. The heart is where the problem began. If we keep our attitudes, motives, and thoughts in harmony with God’s will, we will find ourselves drawing nearer to Him once again.

There is no greater feeling of joy than knowing God is near you. We can have this assurance if we keep our hearts pure and our hands clean – if we stop doing the things we shouldn’t and start again doing the things we should.

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