

Order of Worship		A Warm Welcome	
8:00 AM: <i>Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell</i> 883 Seek Ye First <i>Call to Worship: Steve Jones</i> 531 Praise the Lord 132 Does Jesus Care? 874 Jesus is Lord <i>Bread: Zane Huckabey</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Charles Hamilton</i> <i>Giving: Palmer Young</i> Medley: 141 Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You (SFP) 850 Father, I Adore You 864 I Want to Know Christ <i>Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-11</i> <i>Connor Sullivan</i> 571 Seeking the Lost <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> 125 Do You Know My Jesus? <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> — All to Us <i>Closing Prayer: Palmer Young</i> <i>Usher 1: Bob Ozomah</i> <i>Usher 2: LeRoy Bell</i> <i>Projectionist: Byron Vaughan</i> <i>Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord, Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.</i>	10:30 AM: <i>Song Leader: Kevin Taylor</i> 148 I Keep Falling in Love with Him 574 O How I Love Jesus <i>Call to Worship: Alan Bobo</i> 231 Hilltops of Glory (PFL) 63 I Will Call Upon the Lord 382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? <i>Bread: Ethan Graves</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Emagii Graves</i> <i>Giving: Gwan Price</i> 38 Awesome God <i>Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-11</i> <i>Josiah Price</i> 742 When Upon Life’s Billows <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> 745 Humble Yourself <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> 23 Our God, He is Alive <i>Closing Prayer: Gwan Price</i> <i>Usher 1: John Birus</i> <i>Usher 2: Joe Ford</i> <i>Projectionist: Antoine Johnson</i> <i>Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.</i>	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. <u>The cups will be picked up by the ushers after communion.</u>	
		Serving Next Week: August 30th	
		8:00 Service	
		Brother of the Month	Wayne Dellinger
		Song Leader	Mike Wilson
		Call To Worship	Wayne Dellinger
		Bread	Chris Forand
		Fruit of the Vine	John Jones
		Giving	Carl Wamble
		Scripture Reader	Alan Sandlin
		Closing Prayer	Carl Wamble
		Usher 1	Dimitri Sandlin
		Usher 2	Reggie White
		Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell
		10:30 Service	
		Brother of the Month	Joe Ford
		Song Leader	Antoine Johnson
		Call to Worship	Bernard Foster
		Bread	Mark Williamson
		Fruit of the Vine	Seve Koziol
		Giving	Demetrius Morris
		Scripture Reader	Kevin Nash
		Closing Prayer	Demetrius Morris
		Usher 1	Ethan Graves
		Usher 2	Cornelius Morris
		Projectionist	Bruce Robins
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: Rodney Philyaw			
Call to Worship: Carl Wamble			
Scripture Reader: John Jones		Wednesday, August 26th	
Lord’s Supper: Jesse Frerot		Song Leader Mike Wilson	
Closing Prayer: Carl Wamble		Devotional Leader Vaughn Harvey	
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell		Closing Prayer Joe Ford	
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Laurel church
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August 23, 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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Ready, Willing and Able

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” *1 Peter 5:6-7*

Even a casual reading of the New Testament allows us to appreciate that we do not face the level of persecution that many first century Christians did. That is not to say that our lives are devoid of troubles and trials. Yet, when we appreciate the exhortations to first century Christians (e.g. – *Hebrews 10:32-34*), we are led to the conclusion that persecutions and troubles are not a reason to quit. The words of the apostle declare to us that God stands ready, willing, and able to help us navigate the road of life.

How does one stand firm and keep a sure grip on the promises of God in the face of troubles and trials? Assuredly this requires more than going through the motions of ritualism. If standing firm and keeping a sure grip on the promises of God in the face of persecutions, troubles and trials is easy, how does one explain the volume of exhortation and encouragement found in scripture? The fact of the matter is that this is a challenge. To be sure it is one of the most challenging endeavors one may undertake. Thus, the constant need for the reminder that the grace of God makes us able – *Philippians 4:13* “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Standing firm in the face of adversity is difficult to do. Many are overwhelmed by the cares, concerns and pressures of this life. The good news is that God makes us more than able to withstand these things. How? He has given us the sure hope of something better than what we have right now – *2 Corinthians 5:1*. He has told us that this present world is not our true home. We are but travelers on our way home – *Philippians 3:20*. When we give greater priority and consideration to the spiritual over the secular, the lion’s share of the battle of life is already won – *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*. Yes, we can stand firm and keep a sure grip on the promises of God because Jesus is the Solid Rock. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook