Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Taylor

601 My God and I

Call to Worship: Jeff Watson

662 All to Jesus I Surrender 988 I'll Be List'ning 382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

> Bread: TBA Fruit of the Vine: Shaun Holt Giving: Chris Forand

589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:8-14 Reggie Oliver

613 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Sermon: Ricky Cook

464 Because He Lives

Prayer Requests/Announcements

705 A Common Love

Song Leader:

Scripture

Projectionist:

Reader:

Closing Prayer: Chris Forand

Usher 1: Kevin Hogg Usher 2: Lester de Caires Projectionist: Aaron Springer

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.

Sunday Evening Worship

Rodney Philyaw

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Allen Pratt

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Call to Worship: Bernard Foster

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Bread: Gwan Price Fruit of the Vine: Emagii Graves Giving: Antoine Johnson

589 Leaning on the Everlasting **Arms**

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:8-14 Neal Wilkins

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Sermon: Ricky Cook

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Closing Prayer: Antoine Johnson

Usher 1: Del Meadows Usher 2: Ehtan Graves Proiectionist: Bruce Robins

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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 ser-

Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey Wednesday, August 27th **Del Meadows** Song Leader Allen Pratt Lord's Supper: Bernard Foster **Devotional Leader** Vaughn Harvey Closing Prayer: Bernard Foster **Closing Prayer** Joe Ford Kevin Caldwell



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 fover. The cups will Be picked up by the ushers after communion.

Serving Next Week: August 31st	
8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Reggie White
Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Call To Worship	Vaughn Harvey
Bread	Palmer Young
Fruit of the Vine	Steve Jones
Giving	Wayne Dellinger
Scripture Reader	Byron Vaughan
Closing Prayer	Wayne Dellinger
Usher 1	Reggie White
Usher 2	Bob Ozomah
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	John Jones
Song Leader	Aaron Springer
Call to Worship	Michael Wilkins
Bread	Kerry Clark
Fruit of the Vine	Neal Wilkins
Giving	Jesse Frerot
Scripture Reader	Henry Jenkins
Closing Prayer	Jesse Frerot
Usher 1	Joe Ford
Usher 2	
OSHCI Z	Adrian Williams



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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Difficult But Not Impossible

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

To say that "life has its ups and downs" is news to no one. Yet, the quality of one's life is ultimately a choice. One can find blessings or burdens in trials. One can find joy or sorrow in times of trouble. Is this really so? The Holy Spirit moved the apostle Paul to write that indeed it is - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV) "So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses. so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

The abundant life that Jesus came to offer to all (John 10:10) is not happiness because we have no troubles or trials. Rather, it is joy although we have troubles and trials. Philippians chapter 4 contains a message that helps us understand how to live abundantly. To be sure it is not easy. However, it is equally true that the power of God working in us makes this a very real possibility.

Abundant living comes from positive programming - Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." In the Bible we are taught that there is a divine law of sowing and reaping – Galatians 6:7-8. In the parable of the sower, Jesus teaches us that the word of God is a seed sown in the hearts of men (Luke 8:5ff). As it pertains to sowing and reaping three facts are to be observed. 1) One will always reap what was sowed. 2) One will reap in proportion to what was sown. 3) One must sow before one is able to reap.

Second, abundant living stems from right doing. Right doing is a demonstration of faith in God and obedience to Him. Right doing is an indispensable part of being a child of God - James 1:22 (ESV) "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." It is the will of God that we submit ourselves to Him in obedience. It is then that God can use us to His glory. To God be the glory! Amen!

> Because He lives. Ricky Cook