

Order of Worship		A Warm Welcome																																																	
8:00 AM: Song Leader: Kevin Taylor 296 We Have Come Into His House Call to Worship: Calvin Mitchell 985 When Morning Comes 508 A Wonderful Savior 315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Bread: Zane Huckabey Fruit of the Vine: Jesse Frerot Giving: Chris Forand 705 A Common Love Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Kellen Gibson 973 Everybody Will Be Happy Over There Sermon: Ricky Cook 674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Prayer Requests/Announcements 662 All to Jesus I Surrender Closing Prayer: Chris Forand Usher 1: Kevin Hogg Usher 2: Bob Ozomah Projectionist: TBD Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.	10:30 AM: Song Leader: Antoine Johnson 578 We Will Glorify Call to Worship: Bernard Foster 869 We're Marching to Zion — The Goodness of God 176 Lamb of God Bread: Del Meadows Fruit of the Vine: Neal Wilkins Giving: Kerry Clark — Woke Up This Morning Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Michael Ozomah 833 Ring Out the Message (PFL) Sermon: Ricky Cook 179 God is Calling the Prodigal Prayer Requests/Announcements 705 A Common Love Closing Prayer: Kerry Clark Usher 1: Joe Ford Usher 2: Adrian Williams Projectionist: Bruce Robins Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.	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: September 13th <table><tr><th colspan="2">8:00 Service</th></tr><tr><td>Brother of the Month</td><td>Steve Jones</td></tr><tr><td>Song Leader</td><td>Charles Hamilton</td></tr><tr><td>Call To Worship</td><td>Steve Jones</td></tr><tr><td>Bread</td><td>Jeff Watson</td></tr><tr><td>Fruit of the Vine</td><td>Alan Sandlin</td></tr><tr><td>Giving</td><td>Wayne Dellinger</td></tr><tr><td>Scripture Reader</td><td>Dimitri Sandlin</td></tr><tr><td>Closing Prayer</td><td>Wayne Dellinger</td></tr><tr><td>Usher 1</td><td>Kellen Gibson</td></tr><tr><td>Usher 2</td><td>LeRoy Bell</td></tr><tr><td>Projectionist</td><td>TBD</td></tr><tr><th colspan="2">10:30 Service</th></tr><tr><td>Brother of the Month</td><td>Jerry Prestridge</td></tr><tr><td>Song Leader</td><td>Bruce Robins</td></tr><tr><td>Call to Worship</td><td>Vaughn Harvey</td></tr><tr><td>Bread</td><td>Rodney Philyaw</td></tr><tr><td>Fruit of the Vine</td><td>Seve Koziol</td></tr><tr><td>Giving</td><td>Jerry Prestridge</td></tr><tr><td>Scripture Reader</td><td>Kerry Clark</td></tr><tr><td>Closing Prayer</td><td>Jerry Prestridge</td></tr><tr><td>Usher 1</td><td>Bob Ozomah</td></tr><tr><td>Usher 2</td><td>Michael Ozomah</td></tr><tr><td>Projectionist</td><td>TBD</td></tr></table>		8:00 Service		Brother of the Month	Steve Jones	Song Leader	Charles Hamilton	Call To Worship	Steve Jones	Bread	Jeff Watson	Fruit of the Vine	Alan Sandlin	Giving	Wayne Dellinger	Scripture Reader	Dimitri Sandlin	Closing Prayer	Wayne Dellinger	Usher 1	Kellen Gibson	Usher 2	LeRoy Bell	Projectionist	TBD	10:30 Service		Brother of the Month	Jerry Prestridge	Song Leader	Bruce Robins	Call to Worship	Vaughn Harvey	Bread	Rodney Philyaw	Fruit of the Vine	Seve Koziol	Giving	Jerry Prestridge	Scripture Reader	Kerry Clark	Closing Prayer	Jerry Prestridge	Usher 1	Bob Ozomah	Usher 2	Michael Ozomah	Projectionist	TBD
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Sunday Evening Worship Song Leader: Kevin Nash Call to Worship: Bernard Foster Scripture Reader: Palmer Young Lord's Supper: Del Meadows Closing Prayer: Bernard Foster Projectionist: Bruce Robins	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, September 9th Song Leader Kevin Nash Devotional Leader Del Meadows Closing Prayer John Jones Projectionist Antoine Johnson																																																		



September 6, 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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Count Your Blessings

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.” *John 10:10*

An old, familiar song exhorts us to “*count your blessings, name them one by one.*” In truth, the blessings we receive from God are so many that the totality of these blessings is beyond our ability to number. As David declared – *Psalms 68:19* “Blessed *be* the Lord, *Who* daily loads us *with benefits*, The God of our salvation! *Selah.*” Perhaps the exhortation is not so much to enumerate each single blessing as it is to be aware of how abundantly God has and does bless us.

There are blessings that God gives freely to all – *Matthew 5:45* “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” As a matter of God’s grace, mercy, and providence many blessings are available to all mankind. However, scripture reveals to us that there are some blessings that God has reserved for those that have obeyed the gospel of Christ Jesus – *Ephesians 1:3* “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,” Spiritual blessings are reserved for those who are in Christ and the gospel call goes out to the entire world (*Matthew 28:18-20*). Thus, we are able to know that spiritual blessings are not for the elite but for the obedient.

In John 10:10 Jesus declares that an inherent part of our fellowship with Him is the reception of blessings. To declare that His followers have life “more abundantly” is to say that the life we have in Him is far beyond what we could have anticipated. Let us count some of the many blessings that we have in Christ Jesus. 1) The forgiveness of our past sins – *Acts 2:38*. 2) Forgiveness of sins committed after obeying the gospel through repentance and prayer – *Acts 8:22*. 3) Access to God in prayer – *Hebrews 4:16*. 4) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit – *1 Corinthians 6:19*. 5) Fellowship of the saints – *Acts 2:42*. This list is by no means exhaustive. However, these blessings and countless others give abundance to the life that we have in Christ Jesus. The nature and scope of these blessings far exceeds anything we could imagine. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook