

Order of Worship	
8:00 AM: <i>Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell</i> 15 Step by Step <i>Call to Worship: Calvin Mitchell</i> 611 Heavenly Sunlight 221 Jesus, Name Above All Names S-54 And Can It Be? <i>Bread: Chris Forand</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Alan Sandlin</i> <i>Giving: Lester de Caires</i> 701 My Jesus, I Love Thee <i>Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 1:1-7</i> <i>Reggie Oliver</i> 650 Send the Light <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> 903 There is Power in the Blood <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> 490 It is Well with My Soul <i>Closing Prayer: Lester de Caires</i> <i>Usher 1: Kevin Hogg</i> <i>Usher 2: Bob Ozomah</i> <i>Projectionist: Byron Vaughan</i> <i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.</i>	10:30 AM: <i>Song Leader: Bruce Robins</i> 442 I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord <i>Call to Worship: Allen Pratt</i> 548 The Lily of the Valley 57 Great is Thy Faithfulness — How Deep the Father's Love <i>Bread: Kevin Nash</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Kerry Clark</i> <i>Giving: John Jones</i> 134 The Lord's My Shepherd <i>Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 1:1-7</i> <i>Antoine Johnson</i> 122 The Love of God <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> 18 Faithful Love <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> — Surround Us Lord <i>Closing Prayer: John Jones</i> <i>Usher 1: Neal Wilkins</i> <i>Usher 2: John Birus</i> <i>Projectionist: Chuck Morris</i> <i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement</i>
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. Wednesday, September 17th
Song Leader: Kevin Nash	
Call to Worship: Allen Pratt	
Scripture Reader: Antoine Johnson	
Lord's Supper: Rodney Philyaw	
Closing Prayer: Allen Pratt	
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell	

<div><div>A Warm</div><div>Welcome</div></div>	
Guest Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none">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: September 21st	
8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Shaun Holt
Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Call To Worship	Vaughn Harvey
Bread	Wayne Dellinger
Fruit of the Vine	Shaun Holt
Giving	Kevin Taylor
Scripture Reader	Bill Roberts
Closing Prayer	Kevin Taylor
Usher 1	LeRoy Bell
Usher 2	Reggie White
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	Antoine Johnson
Song Leader	Kevin Nash
Call to Worship	Bernard Foster
Bread	Demetrius Morris
Fruit of the Vine	Emagii Graves
Giving	Mark Williamson
Scripture Reader	Ethan Graves
Closing Prayer	Mark Williamson
Usher 1	Cornelius Morris
Usher 2	Adrian Williams
Projectionist	Antoine Johnson



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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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Can He Depend on Me? <i>“holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.” Philippians 2:16</i> An old preacher once defined “faithfulness” as “being a person on whom God can depend.” Depend on how? In the context of Philippians 2:16 this would mean to work without wavering. Paul made no bones about his concern for the spiritual well-being of the Philippian saints. He would have found it heartbreaking if they had departed from the faith. Paul’s love and concern for the Philippian Christians (<i>Philippians 1:4</i>) is indicative of the care we should have for one another. The exhortation from the apostle is twofold. First, the Philippians were to work without wavering by holding fast the word of life. This means that they were to be diligent in their effort to teach and steadfast in retaining the pure gospel message. The gospel of Christ has always faced opposition, and this continues to be increasingly true. In part, this is because the gospel is not user friendly. It does not accommodate the desires and wishes of man. Thus, we need to be reminded of the same truth that Paul expressed to Timothy – <i>2 Timothy 4:2-4</i> “Preach the word! Be ready in season <i>and</i> out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, <i>because</i> they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn <i>their</i> ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” The exhortation was also a call to hold the line, to stay with the Lord. A very real and sobering reality concerning the Christian faith is that everyone that starts the race does not finish it. It is no wonder then that we are encouraged to <i>Hebrews 12:1</i> “... run with endurance the race that is set before us,” Life is such that there will always be distractions, discouragement, and disappointments, even for the children of God. However, we must work without wavering in the face of these things. While it is true that we can always depend on God, God wants to be able to depend on us – <i>1 Corinthians 4:2</i> “Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” God calls into His kingdom for more than just the saving of our souls. It is His desire that we be used by Him in the saving of others – <i>1 Corinthians 3:7</i> “So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.” God also desires to use us in the service of His kingdom – <i>Philippians 2:13</i> “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for <i>His</i> good pleasure.” May He bless us all to be faithful servants. To God be the glory! Amen!
Because He lives, Ricky Cook