

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Taylor

38 Awesome God

Call to Worship: Steve Jones

650 Send the Light  
622 Ring Out the Message  
382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Bread: Byron Vaughan  
Fruit of the Vine: Charles Hamilton  
Giving: Eric Gilbey

705 A Common Love

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16  
Alan Sandlin

23 Our God, He is Alive

Sermon: Ricky Cook

674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Prayer Requests/Announcements

1016 This Little Light of Mine

Closing Prayer: Eric Gilbey

Usher 1: Reggie White  
Usher 2: Kevin Hogg  
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.



Where Faith Meets Life!

Meet Today

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Nash

829 Mansion Over the Hilltop (PFL)  
650 Send the Light

Call to Worship: Alan Bobo

— I Really Love the Lord  
988 I'll Be List'ning  
595 I Come to the Garden Alone

Bread: Emagii Graves  
Fruit of the Vine: Bruce Robins  
Giving: Del Meadows

— Thank You Lord

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16  
Ethan Graves

23 Our God, He is Alive

Sermon: Ricky Cook

904 Have You Been to Jesus?

Prayer Requests/Announcements

1016 This Little Light of Mine

Closing Prayer: Del Meadows

Usher 1: Michael Ozomah  
Usher 2: Curtis Brooks  
Projectionist: Chuck Morris

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

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, November 12th

Song Leader	Kevin Caldwell
Devotional Leader	Aaron Springer
Closing Prayer	John Jones

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: November 16th	
8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Steve Jones
Song Leader	Lester de Caires
Call To Worship	Jeff Watson
Bread	Zane Huckabey
Fruit of the Vine	Eric Gilbey
Giving	Chris Forand
Scripture Reader	Kevin Taylor
Closing Prayer	Chris Forand
Usher 1	LeRoy Bell
Usher 2	Bob Ozomah
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	Neal Wilkins
Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Call to Worship	Vaughn Harvey
Bread	Demetrius Morris
Fruit of the Vine	Neal Wilkins
Giving	Kevin Nash
Scripture Reader	Cornelius Morris
Closing Prayer	Kevin Nash
Usher 1	Adrian Williams
Usher 2	Joe Ford
Projectionist	Bruce Robins



November 9, 2025

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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What Is a Blessing?

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” *Matthew 16:26*

“What is a blessing?” Many would answer that a blessing is a gift from God. Certainly, this answer is correct. However, we may fail to consider that “blessings” are not always desirable or pleasant in experience. From the questions posed by Jesus in Matthew 16:26 we can determine that everything that is good to us is not necessarily good for us. Similarly, we may conclude that the mere fact that something is unpleasant to us does not demand that neither is it good for us (*Psalms 119:71; James 1:2-4*).

A broader understanding and appreciation of “blessings” embraces that blessings can be anything that can be used for God’s glory. Sickness and suffering can be blessings. Not the pain or unpleasantness of the experience, but the opportunity and privilege to be a vessel in God’s service. We read in *Acts 5:41* that the apostles esteemed their sufferings for Christ to be a reason to rejoice. The beating inflicted upon the apostles was no insignificant punishment. It was not uncommon for someone that was “flogged” (as the word is rendered in some translations) to be crippled for life or even die under the whip.

“Blessings” are not defined by favorable circumstances or material gain. Every blessing that we have in Christ Jesus we have because Jesus was willing to endure shame, humiliation, and pain for our sakes. May we be ever mindful of the fact that our God can use the unfavorable to bring about the favorable. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,  
Ricky Cook