

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Taylor

63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Call to Worship: Bernard Foster

662 All to Jesus I Surrender  
412 Jesus, Hold My Hand  
315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Bread: Palmer Young  
Fruit of the Vine: Charles Hamilton  
Giving: Steve Jones

679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Kellen Gibson

470 Victory in Jesus

Sermon: Ricky Cook

915 Trust and Obey

Prayer Requests/Announcements

589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Closing Prayer: Steve Jones

Usher 1: Bob Ozomah  
Usher 2: Kevin Hogg  
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Nash

238 You Are the Song That I Sing  
524 I Know Whom I Have Believed

Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins

989 Soon and Very Soon  
383 Just Over in the Gloryland (PFL)  
666 I am Thine, O Lord

Bread: Henry Jenkins  
Fruit of the Vine: Kerry Clark  
Giving: Demetrius Morris

— We'll Sing Hallelujah By and By

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14  
John Birus

959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Sermon: Ricky Cook

23 All Things are Ready

Prayer Requests/Announcements

478 O I Want to See Him (PFL)

Closing Prayer: Demetrius Morris

Usher 1: Joe Ford  
Usher 2: Cornelius Morris  
Projectionist: Chuck Morris

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



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today

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, December 10th

Song Leader Antoine Johnson

Devotional Leader Michael Wilkins

Closing Prayer Zane Huckabey

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: December 7th	
8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Shaun Holt
Song Leader	Kevin Caldwell
Call To Worship	Carl Wamble
Bread	Chris Forand
Fruit of the Vine	Lester de Caires
Giving	Eric Gilbey
Scripture Reader	Zane Huckabey
Closing Prayer	Eric Gilbey
Usher 1	LeRoy Bell
Usher 2	Kellen Gibson
Projectionist	Byron Vaughan
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	Del Meadows
Song Leader	Allen Pratt
Call to Worship	Vaughn Harvey
Bread	Antoine Johnson
Fruit of the Vine	Jerry Prestridge
Giving	Mark Williamson
Scripture Reader	Adrian Williams
Closing Prayer	Mark Williamson
Usher 1	John Jones
Usher 2	Elijah Prestridge
Projectionist	Bruce Robins



December 7, 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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This Was Not on the Map

“And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.” *Acts 20:22-23*

If you have ever consulted a map for directions, then surely you can appreciate that plotting one’s way on a map is easier than making the actual trip. A map will show the route from location to location, but it does not show all the things to be encountered along the way. A map does not show the location of potholes or the number of aggressive drivers one will encounter. A map cannot foretell accidents or discern the temperament of everyone to be met along the way. We all appreciate that to travel is to subject oneself to certain possible hazards. This is true with automobiles and with life.

For the children of Israel the journey to Canaan was not an easy one. Along the way they encountered detours, dead ends, and dry places. These things were not on the map. Their reaction to adversity was to whine, whimper and complain (e.g. – *Exodus 14:10-12; 15:24; 16:2-3; et al.*). Ironically, Israel failed to embrace their true problem. Their problem was never enemies with superior military strength, lack of water or food, or any other external circumstance. Israel’s true problem was that they lacked faith in God. The Hebrew writer declares this to be the reason that many of them failed to make it into the Promised Land - *Hebrews 3:18-19* “And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

Israel was the church of the Old Testament. Their journey is our journey. We will encounter many things that are not on the map. To be sure, the Lord has forewarned us that the road is fraught with difficulty - *John 16:33* “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” Yet, to be made aware that we will face trouble does not make the trouble any less real when it appears. The Lord does not delineate every specific trouble we will face. This is not what we need to know. What we need to know is Him. The people of God are faith travelers. We are to travel by and in faith. May God bless us as we travel to walk by faith (*2 Corinthians 5:7*). To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,  
Ricky Cook