

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #512 Saved by Grace

Sun: #186 The Church's One Foundation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cody Henson from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee is preaching this weekend. We plan to have a fellowship dinner immediately following the service this evening, and tomorrow's services are at our regular time.
 - Michael Smith from Rescue Baptist Church will be preaching here next weekend, Lord willing. We will meet Saturday evening at 6:30 with dinner following the service. Pray for Bro. Mike as the Lord enables you. Invite a friend!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Genesis 19:12-26

Sun: Psalm 85:1-13

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #351 Near the Cross

Sun: #58 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor 9:7

WORSHIP HYMN

Sun: #125 Jesus Paid It All

MESSAGE

SAT - OUR GOD

PSALM 115:3

SUN - MERCY FOR DOGS

MATTHEW 15:21-28

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #460 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Sun: #61 O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."

Proverbs 3:7

Lest Any of You be Hardened

Hebrews 3: 12: Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13: But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

A hardened conscience is frightening to think about. When I first began playing the guitar it hurt my fingers to press the strings to make chords. But as I practiced callouses formed on my fingers. In time I could play for hours without hurting at all. It is the same with a sinner. The little child's conscience is tender. He is sickened with remorse at the least offense against father or mother. But as years pass the more he practices sin the more his conscience grows harder. It becomes easier to sin and easier to suppress a guilty conscience. Unless God intervenes in irresistible grace creating in him a new heart, in time his conscience becomes so calloused that he is incapable of being disturbed even at the vilest evil. The professing believer who is able to push aside rebuke he hears in the preaching of the gospel, while ignoring his conscience, is hardening his heart. He grows more and more hardened until at last his unbelief proves that God never created a new heart within him. Knowing this deceitfulness of sin, brethren, let us continually take heed that we do not harden our hearts at even the least rebuke we hear in the preaching of the gospel. At the very first prick of conscience, let us turn to Christ like a little child and confess our sins, asking Christ to direct our steps and to keep us from the evil.

-Pastor Clay Curtis

Dwelling Together in Unity

It is sad when worldly attachments prevent believers from living closer to Christ's people and from consistently hearing Christ preached. I have been there. But like as we need to hear the gospel preached consistently, we also need to fellowship with one another throughout the week, we need to experience being forgiven our offenses and to forgive others theirs, we need to bear one another's burdens and have others bear our burdens, we need to love and to be loved by brethren. It is difficult to explain the benefits to someone who has never done it. But Christ declares these things to us in the gospel then Christ effectually works in every member making them minister to the needs of every other member. (Eph 4: 16) By this he shows us how real the grace and love of Christ is toward and in his people so that we "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps 133: 1)

- Pastor Clay Curtis

Blessed Preaching

Blessed is the preacher who can shut men up to free and sovereign grace and yet lovingly, sincerely invite all men to look to Christ and be saved. Blessed in the preacher who knows that “Salvation is of the Lord”, who has the patience to wait upon the Lord to regenerate, awaken, and call his hearers; yet he prays for their deliverance, urges them to close with Christ, and beseeches them to “be reconciled to God.” Blessed is the preacher who can preach with equal force and confidence both the preservation and the perseverance of believers. He will not “turn away from us and we will not depart from Him.” Blessed is the preacher who can rejoice in imputed righteousness, “With His holy garments on, I am as spotless as His dear Son”; and yet, along with his congregation hunger and thirst for spiritual growth and personal godliness. Blessed is the preacher who can find and preach both justification and sanctification at Calvary. We do not go to Calvary for justification and then Sinai for sanctification; we are “complete in Him.” Blessed is the preacher who can preach prophetic truth in such a way that his hearers are looking for the returning Christ and not only the return of Christ. Blessed is the preacher who administers believers baptism, presides at the Lord’s table, and oversees the business of the Lord’s church, not according to the “way we do it in our circles and according to our customs and tradition,” but according to the Word of God. It may be that if preachers and people return to the Scriptures, someone will ask, “What kind of church is this?” And we can answer, “It is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which He loved and purchased with His own blood and of which He is the sole Head.”

- *Pastor Henry Mahan*

“I know that there are some things that are important to us; there are some people that are important to us. However, in light of our great need of Christ nothing else is that important. We need Him. As the woman with the issue of blood said, ***‘If I can but touch the hem of his garment, I shall be made whole.’*** Without Him we are lost, undone, and unaccepted by the Father. There is no material thing or human relationship that can supply my spiritual need; however, in Christ we are complete. In Christ we have all that we need to stand in God’s presence accepted. I cannot express how important it is to know Christ; all material things will burn up, and all fleshly relationships will be dissolved. However, our relationship with Christ will never be dissolved nor diminished, and it will only grow sweeter. Judge the importance of everything in light of Him.”

- *Pastor John Chapman*

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

Wednesday 6:30 PM Mid-week Worship Service

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“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

Rev 22:17



“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Cor 8:6