

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #231 Jesus Saves!

Sun: #38 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Kevin Thacker from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Ewing, New Jersey is preaching this weekend, we will have dinner and a time of fellowship following the services tonight and tomorrow. We are thankful for the Lord's providence in sending Kevin to us.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Matthew 21:23-46

Sun: 2 Tim 2:1-26

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #258 He Hideth My Soul

Sun: #469 I've Found a Friend

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: #308 Higher Ground

MESSAGE

SAT - WHAT A BISHOP MUST BE

1 TIM 3:1-7

SUN - ANOTHER GOSPEL

GALATIANS 1:6

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #468 I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Sun: #18 Now Thank We All Our God

THINGS TO PONDER

There is one true evidence of a work of grace, and regeneration in men and women: Love. That one who truly believes, who is born of God, loves God who begat him, and loves all those begotten of Him. *“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He who loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love” (1 John 4:7-8).*

-Pastor Darvin Pruitt

How Can I Pray For My Pastor?

As a pastor, I am thankful for men and women who pray for me. Our men meet in my office before each of our services for that specific reason. And I know that many of you pray for me regularly. Perhaps you sometimes have difficulty in knowing how to pray and what to pray for. I do! Let me offer these suggestions.

Pray for me, I am only a man. Unless God is pleased to guide me, I will surely err. Unless the Lord upholds me, I am sure to fall. And unless God the Holy Spirit speaks through me, my sermons will be but sounding brass and a tinkling symbol.

Pray for yourself. Ask God to give you ears to hear, a mind to understand, and a heart to receive his Word. Ask the Lord to give your pastor a message for you. Ask him to speak powerfully to your own heart.

Pray for the manifest presence and power of Christ in our services. We desperately need him! Earnestly pray that the Lord will reveal himself in our midst through the preaching of the gospel.

Pray for your brothers and sisters. We all come to the house of worship with many needs. At different times we need comfort, encouragement, rebuke, strength, and instruction. Our trials, troubles, and experiences are many and varied. Ask the Lord to meet the needs of his children. Only a word from God will suffice. The mere words of a man will not do.

Pray for sinners. We have in our midst perishing sinners. Men, woman, and children whose souls are sentenced to eternal death. They are here at almost every service, your children, your relatives, and your friends. God alone can save them. He alone can give them life and faith. He alone can reveal Christ in their hearts. Won't you pray for his saving grace in their behalf! Will you allow them to perish without an earnest cry to God for their souls? "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

And pray for the glory of Christ. This we desire above all else. We want Christ our Lord to be exalted and magnified in our prayers, our songs of praise, our offerings, and our preaching. "Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified."

In great measure, the success of my preaching, and the success of our ministry as a church, depends upon your success in prayer. Thank you for giving me an interest in your prayers. I trust that these suggestions will help you to pray more effectually.

"Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?"

-Pastor Don Fortner

Our Assemblies

By God's all-wise appointment, our assemblies are the life, the food, and the nourishment of our souls. It is the main way whereby we publicly identify with Christ and His Gospel. We evidence our love for Christ by our loyalty and support of one another in opposition to all false worship. Many things will rise up in competition to the diligent attendance of our assemblies. We must recognize and refuse to give in to anything that is opposed to what Christ commands. The total falling away of a graceless professor always begins with this neglect, this disassociation with God's people (*Hebrews 10:25*).

– *John Owen 1616-1683*

The Public Ministry of the Word

Among all the ordinances of public worship appointed by our Lord, none is so important as the public ministry of the Word. Christ, our ascended Lord and King, gives to his church men who are gifted and qualified by him for the ministry of the gospel (Eph. 4:8-16).

It is the task of those who preach the gospel to seek a message from God, each time they stand to preach, that will edify the saints of God and increase their maturity in sanctification; while at the same time striving to bring sinners to faith in Christ. Thus, their messages must be full of gospel truth, and proclaimed with boldness and simplicity. In order to accomplish this task, the servants of Christ must give themselves wholly to study, prayer, and meditation. It is for this reason that those who preach the gospel are to be maintained in their livelihood by the churches of Christ. It is impossible for a man to minister to the spiritual profit of his congregation when he is pressed with the cares of providing for his own family.

Pray for that man whose life is spent in caring for your soul. And be present at every service, anticipating a word from God to meet the needs of your own heart.

–*Pastor Don Fortner*

Paul said in *Romans 1:16*, “*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.*” Not only are we not ashamed of the Gospel, we are proud of the Gospel of Christ! It glorifies every attribute of God! And, “*It is the power of God unto salvation.*” The Gospel saves all that God wills to be saved. We have no desire to cover up or take the edge off of any aspect of its truth by ambiguous language that all can accept and none be offended by. When it is presented like that, it is no longer the Gospel of which we are not ashamed. The reason men will do this is they really are ashamed of the Gospel!

–*Pastor Todd Nibert*

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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