OPENING HYMN #39

This Is My Father's World

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The schedule for the upcoming ordination services has been set:

Friday December 6:	7:00 pm Pastor Don Fortner
Saturday December 7:	4:00 pm Pastor Clay Curtis
Sunday December 8:	10:00 am Pastor Don Fortner
	11:00 am Pastor Clay Curtis

We plan to have some light snacks following the Friday evening service. A meal will be served after services Saturday and Sunday.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:1-19

WORSHIP HYMN #123

In The Cross of Christ I Glory

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 #226

My Savior

MESSAGE

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ISAIAH 33:24

CLOSING HYMN #334

Be Thou My Vision

THINGS TO PONDER

When Knowledge of the truth does not lead us to worship the Lord in love with a sense of awe, it is evidence that our knowledge of the truth has not gone beyond our brains – it has not penetrated our hearts. Divine truth was not given to make us intelligent, but to make us wise unto true salvation manifested in a heart-felt worship of the God who made us and redeemed us by his Son. It is true there is no getting to the heart without going through the brain; for the heart cannot receive what the brain does not know. But we must strive so that the truth does not get stuck in our brains and go no further. Truth in the brain puffs up with pride; truth in the heart bends the knee to Christ.

-pastor Joe Terrell

Encouragement For God's Servants

Frequently, I hear from men who faithfully proclaim the gospel of the grace of God, who are discouraged. These are men who study diligently and boldly proclaim the doctrines of grace. Many of them have paid a high price for what they believe and preach. But their congregations are small. And, judging by the standards of this religious world, they see very little "ministerial success". I can relate to their feelings. I know something about the discouragement and despondency such brethren go through. Over the years, the Lord has taught me some things which help me to overcome such discouragement.

Every true servant of God recognizes his own insufficiency for the work of the gospel. We have a true and sincere burden for the souls of men and the glory of God. But we recognize that we have no ability in ourselves to change the hearts of men. May the Lord ever increase our heart's burden to see men truly saved by the grace of God. God's servants are men of true compassion. And may it please the Lord to ever increase our awareness that the work we are engaged in is his work. In the preaching of the gospel everything depends upon **His power, His grace, and His purpose.**

The one thing God reqires of his servants is Faithfulness. The Lord uses some men to plow, some to plant, some to water, and some to gather. It should not be any great concern to us what he uses us for. After all, we are His servants. He can use us as he will. It is a marvel to me that God uses me at all! It will be worth all my labors in the gospel if the Lord will use me in anyway whatsoever to call one of his sheep, to comfort one of his children, or to bring glory to his name. The Lord God does not require us to produce anything. He simply requires faithfulness from his servants in the work he puts them in. This is the thing we must do - we must be faithful, in the study, in prayer, and in the preaching of the gospel of Christ. We must faithfully plead with God for men. And we must faithfully plead with men for God. If we will be faithful, some will hear, and some will refuse to hear; yet, they "shall know that there hath been a prophet among them". We who preach the gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ must practice what we preach, by patiently submitting to the will of God in all things.

And the Lord our God will accomplish His eternal purpose. This is the thing that keeps me encouraged in the work of the gospel. Whatever God has purposed to accomplish through me, he will accomplish. "He shall not fail!" It is neither the will nor the purpose of God to save every person in the world. It is God's purpose to save his own elect; and that he will do. The Lord Jesus Christ shall see of the travail of his soul with satisfaction. All of his redeemed ones shall he with him in glory. The Holy Spirit will

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regenerate, call, sanctify, preserve, and glorify all of God's elect people. And in the end the Lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit shall be exalted, honored, and magnified for ever.

In the eyes of this religious world we may be reputed as nothing. Our work may appear to be insignificant. But every faithful servant of God may be assured of this - **OUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN**. The Lord has promised, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it". Let us therefore be found faithful. God requires no more and will accept no less from his servants than **FAITHFULNESS**.

-pastor Don Fortner

The Only Reason For Salvation

"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake." (1John 2:12)

There is only one reason revealed in Holy Scripture that any sinner would be pardoned from all sin. That one reason is Christ alone (Eph.4:32). Christ Jesus was manifested to take away our sin and in Him is no sin (John 3:5). The only reason for grace, is Christ (John 1:16). The only reason for mercy is Christ (Titus 3:5). The only reason for salvation is Christ (Acts 4:12). The only reason for sanctification is Christ (1 Cor. 1:30). His name's sake includes all these things and much more (Rom. 5:20). Salvation is not because of our merit, nor our baptism, nor our works, nor our prayers, nor our repentance nor our faith; but for the sake of Christ, his blood, sacrifice and satisfaction; and it reaches to all our sins, original and actual, secret and open, past, present, and future. The only reason for our salvation is not found in us, but rather in the Lord Jesus Christ alone (Isa.43:1-7; 44:21-23).

-pastor Tom Harding

To God Be The Glory

God chose an elect people before the foundation of the world and gave them to Christ to redeem. Christ became what they were, yet without sin and lived perfectly and died in their place, being made sin for them. The Spirit of God called and caused them to hear the preaching of the Gospel. He saved them, He keeps them, and He will one day glorify them. Sounds to me like God should receive ALL THE GLORY.

-pastor David Eddmenson

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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*