

OPENING HYMN #42

All Hail the Power

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The schedule for the upcoming ordination services will be:

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.

- There will be no service this Wednesday night. Happy Thanksgiving!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1-2:7

WORSHIP HYMN #164

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

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 #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

MESSAGE

THE SINLESS ONE MADE SIN **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**

CLOSING HYMN #388

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

THINGS TO PONDER

Christ in you, that new man created in righteousness and true holiness in the new birth, is that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. He who is our Wisdom, Righteousness, and Redemption is our Sanctification (Holiness) too.

-pastor Don Fortner

“The preaching of the Gospel is not a public service announcement to which no one pays attention. The Gospel is a personal word to you from God.”

-pastor Milton Howard

Our refuge!

“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” *Psalm 18:2*

On every side are hosts of enemies ever invading our souls, trampling down every good thing in our hearts, accompanied by a flying troop of temptations, doubts, fears, guilt and bondage sweeping over our soul. And we, as regards our own strength, are helpless against them.

But there is a refuge set before us in the gospel of the grace of God. The Lord Jesus Christ, as King in Zion, is there held up before our eyes as . . .

the Rock of our refuge,
our strong Tower,
our impregnable Fortress;

and we are encouraged by every precious promise and every gospel invitation when we are overrun and distressed by these wandering, ravaging, plundering tribes to flee unto and find a safe refuge in Him.

“Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.” *Psalm 16:1*

“O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.” *Psalm 7:1*

-Joseph Philpot, “An Immutable God and a Strong Consolation” 1866

David said, “I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” -Psalm 34:1

The only reason that David could say that was because The Lord, by His grace, caused David to say that. It takes the grace of God to cause a man or woman during a time of trial, sorrow, or pain to be able to bless the Lord. Sometimes the sin of our flesh brings us, and our circumstance so low, we can hardly look up. But just knowing that our Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to endure the trial, suffer the sorrow, and take the pain of our sin and circumstance for us, causes us to find great comfort even in our moments of heaviness. When we are burdened, we think on the burden of sin that **He** bore. When we are sad, we think of how **He** sorrowed even unto death. When we are overcome with guilt, we think of **His** humiliation as He stood before His Father In our place. Yes, “*at all times*” . . . (even in those times) we can “*bless the Lord!*”

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

“Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.”

Psalm 54:2

Gnosticism — A Dead Corpse

There are a few brilliant fools today, claiming to preach the gospel, who deny the new birth, who deny that the believer receives a new nature by God's mighty operation of grace. They claim to have "new light." But their new light is the old darkness of pagan Gnosticism.

Gnosticism is the teaching that salvation is arrived at by acquired knowledge, not by divine regeneration. This philosophy of vain deceit denies the necessity of the new birth, denies that the believer is given a new nature by the Spirit of God, denies that righteousness is imparted and that we are made partakers of the divine nature in regeneration. Gnostics speak of God's saving grace as nothing but a "principle" (an accepted philosophical rule). Gnosticism is a dead corpse that has been around for a long time. The early church was plagued with the heresy; and the church today is still plagued with it. Gnostics vainly imagine that they are the spiritually elite, that they were the only ones who have true, saving knowledge. They look upon those of us who believe God's revelation of himself in his Word and trust Christ as our Wisdom as well as our Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption as ignorant people, without spiritual understanding. In essence, Gnostics are people who, as Paul puts it, who know "*Christ after the flesh*," by mere carnal reason, which is to say they are people with religious knowledge who are totally void of grace and spiritual life, groping in darkness.

-pastor Don Fortner

Who Needs a Preacher?

Christ says, "*They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick.*" Churches today use every marketing gimmick under the sun to try to fill pews and keep them filled. Can you imagine emergency rooms using the same gimmicks to entice folks to come to the emergency room! They do not have to because sick people know their need of a physician. Christ's true people — true chosen, redeemed, regenerated believers made so by God—know their need of Christ. Therefore, the preaching of Christ crucified is more needful to them than their everyday bread. But the reason so few come to hear Christ speak in the gospel is that most think they are whole, righteous, with no need. But will you hear Christ? He said, "*I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*"

-pastor Clay Curtis

"God is as He has been and shall always be as He is. He cannot be better than He is; He cannot be wiser, or more powerful than He is. If God changes one iota, He could not be God to begin with.

-pastor Donnie Bell

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Sunday November 24, 2019

"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