

OPENING HYMN

Friday: #296 All The Way My Savior Leads Me

Saturday: #38 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It is our great privilege to welcome pastor Clay Curtis from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Ewing, New Jersey this weekend as we celebrate the ordination of our Pastor Kevin Thacker. We do not seek an ecclesiastical authority to lay hands on our brother as if to transfer some earned privilege upon him, but we rejoice in the hope of our Gods ordination of Kevin to commit his life to the ministry of the gospel among the sheep of His pasture here in San Diego.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Friday: Ephesians 4:1-32

Saturday: John 11:1-45

WORSHIP HYMN

Friday: #164 Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

Saturday: #255 Blessed Assurance

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*

MESSAGE

FRIDAY – A CHARGE TO A PASTOR

JOHN 1:6-8

SATURDAY – GODS WORD TO THE CHURCH

HEBREWS 10:24-25

CLOSING HYMN

Friday: #62 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Saturday: #75 Abide With Me

THINGS TO PONDER

“A. W. Pink said, *‘When the sovereignty of God is denied, there will be no awe of Him.’* How true, for it is only before an Almighty, and Sovereign God that men will bow down and worship. It is only in the purpose and will of our sovereign, all-wise Father that we can find peace. It is only through the blood and righteousness of a Redeemer who cannot fail, that we have a good hope of eternal life!”

-Henry Mahan

A Word About Those Who Preach The Gospel

I am very thankful for a congregation which loves the gospel and shows its appreciation for those who preach the gospel. And I want to encourage your continued growth in this area. Too often churches have a selfish attitude with regard to the ministry, showing little concern for the ministry of the gospel outside their own walls. I know some churches that even place restraints on their pastors, forbidding them to engage in ministering to other people. This ought not to be.

Any man who preaches the gospel of Christ truthfully, boldly, and earnestly is a great blessing of God to the kingdom of Christ. Whoever he is and wherever he is, I want you to appreciate, love and support him. Be sure that you encourage the men whom God has separated to this work. Especially at this time, take the opportunity of encouraging the work of the preachers' school, and show your appreciation for the contribution they are making to the cause of Christ in our day.

-Pastor Don Fortner

The Most Important Aspect of a Preachers Life in This World is Prayer

The preacher must study with all diligence, preparing his mind with knowledge, so that when he stands to preach he can feed the people of God with knowledge and understanding. He must labor in the Word and in the doctrine. He must relentlessly give himself to the work of the ministry: studying, writing, and preaching. But if that is all he does, he will be a very poor preacher. The preacher must also give himself to prayer. In study he prepares his mind to preach; in prayer he prepares his heart. Study will give him a sermon; prayer will give him a message. Study will give him knowledge; prayer will give him wisdom. Study will give him logic; prayer will give him power.

If the messages we preach are to do good for the souls of men and bring honor to our God, they must be fetched from heaven by prayer. If they are to be clothed in power, they must be bathed in prayer. If they are to be delivered in the Spirit, they must be born of the Spirit. If we would learn to preach, we must learn to pray. We must pray for the direction of the Holy Spirit, seeking a message from God; pray for the wisdom of the Spirit, preparing the message; and pray for the grace of the Spirit to apply the message to the hearts of men.

A long time ago, I ran across a statement by John Owen, which I committed to memory. I have never forgotten it. It contains a real message for all who preach the gospel. Mr. Owen said, "A minister may fill his pews, his communion roll, and the mouths of the public; but what that minister is on

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his knees in secret before God almighty, that he is and no more." Above all other things, prayer is the most important aspect of the preacher's life and work in this world. Where there is no true prayer, there will be no true preaching. If a preacher truly realizes in his heart that the power of the gospel is not in himself, (his study, his learning, his eloquence, or his logic), but in the sovereign will and grace of God, he will pray.

-pastor Don Fortner

The Most Important Aspect of a Believers Life In This World is Prayer

In personal, private prayer we commune with the eternal, triune God. Prayer is an acknowledgement of our weakness in the flesh because of sin, and of our need for constant supplies of Divine grace. In private prayer we open our hearts to God and pour out our souls before him.

Let us never be pretentious and hypocritical before God in prayer. He sees all and knows all. "The Lord looketh on the heart." God is not interested in how we speak to him, the length of our prayers, the frequency of our prayers, or even the words we use in prayer. God looks upon our hearts. He hears what we say in our hearts. He is interested in and has regard for the attitudes, the motives, and the desires of our hearts.

True prayer, like all other graces and acts of worship, is a heart work. You may memorize little religious sayings, and call them prayers. You may read and recite prayer books, and think you are praying. You may repeat the earnest prayers of other people, and suppose that you have prayed. But true prayer cannot be taught or learned by men, any more than breathing can be. It is not an art or skill. Prayer is the breath of the renewed soul. Prayer is born in the heart by the grace of God. It is the power and grace of the Spirit in a man's heart that teaches him to pray. Indeed, true faith is prayer, and true prayer is faith. We ought to live in an unceasing attitude of prayer, always acknowledging our sin, always seeking God's will, always trusting his grace. In this sense, let us "Pray without ceasing". But let us never neglect private prayer. Truly, prayer is a source of strength and consolation to the believing heart. Above all things, our prayer life reveals our true heart attitude toward God and ourselves. What we are in prayer before God, we truly are. Our faith in Christ, our sense of our sinfulness and weakness in the flesh, our dependence upon God's providence, and our reverence for God are all manifest by our attitude about prayer.

-Pastor Don Fortner

"He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer."

-Psalm 102:17

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

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Friday - Saturday December 6-7, 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