

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WEEK OF SUNDAY February 23, 2025

Announcements	David Hitchcock
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SUNDAY DOOR GREETERS

North Side	Amy/Levi/ Randi Swallows
South Side	Gary/ Donna Loftis

SUNDAY DOOR MONITOR

Ricky Davis	Jere Whitson
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MORNING WORSHIP

Adult Bible Class Prayer	Todd Webb
Song Leader	David Allen
First Prayer	Jondan Rothfus
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Jonothan Whitson
Closing Prayer	Gary Loftis

Evening Worship

Song Leader	Jonothan Whitson
First Prayer	Bobby Rothfus
Scripture	Enoch Knight
Sermon	John Chowning
Prayers	Levi Swallows/ Payne Davis
Lord's Table	Todd Webb
Closing Prayer	Joel Knight

Wednesday February 26, 2025

Song Leader	Jay Whitson
Scripture Reading	Levi Swallows
Devotional Talk	Adam Swallows
Closing Prayer	Derek Crawford

Wednesday Door Monitor

Jere Whitson

Jere Whitson is responsible for worship assignments. If you are going to be absent or need to request changes, please contact him.

Gospel Broadcast Supported

Preaching the Gospel, Sunday 7:30 A.M. – Ch. 11

Important News:

2025 THEME

Jesus Built His Church

Matthew 16:16-19

Verse 18 : And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

THIS WEEK'S TEXTS

AM class-Titus 1:10-16

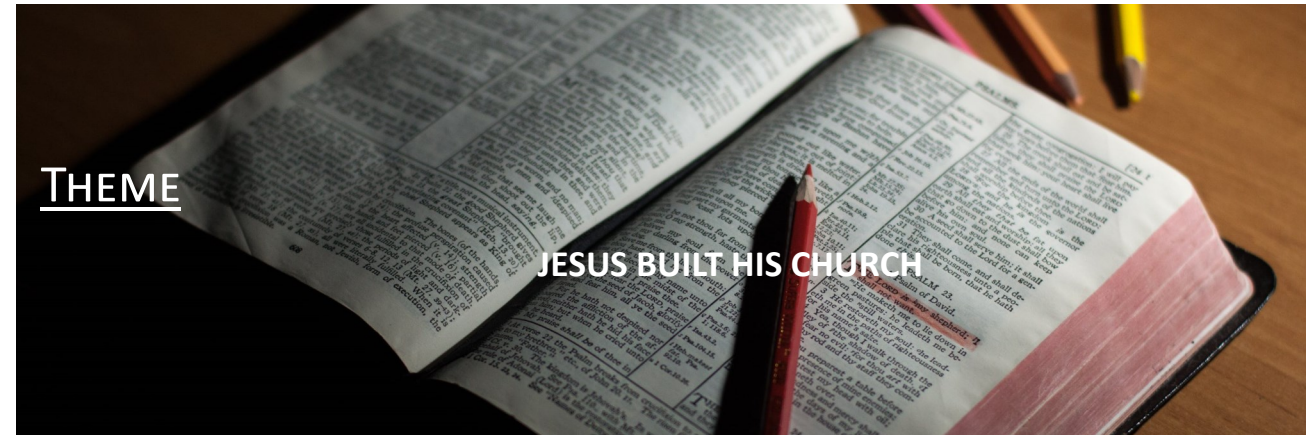
AM sermon- Acts 20:17, 28-29

PM sermon- Ephesians 2:1-10

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SUNDAY

Bible Study9:00 AM
 Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.



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Joy and God's Sovereignty

John Chowning

In a world filled with heartache and difficulties, commands like “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice” (Phil. 4:4) and “Rejoice evermore” (1 Thes. 5:16) sound almost harsh and impossible. But, such is not the case. One unwavering reason how and why a Christian can be joyous in every circumstance of life is because of Jehovah’s universal sovereignty. Consider how these psalms demonstrate this connection:

“Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice” (Ps. 96:10-12).

“The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof” (Ps. 97:1).

The fact of God’s sovereignty (His continuous, unrivaled reign over all the earth [Ps. 47:2]) coupled with His holiness (Ps. 99:3, 5, 9) and His coming righteous judgment of all humanity (Ps. 96:10) guarantees that good will ultimately triumph over evil. Jehovah will deliver the holy out of the hand of the wicked (Ps. 97:10). His enemies--all wicked beings--will be consumed by the fire of His righteous judgment and eternally destroyed (Ps. 97:3).

Because of the enduring nature of Jehovah’s sovereignty, these Old Testament sentiments are echoed in the New Testament’s final book. Following God’s decisive judgment upon one of the enemies of Him and His people, “the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshiped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him” (Rev. 19:7-10).

One inextinguishable source of joy and rejoicing in this life is the unchanging truth of God’s sovereignty. Jehovah is a great King over all the earth (Ps. 47:2); He is high above all the earth and exalted above all gods (Ps. 97:9). He reigns over the heathen and sits upon the throne of His holiness (Ps. 47:8). Jehovah is high above all people (Ps. 99:2).

Because of God’s sovereignty and righteous judgment, good will triumph over evil and will, literally, live happily ever after. Therefore, let us rejoice in the Lord always, let us rejoice evermore, and again I say, rejoice.

Continual Thanksgiving

John Chowning

“In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus” (1 Thes. 5:18).

Valid reasons for this divine command abound. In Psalms 105-107 alone the Scriptures state four. Consider and meditate on the ones contained in these three psalms.

“O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people...

He *is* the LORD our God: His judgments *are* in all the earth” (Ps. 105:1, 7).

“O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people...He hath remembered His covenant forever, the word *which* He commanded to a thousand generations” (Ps. 105:1, 8).

“Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for *He is* good” (Ps. 106:1).

“Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD...for His mercy *endureth* forever” (Ps. 107:1).

Because of God’s universal judgments, His faithfulness to His covenant and word, His goodness, and His enduring mercy, continual thanksgiving is appropriate; thus, it is commanded. “In everything give thanks”.

IMPORTANT NEWS

-Reminder: The bible class on "Studying Sin Seriously" will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25th in the multipurpose room. The first lesson will be on The Origin of Sin. Everyone is invited.

-Ron Gilbert needs help with preparing newsletters for Africa on Tuesday, February 18th, at 10 a.m. at the building.

-All spring bible class materials have been placed in the appropriate classrooms, if you have any questions or concerns please let Tod Webb know.

ILLNESSES

Bonnie Woody, has a heart doctor appointment on Wednesday , February 19th.

Carolyn Mason, will be having kyphoplasty (spinal repair surgery) on Thursday, February 20th.

Earlene Qualls, is in CRMC , Room 406, with pneumonia.

Bonnie Stockton, remains at Signature Healthcare due to ongoing health issues, Room 103. The address for Signature with her room number is on the bulletin board with the card rack. She also enjoys visits.

PANTRY ITEM:

Canned Chicken

EXTENDED ILLNESS

Bonnie Stockton, Carol Meadows, Junior and Lou Bryant, Sue Ing, Mike and Lucy Mitchell, and Bill and Betty Barnes.

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