

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WEEK OF SUNDAY April 6, 2025

Announcements	David Hitchcock
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SUNDAY DOOR GREETERS

North Side	Joel Knight Family
South Side	Barbara White

SUNDAY DOOR MONITOR

Ricky Davis	Jere Whitson
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MORNING WORSHIP

Adult Bible Class Prayer	Ron Brown
Song Leader	Jonothan Whitson
First Prayer	Allen Cantrell
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Jay Whitson
Closing Prayer	Adam Swallows

Evening Worship

Song Leader	Joel Knight
First Prayer	Jondan Rothfus
Scripture	Levi Whitson
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Bobby Rothfus
Closing Prayer	Levi Swallows

Wednesday April 9, 2025

Song Leader	Jeff Allen
Scripture Reading	Gary Robinson
Devotional Talk	Joel Knight
Closing Prayer	Enoch Knight

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 2:12-15

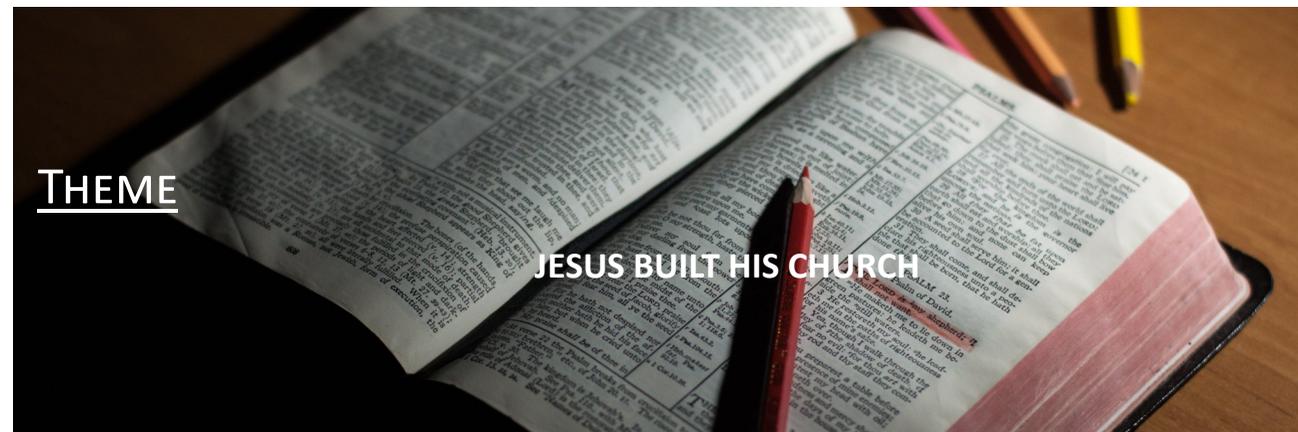
AM sermon– 2 Timothy 3:16-17

PM sermon– Ephesians 3:1-7

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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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A Sun and Shield for Troubled Hearts: A Review (Part 1)

John Chowning

(As promised in an earlier bulletin article, a thorough review of brother Thomas Warren's book A Sun and Shield For Troubled Hearts will begin today. This book provides a more in-depth consideration of the challenge of suffering. I have ordered ten copies of this excellent volume. If you would like to purchase one for your own reading, please see me.)

According to the Preface, brother Warren spent about five years gathering the material found in this 110-page book. His interest was piqued by a period of personal suffering he experienced while in his late 30's. Eventually this led to a series of seven sermons and ultimately to this ten-chapter book.

IMPORTANT NEWS

-The bible class on the lessons concerning “Studying Sin Seriously” continues on Tuesday, April 1st. Everyone is invited.

-The elders are still needing one more person to assist with organization of the library. If this interests you, please let one of the elders know.

-Thank you to all those who stayed for the fellowship meal and help to assemble the sunshine bags, they are ready for delivery and on the table in the foyer.

-April Calendars are on the book shelf in the foyer.

ILLNESSES

Al Beaty, is improving from recent health issues and still able to be with us at worship and we are thankful for that.

Bonnie Woody, had a heart doctor appointment Monday and she seemed pleased with the direction the doctor is going with her health.

Bill Barnes, is now home; however, he has Covid and no visitors are recommended at this time.

Jasper Birdwell, has been moved to room 457 at CRMC, he is dealing with multiple health issues and has undergone several tests. He may be transferred to Bethsaida Health Care for rehab. No visitors are recommended at this time.

Mike and Lucy Mitchell, are unable to attend worship due to health issues and would appreciate prayers at this time.

PANTRY ITEM:

Dial Bath Soap

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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The title for Chapter One is taken from Jesus' words in John 16:33--“In the World Ye Have Tribulation”. Pain, loss, suffering, heartache, and disease are real and abundant in our world. “One in the midst of great suffering or tribulation might well be compared to a person in a cave which is so dark he cannot see and who is being tormented constantly by some pain. In such a situation he needs both light (to guide him in the darkness) and some kind of cover (to shield him from his pain). The Psalmist gave to man the words of the greatest possible comfort when he said: ‘For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee’ (Ps. 85:11-12)” (p. 11).

“Many people in the midst of suffering are truly in spiritual darkness. They are bewildered by what is happening to them. They can neither understand it nor see the way out of it. They have no shield with which to guard themselves against the pain, the affliction, and the sheer burden of the situation. How much then do such people need a “Sun” and a “Shield”! ((p. 12).

“In ordinary times, when men think of the sun, they think of the source of light. They think of warmth, good cheer, vitality, strength, beauty, and fruitfulness. Many times the sufferer (especially those who have suffered for a long time) come to dread the night. They dread that time of night when all of the others in the family are asleep, but they, the sufferers, lie awake because of both the pain which tears at their bodies and the fear which torments their spirits. How, in the midst of the long dreary hours of the night, they long for the light of the morning sun!...How blessed to the sufferer is the light of the sun!” (p. 12).

“In ancient times, soldiers depended a great deal upon their shields. There were two types of shields. One was very large. It covered and protected the entire body. The other type was small. It was used when more agile fighting was required. Surely our Lord is like the large one, protecting the whole man from the burdens of his life. This God does in the sense of providing him with the strength and wisdom to bear suffering in the right way” (pp. 12-13).

“Life is a great battlefield which will be fought in darkness and without protection by those who live without God. Those who live without God simply do not have adequate resources with which to meet suffering” (p. 13). On the other hand: “Our Lord will withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly. This does not mean that God will necessarily give to the sufferer everything for which he asks. It does mean that God will not forsake the righteous sufferer and will give him what is best for him to have. God will withhold “no good thing” (p. 13).

The Holy Scriptures do have a message for a troubled heart: “God is our Refuge and Fortress (Ps. 91:2). He is our Rock and our Salvation (Ps. 62:6). He is our high Tower (Ps. 18:2). He is a Sun and Shield for troubled hearts (Ps. 84:11-12). God will help us in our suffering. He knows our weaknesses and our needs. He ‘knoweth our frame; He remembers that we are dust’ (Ps. 103:14)” (p. 14).

Blessed be the name of the Lord.