

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #36 **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Sun: #33 **Stand Up and Bless the Lord**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It is our privilege to welcome Brother Obie Williams from Kingsport Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee this weekend. We will be enjoying supper and time of fellowship following the Saturday evening service, and Sunday we will meet at our regularly scheduled time.
 - Brother Kevin Thacker from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church of Princeton New Jersey is scheduled to preach here the weekend of October 20-21, mark your calendar.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: **Romans 1:16-2:1**

Sun: **1 Pet 1:3-21**

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #186 **The Church's One Foundation**

Sun: #512 **Saved By Grace**

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

Sun: #235 **Pass Me Not**

MESSAGE

SAT - **SEEK YE THE LORD**

ISAIAH 55:6

SUN -

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #175 **Standing on the Promises**

Sun: #18 **Now Thank We All Our God**

THINGS TO PONDER

God cannot be known by man except as God is pleased to make himself known to man. This he does by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit in the revelation of Christ through the preaching of the gospel.

-Pastor Don Fortner

Here We Stand

We seek to uphold, explain, promote and preach the message of God's free grace in Christ and the absolute necessity of divine power to initiate, apply and secure the salvation of sinners. We do not look to man to save himself for we know he cannot. We do not appeal to men to save themselves for we know they cannot. We believe God's grace alone can save a soul, and we try to say it clearly.

This means we have no time for the teaching that man has a freewill with which to accept or reject God's offer of salvation. We do not believe God has saving love for everyone, nor a will to save everyone. We do not hold there is grace from God for everyone. The nature of our sovereign almighty God and the existence of hell and judgment preclude such ideas. We do not believe the Lord Jesus Christ died for everyone on the cross nor that His death was ever intended to redeem and atone for any but those called in scripture God's elect from every nation, from before the foundation of the world. We believe all men and women have sinned and are enemies of God by nature. We believe, nevertheless, God the Father in eternity chose a people to justify and recover from their lost state. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, came into the world to save those chosen individuals and effectually did so by His death on the cross. We believe God the Holy Spirit quickens and converts those for whom Christ shed His blood through the preaching of saving grace and divine mercy in the gospel. We believe, once saved, those blessed individuals never will be, never can be, lost and will most certainly spend eternity in heaven in the presence and company of their God and Saviour.

We believe God in His three persons has done everything necessary for the salvation of His chosen people and there remains nothing for them to do. Beyond Christ's sacrifice there are no works of obedience required, either to make the elect eligible for salvation, or to enable them to keep their salvation. Grace is not of works, otherwise grace is no more grace. Everything necessary for salvation is a good gift, a perfect gift and it comes from the sovereign God.

These beliefs separate us from a large part of today's Christian church who seem neither to understand the nature of God nor the nature of man. They preach of common grace flowing from universal love, and of a frustrated desire on God's part to save everyone. They believe Christ's blood redeemed everyone but fails actually to save anyone. They believe in a Holy Spirit who courts the wicked with offers of mercy, but ultimately bows to man's will and withdraws defeated. We have no sympathy with this message and we can have no fellowship with its promoters.

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The essence of the gospel is good news. Good because salvation is a sovereign work of grace. Good because the Lord Jesus Christ actually achieved and accomplished all our peace with God as our substitute on the cross. Good because no part of our deliverance is dependent upon our weak, wayward flesh. This is where we stand. This is what we believe. This is the heart of our message. This is the gospel of sovereign grace. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17).

-Pastor Peter Meney

Sent to Preach Good Things

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15

This passage is quoted from Isaiah 52 and is the beginning of the immediate context of chapter 53 which tells the good tidings themselves. Namely, how that our Lord Jesus Christ was despised and rejected by us. And that He was a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, and how that He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. It proclaims the glad tidings that the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and that with His stripes we are healed. He actually and eternally healed our souls by His stripes. His sin-atonement death accomplished our salvation. His death was victorious and successful and those for whom He died obtained eternal redemption thereby (Heb 9:12). You see why these feet are so beautiful; because they bring tidings of the sovereign, gracious, almighty Savior Who died for and saved His people from their sins. The One prophesied of there in Isaiah 52:7 is Christ Himself. He said in Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel (glad tidings) to the poor . . . The Apostle Paul correctly uses this prophecy to apply to all of God's preachers, because we are sent with one message, and it is His message, the message of Isaiah 53, and the whole Bible. The glad of tidings of Jesus Christ the Lord and what He did for sinners.

-Pastor Chris Cunningham

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

Wednesday 6:30 PM Mid-week Worship Service

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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