

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness #40

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- May birthdays: Tim Burnett - 11th; Lilah McPheeters - 30th
  - Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Sunday, June 8.
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#### HYMN

#### Pass Me Not #235

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#### MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- A Crown of Righteousness Given      2 Timothy 4:6-8
  - Do We Love His Appearing?      2 Timothy 4:8
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#### CLOSING HYMN

#### Once For All! #205

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Something amazingly special is taking place when even two or three believers meet together in the name of the Lord...The Lord is there. He is there doing something truly wonderful...He is hearkening and hearing the words of His people (Mal. 3:6). And then, not only does He give attention to and hear the words...A book of remembrance is written before him for them that fear Him and think upon his name. Since His Sovereign presence is found when but a few are blessed to meet... May we who meet be mindful Whose presence we're in...and may the Lord direct our hearts and mouths to glorify Him.

*-pastor Marvin Stalnaker*

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The Scriptures plainly say, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath eternal life." I plan to leave it right there--adding nothing and taking nothing away. Jesus Christ is the all-sufficient Saviour, and he that believes on Him is not condemned. I also add that this matter of justification by faith is the article by which a church, a minister, or a professor of Christianity stands or falls. There is no bridge between MERIT and MERCY. They are as far apart as the poles and never the twain shall meet.

*-Henry Mahan*

#### His Blood Alone!

The vital thing to understand about the blood of Christ is this: IT IS ENOUGH! Nothing else is needed to accomplish the salvation of all for whom His blood was shed. Not His blood plus my works; not His blood plus my "decision;" not His blood plus the ordinances; not His blood plus church membership; not even His blood plus my faith - His blood purchased my faith. HIS BLOOD ALONE paid the price required by his justice, and His blood alone can make a sinner clean. "By His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having OBTAINED (not made possible) eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12).

*-pastor Donnie Bell*

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#### False Accusations

When the religious accuse us of being lawless, what they are really saying is; "If I believed what you believe, I would be lawless." They would have nothing to restrain their sin. Being under the law, they know nothing of the constraining love of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:14.

Being in the flesh, they know nothing of the power of the Spirit of God. Rom. 8:12-14.

Being under the judgment of the law, they know nothing of the law of liberty. James 2:10-12.

Their accusations are not based on what they see in the believer's life, but rather on what they fear in their own lives. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 1 Pet. 3:15-16

*-pastor Greg Elmquist*

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Sooner could the ocean prove too little for a small fish or the sky be too small for a swallow than the grace of God prove insufficient for one of God's people. Not all their weaknesses, failures or sins can use it up, or even decrease its infinite size and scope.

*-Joe Terrell*

**Grace Baptist Church — Taylor, Arkansas**  
*Exemplary, Steadfast Faithfulness*

Grace Baptist Church in Taylor, AR is a small, rural congregation, known to only a few people outside their own community; but that congregation is one that has demonstrated exemplary, steadfast faithfulness in the cause of Christ. I hold them before our readers, urging all who find themselves in similar circumstances to follow their example.

The Lord called their pastor, Bro. James Watson, home to Glory in 2003. Bro. Watson was a faithful pastor and one of my cherished friends. After his death, the assembly had no one gifted to teach and/or preach. But they continued to meet every Sunday morning. They had preachers in as often as they could, about every other month. I went to preach to them as often as I could, without neglecting other responsibilities.

When they could not get a preacher in for their service, after reading the Scriptures, prayer, and singing God's praise, they watched a video of one of our services here. They continued to meet, Sunday after Sunday, to worship together as a body of believers, usually very few; but those few sheep were hungry both for the Word of God and for the fellowship of their brethren. Several of them drove more than an hour each way; but I never heard one mention the distance, the cost, or the time.

Not a few suggested that they should all move to a place where the Lord has established a gospel church. Some seriously considered doing so. But the thing they all wanted and earnestly prayed the Lord would grant them was a pastor. A few months ago, Bro. Darwin Pruitt went down to preach for them. The Lord immediately knitted their hearts to him and his to them. Last week Darwin and Cathy moved to Taylor.

Let me tell you what I expect. — I fully expect our God to greatly bless his own work in that place and from that place around the world. He has sworn, *"Them that honour me I will honour"* (1 Samuel 2:30).

Many who read these lines live in a place where the Lord has not yet been pleased to establish a gospel ministry. There are some who live near you who love the gospel; but you make no effort to establish a gospel church where you are. I urge you, wherever two or three can be found who believe the gospel, gather regularly in the name of Christ to worship him and hear his Word. Who knows what the Lord may be pleased to do?

This I do know. —The one thing the Lord requires of you and me is faithfulness (1 Corinthians 4:2); and our great and gracious God always honors that faithfulness that honors him.

*-Don Fortner*

# San Diego Grace Fellowship

***"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."***

*Revelation 22:17*

**May 11, 2025**

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 AM

Sunday Service - 11:00 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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**"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." - Matthew 11:29**