

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Great Thou Art! #37

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- July birthdays: Amber Jonilionis 3rd; Andre Gelle 7th; Stan Conner 11th; Gwen Iverson 23rd
 - Sovereign Grace Baptist Church's annual summer bible conference is next weekend, July 3-5th. Scheduled speakers are: Darwin Pruitt – Grace Baptist Church, Lewisville, AR
David Eddmenson – Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, KY
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HYMN

Nearer, My God, to Thee #357

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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CLOSING HYMN

He Leadeth Me #295

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 of Whose presence we're in—and may the Lord direct our hearts and mouths to glorify Him.

—pastor Marvin Stalnaker

There are only two kinds of preachers: those who are used and those who use, those who labor in the Word and doctrine of Christ and those who loiter about, those who are faithful and those who are unfaithful, those who devote their lives to the cause of Christ and those who devote their lives to something else.

—Don Fortner (1950-2020)

Two Questions to Consider

“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth” – *Hebrews 12:6*

I asked these questions in the sermon last Sunday (1994). I repeat them here for your consideration.

1. Does your love, care, and devotion for your children depend upon their perfect obedience to your laws and their never offending you? No! Our love for them and care of them is because of a RELATIONSHIP; they ARE OUR CHILDREN AND ALWAYS WILL BE!

2. Do you discipline and correct your children because you wish to hurt them? or deprive them? or punish them? No! Your purpose in discipline, restriction, and correction is to teach them, to help them mature, and to make of them what they ought to be.

Let's apply these thoughts to ourselves the next time our heavenly Father deals with us as sons and daughters in manifold trials.

—Henry Mahan (1926-2019)

Christ – Our Justification

A violated law can never justify the one who broke it; it can only condemn him. The guilty cannot be declared righteous by the very law that declares his guilt. Therefore, justification must come from the One whose law we have offended. As Scripture says in Romans 8:33; “Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.”

What an astounding truth! The same God whose law we broke is the very One who justifies us. How can this be? Because God Himself, in the person of His Son, took on flesh—He assumed my nature, yet without sin. In perfect obedience, Christ satisfied the demands of God's holy law on my behalf. By doing so, He accomplished what I never could. Through His sacrifice, He justified me—declared me not guilty before the throne of God. Jesus Christ is my justification. Before God, I stand righteous not because of what I have done, but because of what He has done for me.

—pastor John Chapman

*Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory,
for thy mercy, [and] for thy truth's sake.
Psalms 115:1*

To the believer who knows his own sinful self, it is sometimes hard to believe that the Holy God can truly love you. But rest assured the Father has always and will always love His people. He chose them all in His electing love (Rom. 9:13). He sent His Son to put away their sin by the sacrifice of Himself (I John 4:10). He called you to Christ by His lovingkindness (Jer. 31:3).

—pastor Frank Tate

—pastor Clay Curtis

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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.”

"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*