

WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

“Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Friday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM

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FREE IN CHRIST

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

Oh, the joy a slave must feel when freedom comes to them! Oh, the greater joy a child of God has when freedom comes to them in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. A believer is set free in every possible way by and in the Lord Jesus Christ. All of our freedom is found in Christ.

A believer is set free from the power of sin. Christ has made His people free to do what they could not do before: believe on Christ and have His righteousness. (Rom 8:1-4) A believer is free from the law because Christ obeyed the law for us. A believer is free from death. A believer can never die the second, eternal death because Christ died for us. A believer is free from the curse of the law because Christ was made a curse for us. (Gal 3:13) A believer is made free from the ceremonies of religion because Christ has enabled us to worship God in the Spirit not in ceremony. (Phil. 3:3) A believer is free to come to the throne of grace at any time, for any reason, and find grace to help, as long as we come in Christ. (Heb. 4:16) ~*Frank Tate*

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Next Sunday 9-17-2023 Lord willing we’ll come to the Lord’s Table

WHAT DO WE COME HERE FOR?

I am afraid there are some who come merely because it is the time to come, because the hour of worship has come round; and others come only because a certain preacher happens to stand upon the platform. Ah! this is not how God’s own beloved ones come up to his house! They desire to meet with him. Their prayer as they tread the hallowed courts of God’s house will be **“My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”** There is no hymn sung so well as when we really do praise Jesus in it. No prayer is so true as that prayer which really comes to the mercy-seat and spreads itself before the all seeing eye. There is no preaching like that which is full of Christ, which gives forth a savor of his good ointments. Worship is not to be commended because of the glorious swell of a Gregorian chant, or because of the equally majestic volume of sound which this great assembly may send forth from that sweet instrument, the human voice. A service is not to be commended because of the eloquence of the preacher, or because of the display of learning which he is able to make in expounding his discourse. No, to the Christian it is, **“Was the Master there?”** The question on the Sunday morning is, **“What think ye, will he come up to the feast?”** Coming to the Lord’s table, the child of God’s business is not so much with the bread and the wine, as with his blood and with his flesh. May I feed on him? May I see him? And if I get to him, then it is well with me. If I have then to serve God in the public engagements of his house, let me say, **“Come, my beloved, let us get up to the vineyards.”**

~Charles Spurgeon

Under The Blood, But Written In The Book

The sins of God’s saints are all under the blood of Christ, entirely forgiven by God. Yet, the most glaring sins of God’s most eminent servants are plainly written in the Bible for all men to read. Noah, who found grace in the eyes of the Lord, was found in a drunken stupor. Abraham, the friend of God, fearing he would be slain by the king, was willing to give his wife to Abimelech. Lot, God’s righteous servant, was reduced to incest in his drunkenness. David, the man after God’s own heart, committed adultery and murder. Peter, the bold defender of the faith, trembled and denied the Lord for fear before a little maiden. The list could go on at great length.

Why were these things written? They were not written merely to mar the reputations of good men. They were not written to excuse sin. These sad events in the lives of God’s beloved saints have been recorded in the Word of God to teach us two things: First, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh”** (John 3:6). And second, **“Salvation is of the Lord”** (Jonah 2:9).

The best of men are only men at best. We have no righteousness of our own. The only righteousness we have is that which God gives us in Christ. Thank God, he does not impute sin, but only righteousness to his own elect. ~Clay Curtis