

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 Service 7:00 PM

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A BRIDE FOR THE SON

Genesis 24:34-36

“And he said, I am Abraham's servant. And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.”

What a beautiful picture we have here of God calling a bride for His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. As Abraham’s servant begins to describe his master and his master’s son, it becomes very apparent that Rebekah is wooed by their greatness and integrity, but most importantly she is drawn by their relationship with the LORD. It was the LORD that blessed them. It was the Lord that had given Abraham and his wife Sarah a son in their old age. Rebekah knew they had the Lord’s favor.

Rebekah had never laid her eyes on this man Isaac, but she fell in love with him through the words of Abraham’s servant. It is the same with the bride of the Lord Jesus. It will be through the words of God’s servant that a sinner sees Christ and falls in love with Him. **“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15)**

~ David Eddmenson

IT IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP

Romans 13v11

The sleep here spoken of by Paul is a shameful indifference to Christ, a spiritual, callousness into which true believers sometimes fall. Yes, men and women who truly love and trust Christ do sometimes, by their own sin and neglect of him, become indifferent to him. The wise virgins, like the foolish, are often found asleep (Matthew 25:1-13; Song of Solomon 5:2-3). And when they are asleep, it is impossible to tell the wise from the foolish.

Are you asleep? Have you, like the church of Ephesus, lost your first love? Have you forgotten the joy of believing? Has your grasp of the Savior lost the strength of freshness? Your doctrine may be very precise, though you sleep. If you are born of God, you have seen your sin. But has the fresh conviction of personal depravity and sin you once felt so deeply now become no more than a doctrine you acknowledge? You know the righteousness of God in Christ, but has the righteousness of Christ now become no more than a point of doctrine about which you debate? It was once a blessed garment of salvation you wrapped around your naked soul. You have seen God’s judgment of sin in Christ. How joyfully you once bathed your filthy soul in Immanuel’s precious blood! The atonement of Christ, his finished work of redemption, his precious blood were once more than doctrinal facts to you. They were your soul’s hope, joy, and peace.

All the doctrines of Christ are like roses on a bush. As long as they are on the bush, they are beautiful, sweet to smell, blooming with life. But we are not content to leave them there. We cut them, put them in our little vase, arrange them in an order that suits us, set them on a shelf in our little room, and admire them. But soon they wither, die, and begin to stink! So, too, the doctrines of Christ are beautiful, sweet, blooming with life in Christ, but only as they are seen in him. It is Christ we love. He is altogether lovely. Christ is life, not his doctrine. It is Christ to whom we must look. It is Christ who is our life. It is Christ who is beautiful. I do not suggest that we become indifferent to Christ’s doctrine. But we are terribly foolish if we become so enamored with the doctrine of Christ that we become indifferent to Christ! To sleep in a bed of doctrinal indifference is just as evil as sleeping in a bed of worldly care. **“It is high time to awake out of sleep!” ~Don Fortner**

So many today are stressed out and anxious. The cure for anxious care is to cast care on the Lord Jesus Christ for our Savior cares for his people (1 Pet 5: 7). A lot more of God’s word and a lot less social media will do us good. Let’s fill our ears and hearts with God’s word rather than the noise of this world (Mt 6: 31-33)

~ Clay Curtis

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

If my children follow my example, what kind of people will they be? Will they be faithful or unfaithful? Generous or stingy? Content or complaining? If every marriage has mine as its example, will people be happily married? If every church member were just like me, what kind of church would this church be? If every employee were just like me. . . I could go on and on, but the point is **“Faith without works is dead.”**

A faith that does not manifest itself in every area of my life is not saving faith! The first thing the Lord said to each of the seven churches in Asia was, **“I know thy works.”** It is our works that prove the reality of our faith. The example we give is what we really are!
~Donnie Bell

A WITNESS OF TRUTH

Proverbs 14:25

“A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.”

A true witness is a witness of Truth. A man who tells the truth concerning God, God’s Christ, and God’s Gospel is one whom God uses as a means to deliver souls. “But a deceitful witness speaketh lies.” No one has ever been saved under the sound of a lie. Any preaching that attempts to diminish God and exalt man is a lie. Christ, speaking of His own said, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:16-17) God’s people are set aside (sanctified) through the Truth of Christ and His Gospel, which is found only in His Holy Word. The Word of God is the unadulterated Truth. Thank God that He enables His servants to preach the Truth of His Word. Anything and everything else is a lie.

~ David Eddmenson

GOD SAVE THE KING!

This phrase is from a song written in the mid 1700’s of the same title. With the crowning of a new king in the UK, it is on all forms of media this week. What a wonderful thing it would be if a new heart, born of God in His child, sang its request for the leader of the nation to be saved! Oh, that the Lord would give us hearts like Christ, that are compassionate, and *“would that all men be saved”*. Let’s pray for our President, our Governor, our leaders – that Christ would be revealed in them and magnified in their hearts! That would make for a loving and peaceful country!
~Kevin Thacker

If God will be gracious to you, he will make Christ more than the Savior of sinners to your understanding. He will make Christ the Savior of you the sinner.

~Eric Lutter

ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to *The Lord’s Table* (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.
- Friday Night Service will resume 11-10-2023.

RECONCILED TO GOD BY CHRIST

When a man gives his word, he is making his will and purpose known. Christ is called the Word of God, because he is the revelation of God to us. He said “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father” (John 14:9). Christ is God’s word to us. Meaning he reveals God’s will and purpose toward us. Which is: that God will be gracious to his people in Christ Jesus. The Father sent his Son in the flesh to put away the sin of his people. Christ on the cross died their death under the wrath of Holy God against his people’s sin. He sacrificed himself that God may be just in justifying us by Christ’s blood. God also sends the Holy Spirit to seek and find his lost sheep. He drives out the enmity in the hearts and minds of his lost people. By the resurrection power of God we are born again. The Spirit regenerates the dead sinner by the incorruptible seed of Christ. We see his light and follow our Lord (John 8:12). In Christ we are reconciled to God. ~Eric Lutter

A TRUE BELIEVER

“... Sir, we would see JESUS.” John 12:21

A TRUE believer in Christ does not desire to know more than the Lord has revealed in His word. While many expend countless hours studying world events, trying to connect those events for a revelation concerning the second coming, the believer studies God’s Word which is the revelation of Jesus Christ. While the one trusting Christ is certainly watching expectantly for the return of his Lord, he is not taken up with the events surrounding that return.

A believer is taken up only with the Christ Who is returning. ~Marvin Stalnaker

The believer has the new nature that never sins and the old nature that always sins. This does not provide him with an excuse for sin nor a reason to not battle his sin. But it does explain why he is so sinful. Amazingly and mysteriously it is the new man that owns and confesses the sins of the old man! ~Todd Nibert

Assurance & Peace

(Malachi 3:6)

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

“For I am the LORD, I change not.” God is unchangeable in His essence, nature, and perfections. Isn’t it wonderful that in our experience in a life that is nothing but change, to know that the Lord changes not? That His purpose has never altered and never will. This gives assurance and peace to all who have fled to Christ for refuge. ~David Pledger

This is a true story about a 14 year old boy who lives with his family in a small house which is filled with idols, which are little images. They are in every corner of the small house. Every day candles are lit and placed in front of these idol figures made of clay and plaster. His father and mother are devoted worshippers of their idols. He and all his family believed that the idols have power.

One day a man came to this village preaching the good news about the only true God and His only begotten Son Jesus, who is the Savior of all who believe in Him. This young boy's heart was opened to receive the good news of his salvation in Jesus Christ. He confessed his faith in Jesus Christ by obeying his Lord in being baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The young boy tried to tell his family of his faith in Jesus Christ. His father was angry with him when he told his father that his idols had no power to save him. In his desperation to convince his father that the idols were dumb helpless dolls and should not be worshipped, he took a hammer and broke all the idol dolls except one. Then he laid the hammer beside the one that wasn't broken.

When his father came home and saw his idols all broken in pieces he was enraged. He called all the family and began to ask who it was that had broken his idols. Everyone denied breaking them, except the young lad. Then his father asked him, "Did you do it?" The boy quickly replied, "The idol did it, and there is the hammer beside the idol that proves it!" His father said in anger, "Silly boy, the idol couldn't do that, you know better than that." Then the young lad said, "That is what I have been trying to tell you...that he has no power."

~Walter Groover

Failure is our name; His name is success. Nothing that we do can be called a success. Everything Christ did was and is a success. He has obtained eternal redemption and has lost none of those the Father gave to Him. For this reason, we do not found the hope of our souls on anything we have done but entirely on what Christ has done! And therein do we rest. ~ Joe Terrell

Every believer is robed in the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. By His perfect obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, our Blessed Redeemer, our Perfect Savior, established a righteousness for His chosen people that makes every believer as righteous as the *Spotless Lamb of God!* God sees no iniquity in His chosen, blood-bought children. God's preachers are to say to the righteous that it shall be well with them (*Isaiah 3:10*). As long as Jesus Christ our Blessed Surety is on His Sovereign Throne of Power, it will **ALWAYS** be well with those who are in Him. ~Gene Harmon

A Friend of Sinners

"The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children" (Matt. 11:19).

When you feel like saying, "There is no hope for me; I am too great a sinner; I am too weak and unworthy," let me remind you of a few things:

YOU WOMEN, have you read of the women who were in the lineage of our Lord (Mt. 1:3-6)? What did they have to recommend them to God? Have you read of Mary Magdalene or the harlot who kissed His feet? It seems to me that the only thing they all had in common was their sin and their need of Him.

YOU MEN, pick out any of the true followers of our Lord – Peter, the man in the tombs, Zacchaeus, the thief on the cross, Saul of Tarsus – and tell me what good you can find in them. ~Herry Mahan

I HAVE NO QUESTIONS FOR GOD

I recently saw a church sign in town that said: "*Come hear the questions you always wanted to ask God*". Whenever I see things like this my response is two-fold: First, I get a sick feeling in my heart, and then a feeling of indignation that the things of God are regarded so glibly in modern religion.

When I saw this particular sign I immediately thought, "I have no questions for God, but I have a plea to the Lord, my God." It is this: "Give me grace to submit to you and your providence, faith to believe you, and a heart not to complain.

~Donnie Bell

A people hungering after righteousness and a preacher anxious to feed their souls will act in sweet harmony with each other when their common subject is Jesus Christ the Lord. ~Scott Richardson

(Ephesians 1:4)

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 106:48