



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 14th, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace

Hymn "We Worship You"

Hymn "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

The Reading of the Word — *Hebrews 8:1-13* Dirk deWaal

Hymn "Not What My Hands have Done"

The Interlude Instrumentalists

The Sermon — *"Understanding Grace, Pt. II" (Ezekiel 36:27)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "Amazing Grace"

The Benediction Dirk deWaal

The Postlude

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "There is a Fountain"

Hymn "Nothing But the Blood"

The Sermon — *"The Message of First John"* Dirk deWaal

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

What is Christ's blood to any of you, until you have received the Spirit of grace? You have heard the minister preach about the blood of Christ a thousand times, but you passed by; it was nothing to you that Jesus should die. You know that he did atone for sins that were not his own; but you only regarded it as a tale, perhaps, even an idle tale. But when the Spirit of God led you to the cross, and opened your eyes, and enabled you to see Christ crucified, ah, then there was something in the blood indeed. There is a person come into this hall this morning—one of the most reputable men in London. He has never committed himself in any outward vice; he has never been dishonest; but he is known as a staunch upright tradesman. Now, to his astonishment, he is informed that he is a condemned, lost sinner, and just as surely lost as the thief who died for his crimes upon the cross. Do you think that man will believe it? Suppose, however, that he does believe it, simply because he reads it in the Bible, do you think that man will ever be made to feel it? I know you say, "Impossible!" Some of you, even now, perhaps, are saying, "Well, I never should!" Can you imagine that honorable, upright tradesman, saying, "God be merciful to me, a sinner?"—standing side-by-side with the harlot and the swearer, and feeling in his own heart as if he had been as guilty as they were, and using just the same prayer, and saying, "Lord, save, or I perish." You cannot conceive it, can you? It is contrary to nature that a man who has been so good as he should put himself down among the chief of sinners. Ah! but that will be done before he will be saved; he must feel that before he can enter heaven. Now, I ask, who can bring him to such a levelling experience as that, but the Spirit of God? I know very well, proud nature will not stoop to it. We are all aristocrats in our own righteousness; we do not like to bend down and come among common sinners. If we are brought there, it must be the Spirit of God who casts us to the ground. '...nothing but the Spirit of God can ever bring a man to strip himself of all self-righteousness, and

of all creature strength, and compel him to rest and lean simply and wholly upon Jesus Christ the Savior.' In all the acts of the Christian's life, whether it be the act of consecrating one's self to Christ, or the act of daily prayer, or the act of constant submission, or preaching the gospel, or ministering to the necessities of the poor, or comforting the desponding, in all these the Christian finds his weakness and his powerlessness, unless he is clothed about with the Spirit of God. And now let me conclude by asking this question. My hearer, then have you the Spirit of God in you? You have some religion, most of you, I dare say. Well, of what kind is it? Is it a home-made article? Did you make yourself what you are? Then, if so, you are a lost man up to this moment. If, my hearer, you have gone no further than you have walked yourself, you are not on the road to heaven yet, you have got your face turned the wrong way; but if you have received something which neither flesh nor blood could reveal to you, if you have been led to do the very thing which you once hated, and to love that thing which you once despised, and to despise that on which your heart and your pride were once set, then, soul, if this be the Spirit's work, rejoice; for where he hath begun the good work, he will carry it on. And you may know whether it is the Spirit's work by this. Have you been led to Christ, and away from self? Have you been led away from all feelings, from all doings, from all willings, from all prayings, as the ground of your trust and your hope, and have you been brought nakedly to rely upon the finished work of Christ? If so, this is more than human nature ever taught any man; this is a height to which human nature never climbed. The Spirit of God has done that, and he will never leave what he has once begun, but thou shalt go from strength to strength, and thou shalt stand among the blood-washed throng, at last complete in Christ, and accepted in the beloved.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

January 14th
<i>Morning</i> Caitlyn Jones, Sylvie Jones, and Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Katherine Ranck and Wendy Winn
<i>Wednesday - January 17th</i> Laurie Price and Ashley Lirette

Today's Sound Operator - Jesse Pogue



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES' BOOK STUDY

The Ladies' Book Study will meet this Thursday, January 18th at 11 am. Bring a sack lunch for fellowship following the study.

COUPLES HONEY-DO SHOWER

The church will host a couples shower for John Ingram and Whitney Samsel, this Friday, January 19th from 6-7:30 pm. All are invited to attend. Please RSVP with Bethany Wallace or sign up on GroupMe. Childcare is not provided. The couple is registered at Amazon, Crate + Barrel, Persnickety, and Sassafra. You can visit www.Ingramsforever.minted.us for links to view the registries at these sites.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Men's Book Study will meet this Saturday, January 20th. Breakfast will be served at 7 am with the study follow.

CHURCH WORK DAY

In preparation for the DSFC, there will be a church work this Saturday, January 20th, immediately following Men's Book Study. The list of items to be accomplished will be sent out in preparation.

DSFC

We will once again host the conference being held January 25th-27th. We will focus our attention on The Law of God, Chapter 19 of The 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith. Dr. James Renihan and Dr. Richard Barcellos will be our two main preachers. Dr. Renihan serves as President and Professor of Historical Theology at International Reformed Baptist Seminary (IRBS). Also, two of our board members, Pastor Kurt Smith and Pastor Rusty Grant, will preach. Kurt Smith the pastor-teacher of Providence Reformed Baptist Church in Remlap, Alabama. Rusty Grant is pastor in West Monroe at Grace Covenant Baptist Church. If you are interested in attending, register at <https://deepsouthfoundersconference.regfox.com/dsfc-2024>.

