



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship .....	Chris Kimbrell
Baptist Hymnal No. 8 .....	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise .....	Seth Lirette
Baptist Hymnal No. 342 .....	"Rock of Ages"
Baptist Hymnal No. 208 .....	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Luke 2:21-40</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
Baptist Hymnal No. 450 .....	"I Need Thee Every Hour"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "Train Up a Child" ( <i>Proverbs 22:6</i> ) .....	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 290 .....	"I am Thine, O Lord"
The Benediction .....	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
Trinity Hymnal No. 487 .....	"Faith of Our Fathers"
Trinity Hymnal No. 705 .....	"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "The Final Word" ( <i>Ezekiel 11:1-3</i> ) .....	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 574 .....	"Have Thine Own Way Lord"
The Benediction .....	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



# COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Being a parent is one of the most difficult and thrilling experiences that any human being ever has the privilege of going through. Exercising discipline over our children many times requires the wisdom of Solomon. I know this sounds like terrible theology, but sometimes I think raising children is 10 percent skill and 90 percent luck. It's very difficult to discern how much pressure we can apply before we are provoking our children and making matters worse. I've dealt with young people whose parents are so pushy and demanding that their very harshness is the thing driving them away from the church. The general answer to your question is that when you have children, you have a responsibility under God to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In my church we baptize infants, and when we do, as a congregation we make a promise before God to raise these children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Even if you don't practice infant baptism, that responsibility is still there. The Bible tells us that we ought never to neglect the assembling together of the saints, which is corporate worship on Sunday morning. I take that to mean that it is my obligation as a Christian, as a member of the covenant community, to be in worship on Sunday morning with my household. So it is my responsibility to see to it that my children are in church. It is also my responsibility to be sensitive and gentle and not tyrannical, so I have to somehow find that fine line of being firm but loving, gentle, and kind in that firmness. Again, I am accountable to God for their being there for the nurture and instruction of the things of God on Sunday morning. So my answer to the first part of your question is yes. I don't like the word "force" because to some people that means baseball bats and child abuse. That's not what I'm talking about. I am talking about parental leadership whereby the authority resides in the parents and you see to it that the authority is carried out. You asked to what age: I would say as long as the children are under your roof and under your authority as part of your family unit. I would encourage you to make it a special point of concern to do everything in your power to get your kids to church and to make it an attractive time for them rather than a bad experience.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Four families will stand before the church today and make a commitment to raise their child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Those participating in the service include Kira Brooke Leach, daughter of Terry and Allyson, Anushka Joanna Thandiwe Thakkar, daughter of Prashant and Dumi, Stephen Christopher Wakefield, son of Richard and Lana, and Josie Mac Wallace, daughter of Cody and Bethany Wallace.

Bible Buddies and Bible Drill will be this afternoon at 4:45 pm and 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir *only* will meet at 5:30pm.



Our Christmas Mailbox is open again this year! There will be a basket in the hallway behind the sanctuary, across from the choir room, where you can put your Christmas cards for church members. In lieu of the postage you would've spent on mailing, you are encouraged to donate to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please place on the memo of your check or designate on your Venmo payment *Lottie Moon*.



Please remember to sign up for our fellowship meal next Sunday.

There will be *no prayer meeting* on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Deep South  
2021 Founders  
CONFERENCE

The church will be hosting the Deep South Founders Conference January 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. If you are able to help with hosting, please see Bro. Thomas. If you would like to register for the conference visit <https://deepsouthfounders.com/registration/>.

