



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 26th, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Seth Lirette

Hymn "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Hymn "And Can It Be"

The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 56:1-13* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "The Sands of Time are Sinking"

The Sermon — *"Do Not Worry, Pt. III" (Matthew 6:25-34)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Hymn "More About Jesus"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"God's Coming Judgment" (Exodus 11)* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

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Anxiety and worry are distress responses to the circumstances of life in this fallen world. In many cases, anxiety and worry are simply the result of sinful fear driven by unbelief and a desire to control the outcomes of life. However, Scripture does distinguish between sinfully acting on anxiety and taking the burdens of our souls to God in prayers. There is also a right concern for what concerns God and a proper sense of the burdens of life. In addressing anxiety, Jesus and the Apostles give believers numerous theological rationales and practical truths to help them overcome sinful fear. Our knowledge of God and belief in His promises constitute either the cause or cure of our sinful anxiety. Doubting God's love, wisdom, and protection results in our attempts to take the matters of life into our own hands. Joy, thanksgiving, and trust in God, on the basis of His love demonstrated in the saving work of Christ, are the ultimate remedy to our sinful fear and anxieties. Explanation: Adam brought all sin and misery into this world when he disobeyed God by eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. His disobedience was an act of distrust. All who descend from Adam by ordinary generation are subject to all the miseries of life in this fallen world. No one is guaranteed safety and security from hardships, trials, and disappointments. Rather, fallen humanity is susceptible to all the natural and moral calamities of life—even to death itself and eternal punishment after this life. One of the miseries of this life in this fallen world is having to face painful or unwanted circumstances. By nature,

we are inclined to respond to the unexpected and uncertain by living in sinful fear and anxiety—worrying about what might happen. Anxiety and worry are the result of fear—the fear of man, the fear of loss, or the fear of the future. Anxiety and worry most commonly occur when we allow our minds to fixate on all possible disastrous outcomes. At the root of fear is self-love and pride. Self-love leads us to pursue self-protection and security. Self-protection results in fear and anxiety when we conclude that we lack more than we want or when we consider all the possible outcomes of the uncertain circumstances of life. The trials of life have a tendency to reveal unbelief and anxiety in our hearts. The fears and anxieties of life are heightened by constant exposure to and analysis of natural disasters, war, and calamities in a media-driven culture. Believers must guard their minds and hearts from the external means by which the unbelieving world stokes fear and anxiety. When we are anxious about the circumstances of life, we tend to try to control the various aspects of life. Our anxiety may tempt us to overwork, act unjustly in financial matters, manipulate relationships, embellish our accomplishments, or be overly preoccupied with our diet, exercise, education, or saving. Sometimes, believers even dismiss sinful anxiety under the notion of carefulness or good stewardship. Jesus summarized the problem of anxiety when He taught His disciples not to worry, in Matthew 6:25–33.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

March 26th
<i>Morning</i> Ashley Lirette & Cortney McDonald
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bethany Wallace & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - March 29th</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Dacia Long

Today's Sound Operator - Cody Wallace



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE DRILL

Children and Youth Bible Drill will meet this afternoon at 5:15 pm. *There will be no children's choir this afternoon.* Next Sunday, April 2nd, we will have our Church Bible Drill following the fellowship meal. Please pray for our children as they prepare for this time and support them with your presence. After completion of this drill, they will participate in Associational Drill on April 13th, and State Drill on April 27th.

VBS MEETING

There will be an informational meeting at 5:15 pm this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall, for all of those interested in volunteering for VBS this year.

EASTER SUNDAY

Our schedule will change slightly for Easter Sunday morning. There will be a continental breakfast at 9:30 am in the place of Sunday School. Please have your food in the kitchen by 9:15 am. There is a sign-up list for items to bring. The schedule will be normal for the rest of the day. Morning worship will begin at 10:30 am and evening worship will be at 6 pm.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Next Sunday, April 2nd, we will begin reaching out to the Castlewoods neighborhood as this has been our goal since we moved here, just over 3 years ago. The first Sunday of each month is our designated time to go door to door in pairs to speak with residents. We want to give them information about our church and invite them to visit if they do not have a church home. We will spend approximately one hour doing this once a month. Please make plans to join us. A nursery will be a provided.

