



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 13th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 53	"Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 118	"O Savior Precious Savior"
Trinity Hymnal No. 501	"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 145:1-21</i>	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 415	"God be Merciful to Me"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"The Parables of the Lost" (Luke 15:1-32)</i>	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 664	"Jesus is All the World to Me"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 253	"Doxology"
Baptist Hymnal No. 400	"Rise Up O Men of God"
The Sermon — <i>"The Sword of Yahweh" (Ezekiel 20:45-21:32)</i>	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 295	"Near to the Heart of God"
The Benediction	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Generally speaking, a dog owner will search high and low for his pet if he finds that his animal is missing. He might walk through his neighborhood yelling out the name of his dog in hopes that it will come running. The local animal control center may receive several visits a day from this owner, hoping to find that the dog has been picked up and brought there. Normally, he will also plaster the telephone poles on the local streets with flyers promising a reward for the animal's return. He may even go door-to-door, asking his neighbors if they have seen his pet. While dogs are a good gift from the Lord, it is indeed sad that too many followers of Christ are more concerned to find lost pets than they are to find lost people. We easily grow complacent about our participation in the mission Jesus has given to us (Matt. 28:18–20). The task of world evangelization is so large that we often ignore it. Without necessarily bearing a malicious intent, most of us probably overlook the desperate needs found even in our own communities. Church buildings are often treated as doctor's offices. Just as a physician waits at his practice for patients to come for treatment, so too do we act as if sinners will of their own accord visit the church in order to find salvation. The task of seeking, however, belongs to the Christian community. As indicated in the three parables found in today's passage, God's

passion is to seek out the lost. If they died tonight, the unrepentant sinners around us would go to hell, and our concern for these unbelievers is to be so great that we search them out, share the Gospel, and then rejoice when someone trusts Jesus (Luke 15:1–10). Lest there be any doubt about the Creator's desire to find and be reconciled to lost sinners, the parable of the prodigal son tells us that the Father Himself rejoices when errant men and women return to Him (vv. 11–32). We who have been found by Christ must never forget our desperation, lostness, purposelessness, and hopelessness before the Savior found us (Eph. 2:11–12). May we go out of our way to find and befriend non-Christians so that we might be used of Jesus to lead them into His kingdom.

Coram Deo: How much do you know about the spiritual needs of your city? Where is the closest neighborhood to yours that has been given over to drug lords and other criminals because the hope of Christ is so absent? Where are those affluent areas in which people attempt to find purpose in their possessions because they do not know the One who makes life meaningful? Work with your pastor and elders to find unbelievers and then go and do what you can to bring the Gospel to them.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

June 13th
<i>Morning</i> Kelly Jackson & Cortney McDonald
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bunny Finch & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - June 16th</i> Lawanda Winn

Today's Sound Operator - Mike Poirier



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Preschool Choir and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon at 5:20 pm.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

June 10th & 24th at 11:00. Ms Bunny will be leading a summer study through the book God's Battle Plan for the Mind, discussing 2 chapters each meeting. The ladies will also be memorizing scripture and learning more on how to meditate upon the Scripture being memorized. No nursery provided, but children are welcome to come with their mother. Bring a sack lunch and plan to stay for fellowship immediately following the study.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday school begins today at 9:30 am in the front office. Chris Kimbrell will be leading the class for 7th grade - college and teaching on "forming a Biblical Worldview".



Oatmeal, sugar, and flour

