



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 23rd, 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 Jason Price

Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn "We Will Glorify"

The Reading of the Word — *I Kings 3:16-28* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "Before the Throne of God Above"

The Sermon — *"The Wise Man & Foolish Man, Pt. II" (Matthew 7:24-27)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "Jesus, I Come"

The Benediction Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Worthy, You are Worthy"

Hymn "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"The Covenant is Broken" (Exodus 32)* Seth Lirette

Hymn "Who is on the Lord's Side"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

The main difference between the two houses lay out of sight, underground. It was all a matter of foundation. How many there are who suppose that if a thing is out of sight it may as well be out of mind! Who do you think is likely to dig down and see what the foundations are? That is how the foolish builder comforted himself, and he doubtless sneered at the wise builder as a poor miserable creature, who was righteous overmuch. Outward appearance is everything with men, but nothing with God. The essential difference between the true child of God and the mere professor is not readily to be discovered; but the Lord sees it. It is a secret mysterious something which the Lord prizes, “for he knoweth them that are his.” He separates between the precious and the vile. What is this important matter? Beloved hearer, if thou wouldst be built on a rock, see to it that thou hast a true sense of sin. I do believe that wherever there is true faith in Jesus there goes with it a deep abhorrence of sin. Faith without contrition is a dead and worthless faith. When I meet with professors who talk lightly of sin, I feel sure that they have built without a foundation. If they had ever felt the Spirit’s wounding and killing sword of conviction, they would flee from sin as from a lion or a bear. Truly forgiven sinners dread the appearance of evil as burnt children dread the fire. Superficial repentance always leads to careless living. Faith that was never bedewed with repentance never brings forth the flowers of holiness. Pray earnestly for a broken heart. Remember it is the contrite spirit which God is pleased with. Do not believe that you can have ground for rejoicing if you never saw reason for lamenting. Next to this seek for real faith. Many things which men call faith are not the precious faith of God’s elect. Sincere trust in Jesus Christ is counterfeited in a thousand ways, and often imitated so accurately that only by rigid self-examination shall you discover the cheat. Ye must lie flat upon Christ, depend entirely upon him, all your hope and all your trust must be in him. If you believe with the heart, and not nominally, you are safe, but not

otherwise. You must have true repentance and real faith, or ye are foolish builders. Seek an inwrought experience of divine truth. I tremble for our churches now that false doctrine is rife, because I fear that many are not established in the truth. The thieves and robbers will come, but as Christ’s sheep you will not hear them. It is one thing to have a creed; it is quite another thing to have the truth graven upon the tables of the heart. Many fail here because truth was never experimentally made their own. Pray that your faith may ‘produce personal holiness. Do not believe yourself to be saved from sin while you are living in sin. If you can find pleasure in the lusts of the flesh, you are no child of God. If you are given to drunkenness, (many professors are so, only they drink at home and are not seen in the streets) how dwelleth the grace of God in you? If you delight in idle songs, and frequenting of places of vain amusement, you need not be long in weighing yourself, you are found wanting already. If you were renewed in the spirit of your mind, you would no more love these things than an angel would. There must be a new-born nature implanted, and where there is not this exemplified in holiness of life, you may build ever so high and prate ever so loudly about your building, it is a poor miserable shanty after all, and will fall in the last hurricane. Want of depth, want of sincerity, want of reality in religion— this is the want of our times. Want of an eye to God in religion, lack of sincere dealing with one’s own soul, neglect of using the lancet with our hearts, neglect of the search warrant which God gives out against sin, carelessness concerning living upon Christ; much reading about him, much talking about him, but too little feeding upon his flesh, and drinking of his blood — these are the causes of tottering professions and baseless hopes. Thus have I tried to open up the parable: and I have not designed to discourage any sincere soul, my aim has been to say to you, “Make your calling and election sure. Build on Christ’s love, sincerity, desire, the work of the Holy Spirit, and be not deceived.”



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

July 23rd
<i>Morning</i> Terri Pogue & Jerah Pogue
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Elise de Waal & Dumi Thakkar
<i>Wednesday - July 26th</i> Ashley Lirette & Dacia Long

Today's Sound Operator - Cody Wallace



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CAMP FUNDRAISERS

If you purchased a BBQ pulled pork plate for pickup today, they will be available in the kitchen immediately following the morning service.

WATERMELON SOCIAL

Join us for our annual watermelon cut on July 30th immediately following our evening worship service on the back patio.

GBC CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

Children's Choir Camp will be held at the church on August 4th beginning at 10 am for children entering 1st through 8th grade. Lunch will be provided. Please see Kathy Irving for more information.

