

## Order of Worship

Song:# 791 On Bended Knee

Announcements

Song: #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song: #332 Lead Me to Calvary

The Lord's Supper

Song: #626 Christ for the World We Sing

Offering

Offering Song: #624 Seeking the Lost

Song: #628 Will You Not Tell It Today

Scripture Reading  
John 4

Sermon

“Part 2: Jesus: The Politically Incorrect Evangelist”

Song: #909 There's a Fountain Free

Prayer Requests

Song: #639 Rescue the Perishing

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

## “Find Your Purpose”



### Elders

Robert Beasley  
Jim Bishop  
Jerry Fields  
Anthony Ricks

### Minister

Archie R. Green

### Secretary

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### For The Record

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|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Sunday Morning Worship   | N/A | Sunday Morning Bible Study | N/A |
| Sunday Afternoon Service | 36  | Wed. Morning Bible Study   | 22  |
| Wed. Evening Bible Study | 65  | Contribution Average 2024  | N/A |

### Schedule Of Services

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.   | Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.      |
| Sunday Afternoon Service—1:30 p.m. | Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.   |
| Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.         | Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m. |

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For in this the saying is true:  
‘One sows and another reaps.’

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John 4:37

## We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

## “Sowing the Seeds or Landscaping”

Jesus taught the parable of the sower and soils in Luke 8:5-15. He also explains the meaning. Jesus talked about a sower who sowed seed. The seed is the word of God. The sower was just to spread that seed. Some seed fell on fertile ground, and it grew and produced fruit. Much seed fell on soil that did not produce the desired result. Some soil was wayside and was too hard for the seed to penetrate, like those with hard hearts who will not receive the word. Some soil had rocks and had no room for a root system to develop, like people who hear but immediately fall away because their faith does not have depth to endure temptation. Some soil had thorns that choked out the plant, like those whose faith is stolen away by worldly cares. In all this that the sower is still just to keep sowing.

When we teach others, we all hope that the word of God will fall on honest and good hearts. We hope those we try to lead to Christ will hear, believe, obey, and be faithful forever. It may be sometimes though, that we decide to landscape, instead of sowing the seed. What is the difference?

Sowing the seed is just simply teaching any and all who will listen.

Landscaping is designing things to look exactly as WE think they should. We think, “this person would be a great friend to have in the church, I’ll teach them.” It may be that we see a person who would not have to make much of a change to be a Christian. There is nothing wrong with wanting to look for good prospects. We must be careful that we do not bypass honest seekers, while we pursue those we have judged to be worthy of hearing the gospel message.

We may pre-judge people as to who will obey and who will not. We have no way to know who will receive the word or what kind of heart they have. “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?” (1 Corinthians 2:11). We must be committed to just sowing the seed and it will fall on many hearts, some good; and some wayside, stony, and thorny.

We may try to find someone to teach who looks like us, is in the same economic class as we are, lives in a nice neighborhood, is of the same race/culture that we are, drives a nice car, is easy to talk to, and already lives a moral life. We may bypass those who are troubled, poor, dirty, of a minority, religiously confused, and morally corrupt. Our thinking is that one will obey, while another will not.

Take time to consider those Jesus taught. They were often troubled. Some were mired in sin. Some were poor and some were rich. Who would have chosen fishermen to become fishers of men? Which one of us would have picked Saul, one who was a violent persecutor, and made havoc of the church. The gospel can transform people in ways that we cannot imagine!

- Paul Adams

## Church Family News

**Congregational Meeting**—Today, following the worship service, there will be a congregational meeting to discuss the need for additional elders and the HTH Evangelism program.

**Food Pantry Needs**—The church food pantry currently needs canned meats, stews, chili, soups, and canned pasta. Please see Jo Ann Little for more information.

**Craft Day**—Crafters are invited to bring a craft project, supplies, and a bag lunch and meet on Monday, August 26th at noon in the fellowship room at the church building for fellowship and fun! See Pat Little for more information.

**Cambridge Assisted Living Outreach**—Please meet at the Cambridge Assisted Living facility at 2 pm on Saturday, September 7th, to minister to the spiritual needs of the residents. See Chris Gary for more information.

**Annual Church Picnic**—Mark your calendars for the annual church picnic at Waller Mill Park following Bible classes on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. This picnic will replace our regularly scheduled family potluck for September. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet is posted on the fellowship room bulletin board. Please see David or Tina Banks for more information.

**Friendly Reminder**—For safety purposes, the exterior doors to the building are locked during services. If you leave the building after communion, please let someone know so you can gain re-entry. Also, please encourage your child not to leave the building unattended during Bible classes. Contact the safety committee for more information.

### Happy Birthday

Jennifer Christol 8/3, Betsy Davis 8/4, Juanita Bailey 8/5, Asia White 8/5, Matthew Garcia 8/7, Emily Johnson 8/9, Nyshawn Johnson 8/11, Debbie Garrett 8/15, Doug Smith 8/15, Kristy Hundley 8/18, David Banks 8/19, Cheryl Brown 8/25, Alan Hicks 8/27, Regina Boisseau 8/30, Brooklynn Gary 8/30

### Wedding Anniversaries

Scott & Martha Turner 8/4, Chris & Jennifer Abbott 8/5, David & Tina Banks 8/19, Alan & Michelle Hicks 8/19, James & Connie Broady 8/21, Jim & Stacia Landrom 8/26, Mike & Regina Boisseau 8/30

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**Connie Broady** - health  
**Doug Smith** - York Rehab, Rm C17  
**Betsy Davis** - health  
**Brian Waterhouse** - health  
**Levi Abbott** - health  
**Jerry & Camelia Munn** - health  
**Anthony Ricks** - undergoing treatment  
**Ken Moran** - health

### Long Term Concerns:

**The Boisseau Family** - health  
**M.C. & Juanita Bailey** - health  
**Lena Stone** - health  
**Margaret Rose** - health  
**Cheryl Brown** - health  
**Abbott Family**

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**  
**Adassa Duncan**

### Family & Friends:

**Jeff Holmes’ Aunt** - health  
**Catalina Laverda’s** friends, **Joseph & Kathy Sierodzinsky** - health  
**The Landrom’s** relatives, **Terra Landrom–Guyton** - medical procedure & **Diana Jones** - terminal illness  
**Eddie Logan** - difficult situation  
**The Landrom’s** friend, **Sharon Mackert** and neighbor, **Mr. Hall** - health  
**Peggy Boarman’s** son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - current situation  
**Rene Kassing’s** grandson, **Justin** – cancer  
**Our Missionaries** - **Eric & Rachel** in South Asia and **Greg Cloldfelter** in Kenya.