

Order of Worship

Song: # 704 Bind Us Together

Announcements

Song: #144 O Worship the King

Song: #315 When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross

The Lord's Supper

Song: #587 Sing and Be Happy

Offering

Offering Song: #742 When Upon
Life's Billows

Song: #286 Wonderful Story of
Love

Scripture Reading
Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

“Quantity, not Quality”

Song: #926 What Will You Do with
Jesus?

Prayer Requests

Song: #860 There Is A Habitation

Closing Prayer

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

“Are you visiting for the first time today?”

Welcome guest! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this morning. Please help us to get to know you better by filling out the green guest card on the back of the seat in front of you and dropping it in the collection basket. Or, for your convenience, you may scan the QR code and complete the guest card digitally. Thank you for taking the time to attend our service today. We hope to see you again soon!



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For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	104	Sunday Morning Bible Study	78
Sunday Afternoon Service	43	Wed. Morning Bible Study	19
Wed. Evening Bible Study	54	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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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!

“An Invitation for All”

One of my favorite parables that Jesus teaches is in Matthew 22:1-14, typically titled the parable of the Wedding Banquet. I encourage you to read this quick passage when you can in order to help follow along.

We are told of a King who prepares a wedding feast for his son. Dinner is ready, the absolute best food has been prepared to celebrate this occasion. If you have kids, you get it. But this excitement soon died down when no one paid attention to the invitation. Even some of the messengers were beaten and killed for simply delivering these wedding invitations. This enraged the King to the point that these murderers were destroyed and even had their city burned to ashes for such a response. So, what now? The King is not going to let this prepared feast go to waste, is he? Not at all! His servants went out and invited anyone and everyone they could find! The original guest list was done and gone. The new guest list was open to everyone.

In Christ's parable, the King is God, and the Son is Jesus. Those “first invites” represent the nation of Israel who are rejecting the Son and the invitation to feast with the Father. Even going as far as killing Gods prophets (Messengers) in the process. God, being fed up with Israel, now opens the invitation to the feast to the Gentiles, to anyone who could be found. These new guests came to the feast and filled the hall.

Lastly, we see the Kings interaction with a wedding guest who was not wearing the proper clothes. “I I “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

This new guest accepted the invitation and came to the Kings banquet. But why was he rejected and thrown out? In biblical times, wedding feasts were regarded as a big deal and an occasion to wear your best clothes. You changed into something better. Our guest who was kicked out thought he could accept the invitation without changing. He thought he could enjoy the feast without first discarding his old self and robes. The clothes represent change. That's what is needed to partake in the feast in Gods Kingdom. Change of heart, change of mind, and change of soul, stripping that old man and replacing it with the new.

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet is an invitation for all. Just like the king in the story, God desires a relationship with you. "For many are invited, but few are chosen" (v14). Will you accept the invitation, but more importantly change the person you are to wear these new garments that God requires? Are you willing to change, in order to enter the feast?

- Jared Boser

Church Family News

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.

Special Events on Sunday, September 8th—There will be several special events on Sunday, September 8th. Our missionary family from South Asia, the Giboneys, will be visiting with us. Johnny Galloway will be our guest speaker for the Sunday Worship service, and Eric Giboney will be the speaker for the Adult Bible Class and 1:30 pm service. In addition, we will have a family potluck. Please plan to bring your favorite dish to share and join us in fellowship.

Craft Day—Crafters are invited to bring a craft project, supplies, and a bag lunch and meet on Monday, September 9th at noon in the fellowship room at the church building for fellowship and fun! See Pat Little for more information.

Men's Bible Study—There will be a Men's Bible Study on September 20th at 6 pm.

Ladies' Bible Study—A Ladies' Bible Study, led by Michelle Hicks, will be held on Saturday, September 21st at 10 am. The topic will be The Harlots: Rehab vs Delilah. Please see Michelle Hicks for additional information.

Men's Leadership Training—All men are encouraged to attend a morning of training and development on Saturday, September 21st, from 9 to noon. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

Annual Church Picnic—Mark your calendars for the annual church picnic at Waller Mill Park following Bible classes on Sunday, September 29th. 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.

Happy Birthday

Michael Rojas-Johnson 9/4, Tom Little 9/5, Mary Balthaser 9/8, Sherrie Fetterman 9/8, India Johnson 9/9, Miley Walker 9/11, Eula Beasley 9/16, Jerry Munn 9/17, Madison Gary 9/19, Betty Benson 9/19, Jim Bishop 9/19, Michael Boisseau 9/27, Penny Bucknam 9/28, Cathy Bishop 9/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Jerry & Mary Ann Fields 9/6 & Frank & Sabrina Logan 9/30

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Sharon Moss - health
Penny Bucknam – recovering from surgery
Connie Broady - health
Doug Smith - recovering at his son's home in Richmond
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:

Stacia Landrom's friend, Brandy – health
Catalina Laverde'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