

# Announcements!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: The Discipline of Personal Bible Study". We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on April 25, so be sure and attend to help!

## #249: Blessed Assurance (Blue Hymnal)

### Verse One

Blessed assurance, Jesus Is mine; Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation - purchased of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. (Chorus)

### Verse Two

Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)

### Verse Three

Perfect submission - all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Chorus)

### Chorus

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;  
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## Funnies: Sunday School...

I was testing the children in my Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. I asked them, 'If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, Would that get me into Heaven?'

'NO!' the children answered.

'If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?'

Again, the answer was, 'NO!'

By now I was starting to smile. Hey, this was fun! 'Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?' asked them again.

Again, they all answered, 'NO!'

I was just bursting with pride for them. 'Well,' I continued, 'then how can I get into Heaven?'

A five-year-old boy shouted out, 'YOU GOTTA BE DEAD.'

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Welcome to the

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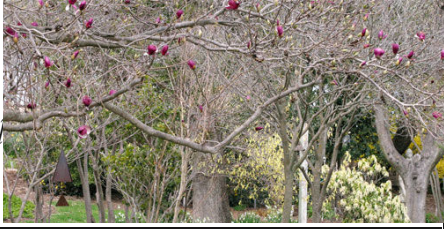
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## Mission Statement

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

# Order of Services

Sunday School — 9:00 a.m.



The One Who Comes:

“And they that went before, and they that followed cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” — Mark 11:9, KJV

## Morning Worship Services — 10:30 a.m.

Devotion ..... Deacons & Congregation  
Morning Hymn: “Blessed Assurance” ..... Choir & Congregation  
Responsive Reading ..... Pastor & Congregation  
Selection ..... Choir & Congregation

Announcements & Recognition of Visitors

Tithes and Offerings ..... Deacons  
(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)  
Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Pastor  
Selections ..... Choir & Congregation  
Sermon

Invitation to Christ



## Benediction

### Sermon Notes

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Words of Wisdom:



## The Burning Hut

The only survivor of a shipwreck washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stung with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

"We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Paul wrote, "...I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Philippians 4:12). Paul had confidence that good would come out of everything (Romans 8:28), so he learned to be thankful, not bitter, even when he was suffering. Who knows? Remember next time your little hut is burning to the ground - - it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

### Responsive Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

- 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
- 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love
- 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—
- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.
- 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,
- 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,
- 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.
- 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,
- 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.
- 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,
- 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.