

Loving God, Loving Others and

Leading People to Christ

**A Lord’s Day Worship Gathering**

**April 29, 2018**

**Preparing for Worship**

The Lord’s Day is the first and best day of the week for the people of God. We gather together as the church to corporately worship Jesus Christ and be nourished by His Word.

It is our desire to promote a deep love for Jesus Christ in all things, among all people, for their joy and His glory. We encourage you to take time before the service to prayerfully prepare your heart and mind to worship the Lord and celebrate His presence.

**Call to Worship** Psalm 95:1-3

***God is the first word and because of this we believe true worship happens when God initiates it, by calling sinners through repentance to come and worship Him. Therefore, we begin worship with His Word--His invitation to us to worship in His Name.***

*O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.*

**Invocational Prayer of Adoration**

***This is a prayer asking God to be with us as we worship.***

**all creatures of our god and king** ASSISI/DRAPER/APPLEGATE

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along

O praise Him, alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him, alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, three in one

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

All creatures of our God and King

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**I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE** GABRIEL/APPLEGATE

I stand amazed in the presence

Of Jesus the Nazarene

And wonder how He could love me,

A sinner condemned unclean.

He took my sins and my sorrows,

He made them His very own;

He bore the burden at Calv’ry

And suffered and died alone.

*How marvelous! How wonderful!*

*And my song shall ever be;*

*How marvelous! How wonderful!*

*Is my Savior’s love for me!*

When with the ransomed in glory

His face I at last shall see,

‘Twill be my joy thro’ the ages

To sing of His love for me

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**Prayer of Intercession** Matthew 22:34-40

*But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him* a question*, testing Him.“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”*

**Let us Love and Sing and Wonder** NEWTON/TAYLOR

Let us love and sing and wonder

Let us praise the Savior’s name

He has hushed the law’s loud thunder

He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame

He has washed us with His blood

He has washed us with His blood

He has washed us with His blood

He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us

Pitied us when enemies

Called us by His grace and taught us

Gave us ears and gave us eyes

He has washed us with His blood

He has washed us with His blood

He has washed us with His blood

He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation

Threatens hard to bear us down

For the Lord our strong salvation

Holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown

He who washed us with His blood

He who washed us with His blood

He who washed us with His blood

Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice

Join and point to mercy’s store

When through grace in Christ our trust is

Justice smiles and asks no more

He who washed us with His blood

He who washed us with His blood

He who washed us with His blood

Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus

Of the saints enthroned on high

Here they trusted Him before us

Now their praises fill the sky

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood

Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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**O CHURCH ARISE (ARISE SHINE)**  GETTY/TOWNEND/TOMLIN

O church, arise and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—

An inheritance of nations.

*Arise, shine! For your Light has come*

*Arise, shine! For the risen Son*

*Lift your eyes! We are His radiant bride*

*Arise! O church, arise!*

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day

Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory

*Arise, shine! For your Light has come*

*Arise, shine! For the risen Son*

*Lift your eyes! We are His radiant bride*

*Arise! O church, arise!*

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**C’EST SI BON**  MAGGIE BLANCHARD

C'est si bon de louer Son nom  
De chanter des louanges  
Gloire à Son saint nom  
De proclamer Sa fidélité  
Chaque jour, infiniment

La, la, la, la, la, la

La, la, la

**Passing the Peace & Announcements**

**Morning Message**

***The Lord teaches us through the reading and preaching of His Word.***

**A Journey of Faith: Lessons from the**

**Life of Abraham**

Sermon 2: “Pitching Tents and Building Altars”

Genesis 12:1-9

Pastor Rick Crews

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

***The Lord invites us to His table to receive strength and joy in Christ.***

**Introduction to the Lord’s Table**

The Lord Jesus instituted this covenant meal to be observed in His churches until He returns. We gather around the table each Lord’s Day to remember the life, death and resurrection of Christ in place of sinners, to express our unity, and anticipate His return. All baptized believers, both covenant members and guests, are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup in obedience to Jesus’ command. We ask that the head of each household would govern and guard the celebration of the Lord’s table by their family, especially in the instruction and participation of children.

**Closing Hymn**

**OH HOW GOOD IT IS** GETTY/GETTY/TOWNEND/HOLMES

Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

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**Benediction** Psalm 90:14

*May the Lord satisfy us in the morning with His lovingkindness, so that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Amen.*

**SERMON NOTES**

“Pitching Tents and Building Altars”

Genesis 12:1-9

Pastor Rick Crews

**Directions of God Proclaimed (verse 1)**

**Discovery of God's Promises (verses 2-3)**

**Devotion to God Portrayed (verses 4-9)**

**OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Monthly Benevolence Offering** will be collected today. This is a great opportunity to provide for the needs of those in our congregation and community. Please use the green envelopes located under the seats.

**Fellowship Meal** – On Sunday, May 6th, we will enjoy a church-wide Fellowship Meal together. The theme is Mexican food. Please sign up at the Welcome Center counter so we can know what food dishes are being prepared. Drinks will be provided.

**Vacation Bible School** – This year, Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on June 18-22 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. The theme is Time Lab. The kids will discover Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future.

**Vacation Bible School Supplies** – In an effort to keep expenses at a low for VBS, we have in the past, provided a supply list to the congregation for items necessary to run Vacation Bible School. GRBC has been so generous in donating needed supplies. **At this time, we are in need of clean soup cans (the 10 ¾ oz size) and empty plastic Lays Stax chip containers. Please leave those donations in the kitchen marked for VBS or you can give them to Sabrina Nemier.**

**Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering** will meet @ 6:00pm in the Cornerstone Room.

**Ladies Study** – The *Spiritual Mothering* study on Wednesday nights has ended.

**Gideon Mother's Day Bibles** – Remember a mother on Mother’s Day by donating a gift of Bibles to The Gideons International. Envelopes with instructions will be in the bulletin this week and next week if you would like to participate. The names of all the mothers honored will appear in the bulletin on Mother’s Day. Please see Rob Beasley with any questions.

**Panama Mission Trip** – The next mission trip to Panama is scheduled for August 17-24th. Now that the team is set, please be in prayer for them: Mark Hall, Rusty Grafton, Maureen Kimbrough, Sharon Brody, Pastor Rick, Bekah Crews, Joshua Crews, Caleb Crews, and Rachel Crews. A group from Millville Baptist Church in KY will also be joining our team. They are: Butch Turley, Pastor Jeff Douglas, Elijah Douglas, Rebecca Sams and Rachel Williams.

**Local Mission Opportunity** - On Saturday, May 5th, the Student Ministry will put discipleship into action in our local community by partnering with Twin Canal on a new community garden project. All interested in participating in this mission opportunity, gardening, or supporting the students are invited to join. Meet at the church @ 12:45pm on May 5th. Please see Mark Hall, Deb Anderson, Robin Cook or Shante Newsome to sign up.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday Evenings**

6:00pm Prayer Gathering

7:00pm Music Rehearsal

**May 5** Student Ministry Service Project

**May 6** Church-Wide Fellowship Meal

**May 6** Men’s Connection (6:00pm)

**May 20** Ladies’ Connection (5:00pm)

**June 3** Men’s Connection (6:00pm)

**June 9** Student Ministry Connection

**June 18-22** Vacation Bible School (6:00pm – 8:30pm)

**July 12-15** Student Ministry Retreat

**\*\*Deacon of the Month is Maureen Kimbrough\*\***

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

**April 29 Nursery** Elaine Smith & Amanda Harper

**2-3 Year Olds** Jeania Doddy & Lynette Harper

**4-8 Year Olds** NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**May 6 Nursery** Carolyn Williams & Benita Padua

**2-3 Year Olds** Tiffany Rogers & AJ Harper

**4-8 Year Olds** Dave Veldkamp & Shante Newsome

**Community Groups**

Below is a list of the Community Groups to help you get connected at GRBC:

**Ken and Nancy Butler**

Meets at their home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month @7:00pm. For more information, email Ken at [kennethbutler@cox.net](mailto:kennethbutler@cox.net).

**Mark Hall**

This group is for young adults. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 12:00pm-2:00pm. For more information and meeting locations, email Mark at [mark@greenrunbaptist.com](mailto:mark@greenrunbaptist.com).

**Amos & Keke McCleese**

Meets at their home every other Saturday @ 5:00pm. For more information email Amos at [amosmccleese8@gmail.com](mailto:amosmccleese8@gmail.com)

**Fred and Mary Preston**

Meets at their home on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month following the morning service. For more information, email Fred at [fredpreston1120@gmail.com](mailto:fredpreston1120@gmail.com).

**Steve and Kelly Watkins**

Meets at their home every other Monday @ 6:30pm. For more information, email Steve at [stephen.watkins@cox.net](mailto:stephen.watkins@cox.net).

**Daniel and Teva Beasley**

Meets at their home every other Saturday @5:00pm. For more information please contact them at [tevabeasley@gmail.com](mailto:tevabeasley@gmail.com).

**Bible Fellowships**

The classes are as follows:

**(9:00am Classes)**

**Nursery**

Jeania Doddy & Lynette Harper

**Ages 2-3**

Roberta Hall

**Pre-K - K**

Robin Cook & Kelly Watkins

**1st and 2nd Grade**

Deric Trimmer & Lexi Holley

**3rd through 5th Grade**

Tiffany Rogers

**6th through 8th Grade**

Shante Newsome

**9th through 12th Grade**

Steve Watkins

**Adults**

Ken Bradby (Cornerstone Class)

Brian Baugus – Exploring 1 Timothy (Fellowship Hall)

**GRBC ELDERS**

Rick Crews, Teaching Pastor

David Applegate, Sr.

Ken Butler

Moses Culbreath

**GRBC DEACONS**

Andrew Baskerville Amos McCleese

Rob Beasley Tommie McElhaney

Ken Bradby Fred Preston

Maureen Kimbrough Steve Watkins (Elder in Training)

At GRBC, we believe that the Word of God is central to all that we do. In His Word, we discover that worship is to be our priority as redeemed human beings. Therefore, we strive to maintain a joyful yet reverent atmosphere. This means the Bible alone regulates our worship of God. The basic assumption, derived from Scripture, is that God alone determines how He ought to be worshiped. We seek to do in worship only that which is warranted in God's Word. As a result, we believe in the beauty and simplicity of New Covenant worship ([John 4:21 -24](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%204.21%20-24); [Phil. 3:3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Phil.%203.3)). Our worship services are comprised of the reading of God's Word ([1 Tim. 4:13](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim.%204.13) ), the singing of God's praises ([Eph. 5:19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%205.19) ; [Col. 3:16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Col.%203.16)), the offering of our prayers and supplications ([1 Tim. 2:8](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim.%202.8)) and the preaching of God's Word ([2 Tim. 4:1-4](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Tim.%204.1-4)). We also observe the Lord's Supper and water baptism, as ordinances which have been given to the church. ([Matt. 28:18-20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt.%2028.18-20); [1 Cor. 11:23 -32](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor.%2011.23%20-32)).

***This church exists as a biblical community,***

***united together in hope and truth,***

***making known the glory of God to the world.***

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