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- Sola Scriptura:* The Bible is the sole written divine revelation and alone can bind the conscience of believers absolutely.
- Sola Fide:* Justification is by faith alone. The merit of Christ imputed to us by faith is the sole ground of our acceptance by God, by which our sins are remitted.
- Solus Christus:* Christ is the only mediator through whose work we are redeemed.
- Sola Gratia:* Our salvation rests solely on the work of God’s grace for us.
- Soli Deo Gloria:* To God alone belongs the glory.

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**What Does Jesus Want This Christmas?**

by John Piper

**“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” — John 17:24**

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

That would be a strange way of expressing his loneliness. “I want them with me so they can see my glory.” In fact, it doesn’t express his loneliness. It expresses his concern for the satisfaction of *our* longing, not *his* loneliness.

What does Jesus want this Christmas? We can see the answer in his prayers. What does he ask God for? His longest prayer is John 17. The climax of his desire is in verse 24.

Jesus is not lonely. He and the Father and the Spirit are profoundly satisfied in the fellowship of the Trinity. We, not he, are starving for something. And what Jesus wants for Christmas is for us to experience what we were really made for—seeing and savoring his glory.

Among all the undeserving sinners in the world, there are those whom God has “given to Jesus.” These are those whom God has drawn to the Son (John 6:44, 65). These are *Christians*—people who have “received” Jesus as the crucified and risen Savior and Lord and Treasure of their lives (John 1:12; 3:17; 6:35; 10:11, 17–18; 20:28). Jesus says he wants them to be with him.

Oh, that God would make this sink in to our souls! Jesus made us (John 1:3) to see his glory.

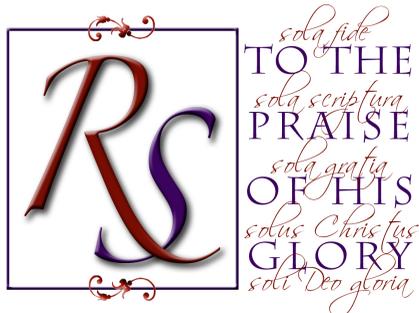
Sometimes we hear people say that God created man because he was lonely. So they say, “God created us so that we would be *with him*.” Does Jesus agree with this? Well, he *does* say that he really wants us to be with him! Yes, but why? Consider the rest of the verse. Why does Jesus want us to be with him?... to see my glory that you [Father] have given me

Just before he goes to the cross he pleads his deepest desires with the Father: “Father, I *desire* [I desire!] that they . . . may be with me where I am, *to see my glory*.”

But that is only half of what Jesus wants in these final, climactic verses of his prayer. I just said we were really made for seeing *and savoring* his glory. Is that what he wants—that we not only see his glory but savor it, relish it, delight in it, treasure it, love it?

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## APPALACHIA ACADEMY



"IN ALL THINGS...FOR ALL NATIONS"

The Academy is a ministry of Randolph Street Baptist Church with the aim of equipping men and women to serve in a multiplying gospel movement. We believe the church is the vehicle that God has ordained to fulfill the Great Commission as she declares the gospel of Jesus Christ. To that end the Academy exists to train men to serve as elders, deacons and church planters, to train men and women to serve as key leaders on church plant teams and to train men and women who would serve among least reached people groups. Please visit [www.appalachiaacademy.org](http://www.appalachiaacademy.org).

**Track 1:** Theology Program (men & women) - The purpose of track 1 is to provide in-depth theological training that will equip men and women to serve in local churches. This track is open to everyone. Track 1 students must attend all class sessions and complete all reading and writing assignments.

**Track 2:** Theology & Church Leadership Program (men only) - The purpose of track 2 is to train men to serve as teachers, elders, staff pastors, church planters or other specialized roles. This track involves a 3 year in-depth theological training program, assessment of character and gifts, directed ministry experiences, and additional assigned reading and discussions geared toward pastoral ministry.

**Audit (men & women):** For those who want to attend a class without having to complete reading or writing assignments.

### The Writings of John - Dr. Andreas Kostenberger

<b>December 15 (Saturday)</b> Pre-Seminar Video Conference	<b>8:00am-10:00am</b> ~ Video conference with Dr. Kostenberger for an overview of the class.
<b>January 25-26 (Friday-Saturday)</b> Weekend Seminar	<b>Friday, January 25</b> ~ In-class instruction ~ 6:00pm - 9:30pm <b>Saturday, January 26</b> ~ In-class instruction ~ 8:00am - 4:00pm
<b>February 23 (Saturday)</b> Post-Seminar Video Conference	<b>8:00am-10:00am</b> ~ Video conference with Dr. Kostenberger for a final review and Q&A with students.

## SUNDAY SUPPORT TEAM SCHEDULE

Thank you for volunteering to serve your church family through one of our support teams! Greeters, Nursery Workers, and Ushers: please arrive 15 minutes prior to the meeting time. Please note that the last two ushers will be serving in the Welcome Center. One or two greeters should stay a few minutes after the service begins. Hospitality workers should arrive at 9:00am for preparation, along with serving and cleaning up. Guidelines can be found in the kitchen. Should you have any questions regarding scheduling or how to serve, contact your coordinator. The updated monthly schedule can also be found at [www.randolphonline.org/schedules](http://www.randolphonline.org/schedules).

Ministry	Week of December 2	Week of December 9	Week of December 16	Week of December 23	Week of December 30
<b>Nursery 9:15am (Infant)</b>	Jennie Dys Ashley Fisher	Breanna Risher JoAnne Risher	<i>No Training Hour</i>	<i>No Training Hour</i>	<i>No Training Hour</i>
<b>Children Desiring God Teachers, 9:15am (1-2yrs)</b>	Lori & Garrison Greathouse	Lori & Garrison Greathouse	<i>No Training Hour</i>	<i>No Training Hour</i>	<i>No Training Hour</i>
<b>Nursery 10:15am (Infant)</b>	Darlene James Anna Felty	Ashley Fisher Jenn Hamm	Kristy Ellis Anita Gilmore	Terry Hodge Debbie Hodge	Barb Horswell Julia Moran
<b>Nursery 10:15am (Toddler)</b>	Lana McVey Annie McVey	Rhonda Short Allison Short	Victoria Walters Rachel Ervin	Michael Pare Dianna Pare	Becky & Katie Bradley Gretchen Pfost
<b>Hospitality</b>	Joyce Ashworth Anne Jordan	Jerry Bailey Thea Bailey	Lois Kohler Anitra Morgan	Connie Spradling Steve Spradling	Cindy Sigmon Betsy McCorkle
<b>Greeters</b>	Van Robinson Jon Sovine Craig Wills	Jeremy Dys Johnathan Dys Jerry McClanahan	Greg Skiles Debbie Skiles Roger Tittle	Hazel Dowdy Jean Cornelius Brenda Samples	Lee Sigmon Jerry Bailey Rick Silber

## BIBLE READING PROGRAM

<b>Dec. 1:</b> 1 Cor. 9-11	<b>Dec. 7:</b> Gal. 1-3	<b>Dec. 13:</b> 1 Thess.	<b>Dec. 19:</b> Heb. 7-10	<b>Dec. 25:</b> 2 John-Jude
<b>Dec. 2:</b> 1 Cor. 12-14	<b>Dec. 8:</b> Gal 4-6	<b>Dec. 14:</b> 2 Thess.	<b>Dec. 20:</b> Heb. 11-13	<b>Dec. 26:</b> Rev. 1-3
<b>Dec. 3:</b> 1 Cor. 15-16	<b>Dec. 9:</b> Eph. 1-3	<b>Dec. 15:</b> 1 Timothy	<b>Dec. 21:</b> James	<b>Dec. 27:</b> Rev. 4-8
<b>Dec. 4:</b> 2 Cor. 1-4	<b>Dec. 10:</b> Eph. 4-6	<b>Dec. 16:</b> 2 Timothy	<b>Dec. 22:</b> 1 Peter	<b>Dec. 28:</b> Rev. 9-12
<b>Dec. 5:</b> 2 Cor. 5-9	<b>Dec. 11:</b> Philippians	<b>Dec. 17:</b> Titus-Philemon	<b>Dec. 23:</b> 2 Peter	<b>Dec. 29:</b> Rev. 13-16
<b>Dec. 6:</b> 2 Cor. 10-13	<b>Dec. 12:</b> Colossians	<b>Dec. 18:</b> Heb. 1-6	<b>Dec. 24:</b> 1 John	<b>Dec. 30:</b> Rev. 17-19 <b>Dec. 31:</b> Rev. 20-22

*It is important that we are growing in our understanding of the Scriptures and in our ability to confess these truths. We encourage a daily bible reading program and weekly catechism questions. Parents, remember to gather your children for reading, prayer and worldview discussion. Download different schedules at [www.randolphonline.org/biblereading](http://www.randolphonline.org/biblereading) and find this month's questions at [www.randolphonline.org/catechism](http://www.randolphonline.org/catechism).*

## RANDOLPH STREET CATECHISM

The weekly Q&A is taken from the Baptist Catechism. See more at [www.randolphonline.org/catechism](http://www.randolphonline.org/catechism).

### Question 35: What is effectual calling?

**Answer:** Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, to convince us of our sin and misery, to enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Christ, to renew our wills, and thus persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

**Scripture:** [2 Timothy 1:9](#); [John 6:44, 45](#); [16:8-11](#); [Acts 2:37](#); [26:18](#); [Ezekiel 36:26](#); [Romans 8:30](#); [1 Corinthians 1:24](#); [12:3](#).

### Question 36: What benefits do those who are effectually called receive in this life?

**Answer:** Those who are effectually called receive in this life justification, adoption, sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life accompany or flow from them.

**Scripture:** [Romans 8:30-32](#); [Galatians 3:26](#); [1 Corinthians 1:30](#); [6:11](#); [Ephesians 1:5](#).

**Comment:** We must distinguish effectual calling from the general call of the gospel. Not all who hear the gospel believe. But all who are effectually called by God do believe. The call creates what it commands.

### Question 37: What is justification?

**Answer:** Justification is an act of God's free grace, by which he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

**Scripture:** [Romans 3:24](#); [5:19](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [Philippians 3:9](#); [Galatians 2:16](#).

### Question 38: What is adoption?

**Answer:** Adoption is an act of God's free grace, by which we are received into the company of God's children and have a right to all the privileges of his sons.

**Scripture:** [1 John 3:1](#); [John 1:12](#); [Romans 8:16](#), [17](#).

### Question 39: What is sanctification?

**Answer:** Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

**Scripture:** [2 Thessalonians 2:13](#); [Ephesians 4:23, 24](#); [Romans 6:11](#).

## EXPANDED RANDOLPH STREET BOOKSTORE

We have dedicated the bookshelves in the Welcome Center for bookstore items only. This has allowed us to significantly expand our selection. This would be a great time for you to purchase Christmas gifts. Below you will find a list of some of the books available.

**Puritan Paperbacks:** (Below are some of the PP we have available. All PP are \$7.00.)

*All Loves Excelling* by John Bunyan

*The Glory of Christ* by John Owen

*The Mortification of Sin* by John Owen

*Come and Welcome to Jesus Christ* by John Bunyan

*The Godly Man's Picture* by Thomas Watson

*The Bruised Reed* by Richard Sibbes

*All Things For Good* by Thomas Watson

*Indwelling Sin in Believers* by John Owen

*A Lifting Up for the Downcast* by William Bridge

*Communion with God* by John Owen

*The Sinfulness of Sin* by Ralph Venning

### Other Selections:

*ESV Study Bible - Hardback*

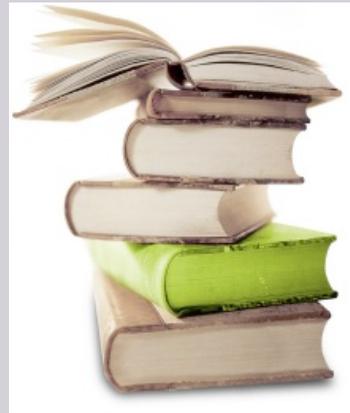
*A Body of Divinity* by Thomas Watson

*Finish the Mission: Bringing the Gospel to the Unreached and Unengaged* by John Piper

Assured by God: Living in the Fulness of God's Grace

*The Hole in Our Holiness: Filling the Gap between Gospel Passion...* by Kevin DeYoung

*Glorious Ruin: How Suffering Sets You Free* by Tullian Tchividjian



## RANDOLPH STREET BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY

**Our desire is to encourage you to read good books: books that will help you understand the Holy Scriptures, literature that will increase your affections for God. We have books for purchase and books to lend. If you have any questions, there will be someone to help you at the bookstore after the corporate gathering.**

**Always remember—any book that keeps you away from the Book is not a good book!**



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## GIVING

2012 REGULAR BUDGET FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
2012 Giving Goals	Actual Giving
2012 Monthly Budget (Goal = \$23,871)	\$30,082.64 MTD 11/25/12
2012 Yearly Budget (Goal = \$286,458)	\$317,808.05 YTD
2012 - 321 PROJECT GIVING SUMMARY	
<i>In February 2012 we set 2 goals for our "above and beyond" giving effort. Please pray and ask what God might have you give toward these efforts.</i>	
<b>Charleston Expansion:</b> A fund to offset expenses of expanding our seating at our Charleston campus. (2012 Goal = \$70,000)	\$61,989.70 YTD
<b>Multiplication:</b> A fund to prepare us for our first multiplication effort. (2012 Goal = \$40,000)	\$14,965.50 YTD
<b>10% Global - 10% of all giving to the 321 project will be used toward reaching the least reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.</b>	

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Consider verse 26, the very last verse: *I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known*, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, *and I in them*.

That is the end of the prayer. What is Jesus's *final* goal for us? Not that we simply see his glory, but that we love him with the same love that the Father has for him: "that the love with which you [Father] have loved me may be in them."

Jesus's longing and goal is that we see his glory and then that we be able to love what we see with the same love that the Father has for the Son. And he doesn't mean that we merely *imitate* the love of the Father for the Son. He means the Father's very love becomes our love for the Son—that we love the Son with the love of the Father for the Son. This is what the Spirit becomes and bestows in our lives: Love for the Son by the Father through the Spirit.

What Jesus wants most for Christmas is that his elect be gathered in and then get what *they* want most—to *see* his glory and then *savor* it with the very savoring of the Father for the Son.

What I want most for Christmas this year is to join you (and many others) in seeing Christ in all his fullness and that we together be able to love what we see with a love far beyond our own half-hearted human capacities. This is our goal in these Advent devotionals. We want together to see and savor this Jesus whose first "advent" (coming) we celebrate, and whose second advent we anticipate.

This is what Jesus prays for us this Christmas: "Father, show them my glory and give them the very delight in me that you have in me." Oh, may we *see* Christ with the eyes of God and *savor* Christ with the heart of God. That is the essence of heaven. That is the gift Christ came to purchase for sinners at the cost of his death in our place.

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## 2012 ADVENT READING

Each year we promote Advent readings for our families. The previous article is taken from an e-book that Desiring God has published for the Christmas season entitled *Good News of Great Joy: Daily Readings for Advent*. This booklet is free for download at <http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/books/good-news-of-great-joy>. We have also made copies available in

the back of the auditorium. We are charging \$1 for reproduction. Please take time to pick up or download a copy for your family.

Date	Text	Meditation
Dec 2	<a href="#">Luke 1:16-17</a>	Prepare the Way
Dec 3	<a href="#">Luke 1:46-55</a>	Mary's Magnificent God
Dec 4	<a href="#">Luke 1:68-71</a>	The Long-Awaited Visitation
Dec 5	<a href="#">Luke 2:1-5</a>	For God's Little People
Dec 6	<a href="#">Luke 2:6-7</a>	No Detour from Calvary
Dec 7	<a href="#">Lk 2:12-14</a>	Peace to Those with Whom . .
Dec 8	<a href="#">Matt 2:1-2</a>	Messiah for the Magi
Dec 9	<a href="#">Matt 2:2</a>	Bethlehem's Supernatural Star
Dec 10	<a href="#">Mt 2:3</a>	Two Kinds of Opposition . . .
Dec 11	<a href="#">Mat 2:10-11</a>	Gold, Frankincense, and . . .
Dec 12	<a href="#">Heb 2:14-15</a>	Why Jesus Came
Dec 13	<a href="#">Heb 8:1-2</a>	Replacing the Shadows
Dec 14	<a href="#">Heb 8:1-2</a>	The Final Reality Is Here
Dec 15	<a href="#">Heb 8:6</a>	Making It Real for His People
Dec 16	<a href="#">John 10:10</a>	Life and Death at Christmas
Dec 17	<a href="#">Jer 31:31</a>	The Greatest Salvation . . .
Dec 18	<a href="#">Jn 17:18</a>	The Christmas Model for . . .
Dec 19	<a href="#">Heb 2:14-15</a>	Christmas Is for Freedom
Dec 20	<a href="#">1 John 3:8</a>	Christmas Solidarity
Dec 21	<a href="#">John 18:37</a>	The Birth of Ancient of Days
Dec 22	<a href="#">Jn 20:30-31</a>	That You May Believe
Dec 23	<a href="#">Rom 5:10-11</a>	God's Indescribable Gift
Dec 24	<a href="#">1 John 3:7-8</a>	The Son of God Appeared
Dec 25	<a href="#">1 John 3:7-8</a>	Three Christmas Presents

# GLOBAL MISSIONS: Kurd, Southern of Iran



## Introduction / History

The Southern Kurd of Iran are actually part of a much greater Kurdish population. They are made up of a number of clans, tribes, and tribal confederations, many of which have been in existence for thousands of years. This large people group shares several important and common ties. For instance, they speak a group of closely related languages; they have a shared culture; they have a common geographical homeland; and they have a common sense of identity. Kurds are basically more alike than are other people groups, and they feel it.

The Southern Kurd of Iran (also known as the Sorani) live along the Iraq-Iran border in the Iranian provinces of Kermandshah and Luristan. Though the Southern Kurd enjoy a milder climate than do their relatives farther north, both groups face many common problems. Water is scarce, and there are persistent problems with such diseases as trachoma, tuberculosis, and malaria.

## What are their lives like?

The Kurds of this region make their living in much the same way as their relatives in Turkey and Iraq, farming and raising cattle and goats. The area is well wooded and a few still live the semi-nomadic lifestyle of their ancestors. However, most still live in small villages of under 2000 people. The Kurds are noted for their elaborate and colorful national costumes.

The men's costumes consist of baggy, colored trousers and plain shirts with huge sleeves split at the wrist and tied at the elbow. Brightly colored vests and sashes are also worn. Women usually wear heavy clothing that is brightly embroidered. However, many rural Kurds have abandoned their native costumes for western style dress.

## What are their beliefs?

Nearly all the Kurds are Muslim, most being Shafite Sunnis. They first embraced Islam after the Arab conquests of the seventh century. Islam is looked to as a basis for social justice. Despite being predominantly Sunnis, religion has created deep rifts among the Kurds. These differences also have prejudicial overtones towards the lower class. Many of the dispossessed Kurd minorities have become associated with the secret and unorthodox sects of Islam - the most fervently rebellious people in Kurd society.

## What are their needs?

Since they live in an area where water is scarce, the Southern Kurd need to be educated in irrigation and agricultural techniques. This would greatly improve their cultivation of crops and successful raising of cattle. Their persistent problems with certain diseases show the need for improved medical services. Politically, they are oppressed by the Iranian government. They need the liberty to educate their children in their own language.

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GEOGRAPHY & FACTS		Progress Indicators	
<b>Country:</b> Iran		Progress Scale:	1.1 Few, if any, known Evangelicals. Professing Christian <=5%.
<b>Continent:</b> Asia		Least-Reached:	Yes
<b>Region:</b> Central Asia		GSEC Status:	Level 2. Less than 2% Evangelical. Initial (localized) church planting within past 2 years.
<b>Population:</b> 3,418,000			
<b>Primary language:</b> Kurdish, Southern			
<b>Primary Religion:</b> Islam: 98%			
<b>Other:</b> Christianity: 0.05, Non-Religious: 1.95%			
<b>Persecution Rank:</b> 5 (only top 50 ranked)			
<b>10/40 window:</b> Yes			
<b>Bible Translation Status:</b> None Reported			

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## VALLEY OF VISION: A COLLECTION OF PURITAN PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

Below you will find two selections from this highly recommended book. **Publisher Description:** The strength of Puritan character and life lay in prayer and meditation. In this practice the spirit of prayer was regarded as of first importance and the best form of prayer, for living prayer is the characteristic of genuine spirituality. Yet prayer is also vocal and may therefore on occasions be written. Consequently in the Puritan tradition there are many written prayers and meditations which constitute an important corpus of inspiring devotional literature.

### “The Gift of Gifts”

O Source of all good,  
What shall I render to You for the gift of gifts,  
thine own dear Son, begotten, not created,  
my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,  
his self-emptying incomprehensible,  
his infinity of love beyond the heart’s grasp.  
Herein is wonder of wonders:  
he came below to raise me above,  
was born like me that I might become like him.  
Herein is love;  
when I cannot rise to him  
he draws near on wings of grace,  
to raise me to himself.  
Herein is power;  
when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart  
he united them in indissoluble unity,  
the uncreated and the created.  
Herein is wisdom;  
when I was undone, with no will to return to him,  
and no intellect to devise recovery,  
he came, God-incarnate, to save me  
to the uttermost,  
as man to die my death,  
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,  
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.  
O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds,  
and enlarge my mind;  
let me hear good tidings of great joy,  
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore,  
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,  
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;  
place me with ox, ass, camel, goat,  
to look with them upon my Redeemer’s face,  
and in him account myself delivered from sin;  
let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child  
to my heart,  
embrace him with undying faith,  
exulting that he is mind and I am his.  
In him, you have given me so much  
that heaven can give no more.

### Valley of Vision—Christ the Word

“My Father,  
In a world of created changeable things,  
Christ and his Word alone remain unshaken.  
O to forsake all creatures, to rest as a stone on him the  
foundation, to abide in him, be borne up by him!  
For all my mercies come through Christ, who has designed,  
purchased, promised, effected them.  
How sweet it is to be near him, the Lamb,  
filed with holy affections!  
When I sin against thee I cross thy will, love, life,  
and have no comforter, no creature, to go to.  
My sin is not so much this or that particular evil,  
but my continual separation, disunion, distance from thee, and  
having a loose spirit towards thee.  
But thou hast given me a present, Jesus thy Son, as Mediator  
between thyself and my soul, as middle-man who in a pit holds  
both him below and him above, for only he can span the  
chasm breached by sin, and satisfy divine justice.  
May I always lay hold upon this Mediator, as a realized object  
of faith, and alone worthy by his love to bridge the gulf.  
Let me know that he is dear to me by his Word; I am one with  
him by the Word on his part, and by faith on mine;  
If I oppose the Word I oppose my Lord when he is most near;  
If I receive the Word I receive my Lord wherein he is nigh.  
O thou who hast the hearts of all men in thine hand,  
form my heart according to the Word, according to the image  
of thy Son, So shall Christ the Word, and his Word  
be my strength and comfort.”

## CORAM DEO

The Latin phrase *Coram Deo* means, “Before the face of God.” Our passion in worship at Randolph Street is that our lives, our mission and our worship would be carried out with the passionate knowledge that it is all being done before the face of God and for the glory of God. We seek music to sing on Sunday morning that reflects that passion, celebrating the majesty of our God and the supremacy of our Christ.

### So I Will Trust You

*It is with continual amazement that the believing soul looks to the maker of heaven and earth, the sovereign potentate of time, and is able to call Him ... Father. Such shocking intimacy with one so august and holy shatters our pride and points us to the cross, where such amazing grace was born.*

#### VERSE 1

Almighty Maker, Universe shaper  
You put the stars into space  
Yet You descended, You have befriended  
Those who had hated Your name, just like me

#### CHORUS

King of Glory, I know You love me  
So I will trust You, yes I will trust You  
God Almighty, You have saved me  
So I will trust You, yes I will trust in You

#### VERSE 2

Lord over nations, King of Creation  
Heaven and earth bow to You  
I am Your child, I’ve been reconciled  
With tender affection You drew me to You

#### BRIDGE

How could I not trust my King  
The One who has formed me and shaped me  
I will rejoice and will sing  
For the One who has made me has saved me

### We Hunger and Thirst

*Before we knew Jesus, each of us spent our lives searching for water in arid places and for food in a famine plagued land. But in Christ, our hunger is met with living bread and our thirst is slaked with streams of living water. We partake now, even as we long for the banquet table that yet awaits us.*

Exalted Son of glory humbly came down  
Wounded for the broken,  
bore the sinner’s crown  
Through the willing death You died  
You became our bread of life

#### Chorus

Jesus, we hunger and thirst for You, Lord  
As we remember Your sacrifice  
We see the wounds from Your hands  
and pierced side  
Extravagant love! Oh how great the price  
Now our lives are Yours

The priceless blood of Jesus,  
this gracious cup  
A life spring overflowing,  
poured out for us  
He has conquered every sin  
For the ones who trust in Him

#### Bridge

The cup we drink, the bread we eat  
Reminds us You are all we need  
And makes us long for Your wedding feast

### I Need Thee Every Hour

Every day of our lives becomes an unfolding testimony of our complete dependence upon our Savior. He is all we need, and by His grace will be all we desire. As the Psalmist declared, “Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And what on earth do I desire besides Thee?”

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

#### Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

#### Refrain

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain.

#### Refrain

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

#### Refrain

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

#### Refrain

## GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES

**9:30am Training Hour**

**10:30am Worship Gathering in the Auditorium**

*\*Nursery is available in Room 206 (ages 0-3) at 9:30am & 10:30am.*

**Preparation for Corporate Worship:** As we prepare to worship our great God together in the Auditorium each Sunday, we ask that you join us to pray for our worship gathering. It is important that we seek the active presence of God among us and ask God to magnify Christ through us. Please feel free to join us up front to pray at 10:20am or remain in your seat to join us in quietly praying.

**New Transition Schedule:** Due to several delays we have moved our 1st Sunday in our new auditorium to January 6th.

**Construction and Parking:** During the construction phase of our expansion we have lost a number of our parking spaces. Please try to leave the street parking in front of our facility open for the elderly and families with young children. Thank you for serving in this manner.

**Auditorium Seating:** Please try to sit closer to the windows, leaving the chairs near the middle aisle free for our guests. The more we use the under-chair space for our Bibles, notebooks, and purses, the more open chairs we will have available for our church family.

**After-Service Prayer:** We have men and women available after our corporate gathering if you have any questions or would like to pray about specific needs. We welcome you to join us at the front of the Auditorium.

**After-Gathering:** After our worship gathering, refreshments are served in the Welcome Center on the lower level. Proactively introduce yourself to someone you haven't met while enjoying coffee, snacks and books. Please consider signing up to bring a snack and enjoying a day of fellowship with your church family.

**Prayer Gatherings:** Men, join us on Thursdays at (7:00am); All are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings (pre-service prayer in the Auditorium at 10:20am) and in other prayer venues.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**Ministry Schedule Adjustment:** Due to the final phases of our construction and the Christmas season we have revised our upcoming Training Hour (9:30am Sundays) and Wednesday schedule.

**Upcoming Training Hour (TH) Schedule:**

**December 9:** Complete current 12 elective series

**December 16-January 6:** No Adult/Children TH

**Jan. 13-Feb. 3:** Combined adult TH, regular children TH

**February 10:** Begin new 12-week electives

**Upcoming Wednesday Evening Schedule:**

**December 5:** Bible study & prayer

**Dec. 12:** 2nd Wednesday night meal & ministry update

**Dec. 19 - Jan. 9:** No meetings (will resume on Jan 16th)

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm to study the book of 1 John. Each week we will take several verses and think through them deeply while seeking to apply the text faithfully to our lives.

**Websites:** Please explore the following websites for more information about our church and the Academy:

[www.randolphonline.org](http://www.randolphonline.org), [www.appalachiaacademy.org](http://www.appalachiaacademy.org)

**Generations of Grace:** This Bible-based, God-centered curriculum is for children 3-years-old through the 5th grade. This "unified curriculum" enables families to discuss one lesson with their children regardless of age.

**Dec. 2:** *God Promises to Send Messiah 1* (Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3; 49:10)

◆What Promises about Jesus are in Genesis?

◆Why are these promises important?

**Dec. 9:** *...Messiah-2* (Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; 2:1-12; Micah 5:2)

◆Who were the prophets?

◆What did they say would happen?

◆Did their prophecies come to pass?

◆Where was the Messiah born?

**Dec. 16:** *No Training Hour*

**Dec. 23:** *No Training Hour*

**Dec. 30:** *No Training Hour*

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

### UPCOMING EVENTS.

**December 24th** Christmas Eve gathering @ 7:00pm.

**December 30th** 321 Sacrifice Sunday

**Christmas Eve Service:** Please plan on participating in our Christmas Eve service this year on Monday, December 24th @ 7:00pm. This service is designed to be a helpful reminder of the significance of our Christmas celebration and will be filled with singing, reading the Christmas narrative, and prayer.

**321 Project & Grace Fellowship Church:** As Pastor Jason shared on Sunday, Grace Fellowship from Hurricane has approached us about merging into Randolph Street. Grace is a theologically and philosophically like-minded church. We have discussed the idea of a multi-campus effort in the Valley for some time and this potential merger would allow us to pursue this. Pastor Jason & Pastor Tim will share many more details about this possibility at our 2nd Wednesday night ministry update on December 12th. Please join us in praying that God would continue to open doors for multiplication. Also, pray that God would give Grace Fellowship and her elders much wisdom as they move forward with this decision.

**New Date for 1st Sunday in New Auditorium:** We are moving the date of our 1st Sunday in the new auditorium to January 6th. Moving this date back allows us to complete all projects and enjoy the Christmas season in our old auditorium. We have invited Grace Fellowship to join us for our first Sunday in the new auditorium.

**321 Sacrifice Sundays:** With our construction loan, we have have until July 12, 2013 to raise funds to offset the initial amount of debt on our Charleston Expansion Project. We are setting aside December 30, 2012, & June 2, 2013, as "sacrifice" Sundays in which all giving will go toward this effort. Please begin praying and planning how God might use you to serve in this manner. Our goal is to raise \$75k-\$100k.

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

**Baby Shower for Erin Flanagan:** All ladies are invited to a baby shower brunch for Erin Flanagan on Saturday, December 8th at 10:30am. Erin is registered at Target, and has chosen not to know whether the baby is a boy or girl, so gifts need to be appropriate for either. Contact Kathy Silber for any additional information ([music0428@charter.net](mailto:music0428@charter.net)).

**Randolph Street Bookstore:** We have moved the library in order to expand the selection of our bookstore. The bookstore will be relocated after our expansion is complete. Please check out the bookstore and buy some Christmas presents.

**Union Mission Meal & Gospel Service:** Join the team of teens and adults to serve a meal at the Union Mission Crossroads Shelter on Wednesday, December 19th. To help with food prep, please arrive by 3:00pm. Food servers should be in place by 5:00pm. Teens and adults from Randolph Street lead a gospel service from 7:00-8:00pm in the UM chapel.

### Prayer Requests:

- ◆Pray for the Persecuted Church: Visit "The Voice of the Martyrs" at [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com).
- ◆Pray for Those Who've Never Heard: Learn more about how you can pray for the advance of the gospel around the world at [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net).
- ◆Worldwide Prayer Guide: For a definitive guide to praying for every nation visit [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org).
- ◆Pray for Charleston: Let's pray for even more gospel friendships in our community.

