



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 11th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Trinity Hymnal No. 3 "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace
- Trinity Hymnal No. 218 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- Trinity Hymnal No. 132 "Wondrous King All Glorious"
- The Reading of the Word — *Genesis 16:1-21* Hal Pritchard
- Trinity Hymnal No. 488 "Lead On O King Eternal"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"He Who Believes" (Mark 16:16)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Trinity Hymnal No. 709 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Baptist Hymnal No. 213 "We Will Glorify"
- Baptist Hymnal No. 484 "Higher Ground"
- The Sermon — *"Israel's Harlotry" (Ezekiel 16:1-63)* Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Baptist Hymnal No. 334 "Blessed Assurance"
- The Benediction Pastor Winn
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Even the most diligent followers of Christ fail at times to believe His Word, as we see in the case of the original disciples (Mark 16:9–13). Yet our gracious Lord does not view that sin as disqualifying us from serving Him, provided, of course, that we repent of our doubt and ask Him to help our unbelief (see 9:24). We see this in the longer ending of Mark’s gospel, for Jesus commissioned the same disciples who did not initially believe Jesus rose from the dead to “proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (16:15). Christ’s followers must preach the gospel to all people—rich and poor, men and women, old and young, educated and uneducated. Everyone of every social class and ethnicity must hear the message of salvation. The rest of Mark’s gospel provides clues as to what Jesus means by “the gospel.” First, it is the proclamation that Jesus is the Son of God (1:1; 15:39). Proclaiming that Jesus is the Son of God means declaring that He is truly God and one with His Father, possessing the same abilities and authority as the Father (2:1–12). The Son is true deity, not some lesser divine being. Furthermore, the gospel says that Jesus came to give His life as a ransom for many, to pay the price for their sin, and was raised from the dead to prove that His sacrifice is accepted by God as the perfect atonement for transgressions (8:31; 10:45). Finally, proclaiming the gospel involves calling people to believe in Jesus and to prove this faith in a life of discipleship (8:27–37). In sum, Dr. R.C. Sproul writes in his commentary

Mark, the gospel “is the announcement of the person and the ministry of Jesus, and of how the benefits of His life and death can be appropriated by faith.” Let us not fail, however, to tell people that how they respond to the proclamation of the gospel is the most consequential decision they will ever make. The one who believes it and is baptized will be saved forever. The one who dies without believing the gospel will be condemned for all eternity (16:16). Baptism is here mentioned with faith because the New Testament connects the two very closely, but they are not connected in an absolute way. In other words, the act of baptism in itself confers no saving benefits apart from faith. Moreover, like the thief on the cross, it is possible to be saved without being baptized (Luke 23:39–43). Yet, this does not make baptism optional. To be saved without being baptized is an extraordinary circumstance. If we refuse to be baptized, we show an unwillingness to obey Christ, which indicates that we do not trust Him (John 14:15).

Coram Deo: Believing the gospel is a matter of eternal life or eternal death. Following Jesus in a life of obedience does not save us, but it proves whether we have faith (James 2:14–26). Thus, we must believe and be baptized (Mark 16:16). If you trust Jesus but have not been baptized, get baptized as soon as possible. If you have been baptized, remember that you are set apart from the world to trust Jesus and follow His way.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Choir and 1st-6th Grade Choir will meet this afternoon at 5:30 pm.

VBS CDs are in. See Bridgette if you ordered one via the GroupMe poll.

There will be a churchwide crawfish boil on April 24th at 3 pm at the church. The cost is \$10/adult. Kids eat free. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. See Seth if you have any questions.



Wednesday Night Meal begins at 5:45 pm. Prayer Meeting begins at 6:30 pm.



Associational Drill: April 8 th 6:00 Brandon Baptist Church
Associational Drill: April 11 th 2:00 Brandon Baptist Church
State Drill: April 17 th 10:00-1:00 Brandon Baptist Church
State Drill: April 17 th 10:00-1:00 First Baptist Church Clinton



Oatmeal, sugar, and flour

