



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 7th, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Cody Wallace
Hymn	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Hymn	"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Leviticus 19:1-18</i>	Hal Pritchard
Hymn	"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Love Your Enemies" (Matthew 5:43-48)</i>	Pastor Winn
The Observance of The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	"The Light of the World is Jesus"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Business Meeting



COMMENTARY

Matthew Henry: “We cannot have complacency in one that is openly wicked & profane, nor put a confidence in one that we know to be deceitful; for are we to love all alike; but we must pay respect to the human nature, and so far honor all men; we must take notice with pleasure of that even in our enemies which is amiable and commendable; ingenuity, good temper, learning, moral virtue, kindness to others, profession of religion, etc. and love that, though they are our enemies. We must have a compassion for them, & a good will toward them”

Thomas Scott: begins by asserting it as a Christian duty to love our enemies to regard them “with benevolence, to return good works and kind wishes to their reviling and imprecations (insults), and beneficent acts to their injuries”. “As however there are various favors which He bestows only on His people, so our peculiar friendship, kindness & complacency must and ought to be restricted to the righteous; yea, gratitude to benefactors & likings for special friends consist very well with this general good will and good conduct toward enemies and persecutors.”

Andrew Fuller: “Much confusion has arisen on this subject from not distinguishing between benevolence and complacency (setting our delight on another). The one is due to all men, whatever be their character so long as there is any possibility or hope of their becoming the friends of God; the other is not, but requires to be founded on

character.”

John Gill: “I apprehend, the love with which Christ exhorts His people to love their enemies is not to be understood quoad affectus (as respecting the internal affections of love): I cannot believe that Christ requires of me that I should love a persecutor as I do my wife, my children, my real friend, or brother in Christ; but quoad effectus (as to the effects), that is, I am required to do these things as they lay in my way and according to my ability, as a man would do to his neighbor whom he loves; that is, feed him when he is hungry, and give him drink when thirsty.”

RC Sproul: “This involves forgiving those who do not deserve our pardon. We imitate our Father in this, but not because He forgives those who deny Christ like He commands us to do. Our imitation lies in our willingness to forgive the undeserving, just as He also showed His willingness to do the same when He sent Jesus into the world to save His people (John 3:16; 6:40). The old saying “love the sinner, hate the sin” is true insofar as it reflects our abilities. Our remaining sin makes it impossible for our hatred of the wicked and the violent to be pure and holy like God’s (Ps. 11:5). Thus, we are unable to execute perfect punishment on evil men. Loving the sinner does not mean we approve of wickedness. It means we pray for our enemies and long for their conversion, not their eternal condemnation.”



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

August 7th
<i>Morning</i> Elise de Waal & Mary Margaret Pritchard
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Rhia McDonough & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - August 10th</i> Katherine Ranck (<i>Mary Price</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Richard Jackson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we will observe the Lord's Supper during our morning service.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today we will have our fellowship meal immediately following the morning service.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our quarterly business meeting will be today, immediately following our fellowship meal.

MAKASHINYI'S VISIT

Pastor Isaac Makshinyi and his wife, Shupe, from Zambia, will be with us August 21st. He will preach in the morning worship service. Isaac was an elder at Grace while in seminary at RTS from 2005-2008. He is now pastor of Emmasdale Baptist Church in Lusuka, Zambia. Dumi Thakkar's parents are members at Emmasdale, and her father is an elder there. Please spread the word of their visit with other former members.

CELEBRATING FIRST BAPTIST LISBON'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Thomas, Ms. Lawanda and their grandson, Carter Kimbrell, will leave for Portugal on August 17th and return on the 30th. They will be joining the Oliveiras and the members of First Baptist Church Lisbon, Portugal in celebrating that 100th church anniversary. Pastor Thomas will be preaching in two worship services. Please pray for them as they represent Grace Baptist Church in this important event. While he is away, if there is a need, please call on Hal Pritchard or one of the deacons.

SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART CONFERENCE

Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, will be hosting a conference on parenting with Dr. Tedd Tripp, August 19th-20th. For more information or to register go morrisonheights.org/tripp/.

