



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 3rd, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "How Firm a Foundation"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Prashant Thakkar

Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life"

Hymn "No Not One"

The Reading of the Word — *Ezekiel 37:1-14* Prashant Thakkar

Hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee"

The Sermon — "*The Gospel, Pt. II*" (*Romans 1:16-17*) Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "The Light of the World is Jesus"

The Benediction Prashant Thakkar

The Postlude

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "God in the Gospel of His Son"

Hymn "Jesus, I am Resting, Resting"

Prayer

The Observance of The Lord's Supper

Hymn "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

A.W. Pink

A.W. Pink desired individuals to have a correct understanding of God's Sovereignty, but in a way which compelled them to evangelism. In an address on Election, after outlining that sinners can only come to Christ if drawn by God. He challenges his listeners to take mission and evangelism seriously: "Now the question arises again, why are we to preach the gospel to every creature? if God has only elected a certain number to be saved? The reason is, because God commands us to do so. Well, but, you say, it does not seem reasonable to me, that has got nothing to do with it; your business is to obey God and not to argue with Him. God commands us to preach the gospel to every creature and it means what it says, every creature and it is solemn thing. Every Christian in this room tonight has yet to answer to Christ why he has not done everything in his power to send that gospel to every creature! Yes, I believe in missions, probably stronger than most of you do, and if I preached to you on missions perhaps I would hit you harder than you have been hit yet. The great majority of Gods people who profess to believe in missions, are just playing at them, I make so bold as to say of our evangelical denominations today that we are just playing at missions and that is all. Why my friends, there is almost half of the human race, in this 20th century, travel so easy and cheap. Bibles printed in almost every language under heaven, and as we sit here tonight there is almost half of the human race that never yet heard of Christ, and we have got to answer to Christ for that yet! You have and I have, oh yes, I believe in man's responsibility. I do not believe in man's "freedom" but I do in man's responsibility, and I believe in the Christian's responsibility in a double way, and everyone of us here tonight has yet got to face Christ and look into those eyes as a flame of fire, and He is going to say to us, I entrusted to you My gospel. It was committed as a "trust" to you, It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. Oh, my friends, we are playing at things. We have not begun to take religion seriously, any of us. We profess to believe in the coming of Christ, and we profess to believe that the one reason why Christ has not come back yet is because His Church, His Body, is not yet complete. We believe that when His body is complete He will come back. And my friends, His "body" never, never, will be complete until the last of His elect people will be called out, and His elect people are called out under the preaching of the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit, and if you are really anxious for Christ to come back soon, then you had better be more wide awake to your responsibility in connection with taking or sending the gospel to the heathen! Christ's word, and it is Christ's word to us, is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel", He does not say "Send ye", He says "Go ye", and you have to answer to Christ yet because you have not gone!

Well, you say, do you mean by that that everyone of us here tonight ought to go out to the mission field? I have not said that, I am not any man's judge, Many of you here tonight have a good reason which will satisfy Christ why you have not gone. He gave you work to do here. He put you in a position here. He has given you responsibilities to discharge here, but every Christian who is free to go, and does not go, has got to answer to Christ for it yet. "Go ye into all the world." Well then you say, Where am I to go? Oh, that is very easy. You say, easy? Yes, I mean it: it is very easy. There is nothing easier in the world than to know where you ought to begin missionary work. You have it in the first chapter of Acts and the eighth verse: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem (that is the city in which they were) and in all Judea (that is the State in which their city was), and in Samaria (that is the adjoining State), and unto the uttermost part of the earth", If you want to begin missionary work, you have to begin it in your home-town, and my friends if you are not interested in the salvation of the Chinese in Sydney, then you are not really interested in the salvation of the Chinese in China, and you are only fooling yourselves if you think you are! Oh, I am calling a spade a spade tonight. If you are anxious about the souls of the Chinese in China, then you will be equally anxious about the souls of the Chinese here in Sydney, and I wonder how many in this building tonight have ever made any serious effort to reach the Chinese in Sydney with the gospel! I wonder? I wonder how many here tonight have been round to the Bible House in Sydney and have said to the Manager there, "Do you have any New Testaments in the Chinese language, or do you have any Gospels of John in the Chinese language? How much are they per hundred? or per dozen?" And I wonder how many of you have bought a thousand or a hundred, and then have gone round to the houses in the Chinese quarter and have said, "My friend, this is a little gift that will do your soul good if you will read it. Ah, my friends, we are playing at missions, it is just a farce, that is all! "Go ye" is the first command. Go where? Those around me first. Go what with? The gospel! Well, you say, "Why should I go?" Because God has commanded you to! Well, you say, "What is the use of doing it if He has just elected certain ones?" Because that gospel is the means that God uses to call out His own elect, that is why! You do not know, and I do not know, and nobody here on earth knows, who are God's elect and who are not. They are scattered over the world, and therefore we are to preach the gospel to every creature, that it may reach the ones that God has marked out among those creatures.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

September 3rd
<i>Morning</i> Laurie Price & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Cortney McDonald
<i>Wednesday - September 6th</i> Elise de Waal & Bridgette Kimbrell

Today's Sound Operator - John Ingram



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

Our new children's classes and choir schedule for Sunday and Wednesday's begins today! See Bridgette Kimbrell with any questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

We will once again be going out into the neighborhood, immediately following our afternoon service. Please continue to pray for those reaching out as they share about Grace Baptist and the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in helping, please see Prashant Thakkar or Pastor Thomas.

BOOK STUDIES

The Ladies' Book Study will resume this month on September 7th at 11 am. Bring a sack lunch for fellowship following the study.

The Men's Book Study will meet September 16th. Breakfast and fellowship begins at 7 am with the study to follow.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday Night Supper will resume September 6th at 5:45 pm. If you would like to participate in preparing a meal, please see Mrs. Lawanda.

