



**Sunday Morning Service**  
**May 18, 2025**

***The Solid Rock***

William Batchelder Bradbury and Edward Mote  
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My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***Chorus***

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.***

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

***Chorus***

His oath, His covenant, and blood, support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.

***Chorus***

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

***Chorus x2***

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession of Faith**

**Westminster Shorter Catechism # 34-36**

Q. 34. *What is adoption?*

**A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God.**

Q. 35. *What is sanctification?*

**A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.**

Q. 36. *What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?*

**A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.**

**Memory Verse**

**Micah 6:8**

**He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

**Call to Worship & Prayer**

**Psalm 107:2-3; Isaiah 44:23**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.**

***Oh How Good It Is***

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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

*Chorus*  
*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

*Chorus*  
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

*Chorus*

### Corporate and Silent Confession

**O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me this heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh and blood, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, love You, and please You, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

*-Ambrose of Milan*

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**Isaiah 62:11-12 (ESV)**

Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

### *Nearer my God to Thee*

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Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me  
Still all my song shall be nearer my God to Thee  
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Though like the wanderer the sun gone down  
Darkness be over me my rest a stone  
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer my God to Thee  
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

There let the way appear steps unto heav'n  
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n  
Angels to beckon me nearer my God to Thee  
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Then with my waking tho'ts bright with Thy praise  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise  
So by my woes to be nearer my God to Thee  
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky  
Sun moon and stars forgot upward I fly  
Still all my song shall be nearer my God to Thee  
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

### Scripture Reading

**Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)**

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts\*, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*\*sins/trespasses*

Sermon

Revelation 1:1-6, "Strength for our Stressful Past"

Dr. Fred Guthrie Sr

*In Christ Alone*

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In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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**\* Benediction**

**Revelation 3:11-12 (ESV)**

Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

*The Doxology*

Thomas Ken, 1709

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD’S GRACE**

**Sunday**

9:00 a.m.....Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.....Worship Service  
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group  
(May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee)

**Congregational Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service.**

**Women’s Bible Study** on the Epistle of Colossians:

The morning study will meet at **9am at the church**, and childcare will be provided. (5/20)  
The evening study will meet at **6pm at the home of Courtenay Guthrie**. (5/20) No childcare for the evening.

**Women's Summer Book Club:** June 3, July 8, and July 28

**Wednesday**

4:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome  
6:00 p.m.....Women’s Bible Study “Be Satisfied” by Warren Wiersbe

**Kids’ Summer Program:**

May 28, 5-7 p.m. Pool Party at Terrapin Hills.  
June 4, 11, 18 and 25. Details to come!

**Deacon of the Month: Phillip Smith (May); Eddie Davis (June)**

Please see the deacon of the month for thermostat changes outside of office hours.

| GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR |   |   |
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| DAY                                | CHURCH FAMILY                           | MISSIONARY / MINISTRY   |
| SUNDAY                             | Sally & Roger Killian                   | Women’s Care Center<br><i>Fort Payne, AL</i>                                      |
| MONDAY                             | Bill Kinard                             | Jana and Jade Alger<br><i>Trans World Radio, Slovakia</i>                         |
| TUESDAY                            | Kay Kinard                              | Ruth and Omar Alvarado<br><i>Crosspoint International, Nicaragua and Honduras</i> |
| WEDNESDAY                          | Robert Lewis                            | Betty & Rick Aschmann<br><i>MTW, Ecuador</i>                                      |
| THURSDAY                           | Chris Long<br>Patrick                   | Molly & Vinnie Athey<br><i>RUF at UAH</i>   |
| FRIDAY                             | Kathy & John Mathieu                    | Brenda Carter<br><i>MTW, Taiwan</i>   |
| SATURDAY                           | Ivy & Brett McCoy<br>Lola Kate & Louise | Sharlene & Brandon Coker<br><i>MAF, Canada</i>                                    |

**Prayer Concerns**

Church Officer Nominees  
Pastoral Candidate and family  
Shane Freeman – health concerns and upcoming appointments  
Linda Cornwell – recovery from surgery  
Alicia Atchley – recovery from major surgeries  
Ann Pike (Bryan Vaughn’s mother) – recovery from surgery  
Martha Baba (AmyLaura Duraski’s grandmother) – continued healing (physically and mentally)  
Mrs. Ayao Konghar (Trinity Missionary Training Center, India) - poor health  
Frances Holder (Brandy Smith’s grandmother) - long term healthcare decisions

**Various Cancer Treatments**

Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Roy Brittain, Rhonda Stewart, Rosa Weaver, Josh Brooks,  
Rachel Davis, Sam Franklin, Libba Smith

**2025 Projected Missions Expenditures: \$157,100.00**                      **2025 Faith Promise Giving: \$30,344.48**

**2025 General Fund Giving: \$127,010.99**

**Faith Promise Reminder**

Please submit your Faith Promise commitment slip by Sunday, May 18. Slips should be placed in the offering box. There are extra slips available in the sanctuary entrance. The Missions Committee and our Grace-supported missionaries and ministries appreciate your participation.