

Important Dates & General Info

Birthday Greetings to:

Sept.	15	James Gillespie
	16	Jimmy Roberts
	16	Paul Tate
	17	Ethan Jackson
	19	Jeff Skinner
	21	Vicki Harmon
	21	Laurie Harlow
	21	Linda Humphreys
	24	Jordyn Rutledge
	25	Bruce Ballard
	27	Andrew Fennell
	27	Joseph Fennell
	28	Nancy Saul

Weekly Stewardship Statistics

Sunday, September 1

General Fund	\$21,420.61
Youth Fund	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$21,620.61

Attendance: AM - 129 | PM - No Service

Sunday, September 8

General Fund	\$7,160.00
Wednesday supper	283.00
Music Fund	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$7,643.00

Attendance: AM – 131 | PM – 44

Ushers for September

Stephen Ewing
 Ryan Murry
 Will Henson
 Harry Briscoe

Worship Attendants | Sept. 15

Elder at the Door: Thomas Maclin
 Nursery Attendants: Nan Miller & Dott Broussard
 Flowers: Chickila Williams

Worship Attendants | Sept. 22

Elder at the Door: Jerry Harmon
 Nursery Attendants: Linda Everett/Bengjie Foley
 Flowers: Mac and Laura Fennell

The Pastor's Pen

Sometimes children can ask some of the deepest questions about God. I applaud anyone who takes up the task of teaching children because they can come up with things that absolutely stump us! The minds of children are deep! From the mouth of a child I have heard one of the most difficult questions one could ask: "Did God die on the cross?"

It's a tricky question, isn't it? On the one hand, Christ is God, and Christ died on the cross. So in that sense, we can say God did die on the cross. But on the other hand, the divine nature cannot experience death! God is the source of life itself! He is the eternally self-existing and unchanging one! Death cannot affect Him. The answer to this difficult question has to hold tightly to two truths: Christ is God *and* it is contrary to the very nature of God for the divine being to die.

I think the Bible gives us the tools we need to navigate this difficult question. When the Apostle Paul was exhorting the Ephesian elders in Acts 20, he made this passing statement: "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, *which he obtained with his own blood*" (v. 28, emphasis mine). The grammar is undeniable: the church is what God obtained *with his own blood*. Not only do we see in this text that the one who shed His blood for the church (i.e. Jesus) is God, but we also see that God is said to have blood to shed. But how can that be? Doesn't Jesus teach that God is a spirit (John 4:24)? Do we not teach our children that "God is a spirit, and has not a body like men" (Children's Catechism 9).

While these things are absolutely true, when we talk about the God-man, we have to account for both His human and divine natures. The attributes of both Jesus' humanity and His divinity are true of Him as a person simultaneously. In other words, because Jesus is both God and man, He has all the attributes of God, while also having all the attributes of man. He is God, and as God He is "the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Yet at the same time, He is also a man, and as a man He "grew in wisdom and stature" (Luke 2:52). As God, He is a pure, bodiless spirit. Yet as man, He has blood that He shed for the salvation of His church. Both these realities are true concerning this one person.

Did God die on the cross? Yes, for He shed His blood for His church (Acts 20:28). Yet the profound, unfathomable mystery is that while God the Son suffered the pain of the wrath of God upon His human body and soul because of His love for His church, He nonetheless remained the unchangeable One according to His divine nature.

Amazing love! how can it be
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 -Charles Wesley

-J. Kyle Brent

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The Weeks of September 15 - 28, 2019

Upcoming Events

Sun 9/15	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Morning Worship
	6:00p	No Service
Wed 9/18	6:00p	Supper
	6:30p	Prayer Meeting
	7:00p	Adult Choir practice
Sun 9/22	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Morning Worship
	6:00p	Evening Worship
Wed 9/25	6:00p	Supper
	6:30p	Prayer Meeting
	7:00p	Adult Choir practice

Memory Verse

Those who are in the flesh
cannot please God.
Romans 8:8

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Announcements & Events

Nursery Help

We are so thankful that our nursery is growing! We currently have two volunteers each Sunday but are in need of one extra person so that we can split the age groups into two different rooms. If you would like to have your name added, please contact the Church Office. Thanks!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ashley and Tom Tacoma on the birth of their son, Joseph Lowell, born September 9th, weighing 9 lbs., 2 ozs.

Springdale Lakes Camp Reunion

Our church will be hosting a Springdale Lakes Camp Reunion this Saturday, September 14th, from 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Ann Hill and family in the loss of her husband, William.

Note of Thanks

The Hill family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for every expression of kindness shown to William and Ann during William's illness. Your love and concern for them, and especially your prayers, were so appreciated. A special "Thank You" to Dana and Stephen for all their help and to everyone who had a part in the funeral service.

With love,

Ann Hill, Rev. Joe and Christine Epting,
Deborah, Connor, and Joel Hudspeth

Baptism

Margaret Rae Weiinhold, daughter of Ashley and Thomas Weinhold, received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, September 1st.

Sermon Texts

Sept. 15 Morning	Jonah 4
Evening	God's Covenants
Sept. 22 Morning	Stephen Ewing
Evening	God's Covenants