

Important Dates & General Info

Birthday Greetings to:

October 13	Bill Everett
20	Amanda Covington
24	Hannah Fennell
25	Robert Shands
26	John Frank Robbins
26	Luke Tidwell
26	Suzanne Brockway

Weekly Stewardship Statistics

Sunday, September 29

General Fund	\$3,600.00
Wednesday supper	242.00
<u>BMC Choir</u>	<u>564.00</u>
Total	\$4,406.00

Attendance: AM - 119 | PM - 91

Sunday, October 6

General Fund	\$13,062.00
Wednesday supper	196.00
<u>Autism Awareness</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$13,358.00

Attendance: AM – 102 | PM – 46

Ushers for October

Bradley Littlejohn
Sam Roberts
Tim Ewing
Britt Jackson

Worship Attendants | Oct. 13

Elder at the Door: Rodney Shands
Nursery Attendants: Julianne Briscoe/Dana Hall
Flowers: Milton and Delo Campbell

Worship Attendants | Oct. 20

Elder at the Door: Milton Campbell
Nursery Attendants: Linda Treadaway and Sara Stephens
Flowers: Mac and Laura Fennell

The Pastor's Pen

We've been exploring the doctrine of the Trinity for the past several newsletters. The Scriptures present to us a God who is one in essence, yet three in persons. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the one, eternal God, and are equal in power and glory. We've looked at the first two persons of the Trinity, and now we look to the third person of the Trinity: Holy Spirit.

Scripture teaches us that the Holy Spirit is a *person*. Some teach that the Spirit of God is some sort of impersonal force or power that emanates from God but is not a divine person. Our Jehovah's Witness friends, for example, describe the Holy Spirit as God's power in action. The Spirit is not a separate person, nor is the Spirit divine, but is an extension of God that goes out into the world. The Bible, however, does not present the Holy Spirit as an impersonal force, but as a person. Our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples that He would send "the Helper, the Holy Spirit" to them after Jesus' departure (John 14:16). Jesus promises to send, not *help*, but the *Helper*. He promises to send, not *something*, but *someone*. The Spirit is a *He*, not an *It*. The Spirit may be grieved (Ephesians 4:30). In reference to the exercise of His will, the Holy Spirit can be quenched (1 Thessalonians 5:19). All of this points us to the fact that the Spirit is a *person*, not a thing.

The Spirit is not only a person, though. He is a *divine* person. He is a person that shares in the divinity of the Godhead. He was at the creation of the world, "hovering over the waters" (Genesis 1:2). He is the One through whom we are re-created (Romans 8:11). Further, He is included in the divine triad along with Father and the Son in places like Paul's benediction in 2 Corinthians 13:14 and in the baptism formula that Jesus gave to us in Matthew 28:19. This points us to the fact that the Holy Spirit is God; He is a divine person.

What does this mean for us? Why does it matter to us that the Holy Spirit is God? I think the words of the Nicene Creed help us to see how to apply this truth: "And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is *worshipped* and *glorified*..." If the Holy Spirit is God, if He is a fully divine person as the Scriptures indicate, He must be *worshipped* and *glorified*. Not many Christians think about worshipping God the Holy Spirit. They worship the Father and the Son, but rarely do they sing to, pray to, and glorify the Holy Spirit. For this reason, one author has called the Holy Spirit "the forgotten God." But if the Spirit is truly God, then He must truly be worshipped alongside the Father and the Son. He is as much worthy of our praise as they.

Remember this next time you come to worship. Pray to Spirit. Ask Him to move among us, to revive our hearts, and to lead us into all truth, and lift your soul in praise to Him as the Lord and Giver of Life.

-J. Kyle Brent

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The Weeks of October 13 - 26, 2019

Upcoming Events

Sun 10/13	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Morning Worship
	6:00p	Gospel Night
Wed 10/16	6:00p	Supper
	6:30p	Prayer Meeting
	7:00p	Adult Choir practice
Sun 10/20	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Morning Worship
	6:00p	Evening Worship
Wed 10/23	6:00p	Supper
	6:30p	Prayer Meeting
	7:00p	Adult Choir practice

Memory Verse

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.
Romans 8:9

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Announcements & Events

First Choice Holiday Market

Join us for an evening of food, shopping, and fellowship for a great cause. The First Choice Ninth Annual Holiday Market and Silent Auction will be held at our church on Thursday, November 7th, from 4:00-8:00 P.M. Area merchants will have wonderful Christmas items in their booths and there will be silent auction items to place bids on. Admission is free and all proceeds will help the center continue to provide free services to men and women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Grilled burgers, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase between 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Jubilee Birthday

We will have our Jubilee Birthday party on Wednesday, October 16th, at our regular Wednesday evening supper and service. The two missionary ladies we will be supporting are Rebekah Carson, a church planting assistant in Germany and Shelia Osborne, short-term missions coordinator working out of Greenville, SC. Please pray for these missionaries.

Officer Meetings

Deacons - Sunday, October 13th, at 5 P.M.
Elders - Tuesday, October 15th, at 6 P.M.

Baptism

Graham and Owen Morris, sons of Sarah Kathryn and Jonathon Morris, received the sacrament of baptism on October 6th.

MegaLife

MegaLife will not meet on October 14th but will resume on October 21st.

Missionary Visit

Jeff Allers, missionary to Germany, will be our guest speaker on Wednesday night, October 23rd.

Sermon Texts

Oct. 13	Morning	1 Samuel 1
	Evening	God's Covenants
Oct. 20	Morning	1 Samuel 1
	Evening	God's Covenants