

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 17, 2025

Song: **319** – *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Song: **784** – *Lord, Send Me*

First prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

Song: **341** – *In Gethsemane Alone*

Communion servers: **Larry Simmons** & **Jeremy Thomas**

Prayer for giving: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **564** – *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

Sermon: “*The Perseverance of the Christian Minister*” – (2 Cor. 4:8-18) – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **433** – *Softly and Tenderly*

Closing song: **631** – *How Great Thou Art*

Closing prayer: **Brian Zumalt**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Mark & Debbie – traveling
- Pat Craig – health
- Holly Brewer – surgery recovery
- Kathy Ray (Mernie’s sister-in-law) – eyesight
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 20 AM Worship – 24 Sun PM – 18 DBR – 10 Wed (8/13) – 12

Contribution – \$1563

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Sunday Bible class: 9am **Worship** 10am & 12:30pm **Wednesday Bible class:** 7pm

Matthew 9:37-38 “*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.*”

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THE LARGER THE INVESTMENT, THE LESS THE INTEREST

As a former sales associate for a home builder, I assisted lots of people in their search for a new home. This is usually the largest investment most people will ever make. As such, it was always strange to me when potential homebuyers would express more interest in and concern for the smaller, more cosmetic features of the house (e.g., paint color, size of pantry, space for TV, number of electrical and cable outlets) than for the more important factors (e.g., builder reputation, quality of construction, energy efficiency, length of warranty, etc. – matters they seemed to have relatively little, if any, interest in at all).

Having also worked in the auto industry many years, the running joke was always that the customer’s primary concern was not how well the car was built but how many cupholders it has! Today, it seems that people are far more interested in their cell phones than they are their homes or cars.

So, it should be no surprise that the biggest investment of all, one’s eternal home after this life, is the furthest thing from their minds. The average person has virtually no interest at all in his spiritual eternity. Atheism may

account for much of this; but sadly, the reality is that most people are *practical* atheists, believing in the existence of God (even claiming to be Christians), but whose lives, decisions, and actions display the opposite. Consider **Titus 1:15-16**:

“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

Notice that Paul is referring to the “unbelieving”, but defines this not as atheism, but as those who “profess to know God; but in works they deny him.” These unbelievers not only believe in God, but actually claim to know Him. When Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it as God instructed him (Numbers 20:8,11), God punished him, saying that “ye believed me not” (v. 12). There is a big difference in believing *in* God (i.e., agreeing that He exists) and believing God, which clearly requires knowledge of and obedience to His will.

Most folks are going to be shocked in the end of time when their homes, cars, and cell phones will be “burned up” (cf. 2 Peter 3:10f) and they are required to *“appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad”* (2 Cor. 5:10). For *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”* (Heb. 9:27).

As people go through the home buying process, do they consider that this is the largest *earthly* investment they’ll make? More importantly, as **you** live your life, do you recognize that the most important investment you’ll ever make is in your soul and where you’ll live eternally? *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”* (Matt. 16:26).

David Ray

THOUGHTS ON MODESTY

1. If you have trouble getting into it or out of it...then it's PROBABLY NOT MODEST!
2. If you have to be very careful when you sit down or bend over...then it's PROBABLY NOT MODEST!
3. If folks look at any part of your body before they look you in the eyes...then it's PROBABLY NOT MODEST!
4. If you can see your most private body parts or an outline of your undergarments in the fabric...then it's PROBABLY NOT MODEST!

Michael J. Hatcher

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. **HEAR THE WORD**
Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
2. **BELIEVE IN JESUS**
John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **John 8:24** – “...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
3. **REPENT OF YOUR SINS**
Luke 13:3–“...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” **Acts 17:30**–“And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” **2 Corinthians 7:10**–“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”
4. **CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD**
Romans 10:9-10–“if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Also **Matthew 10:32-33**; see **Acts 8:37** for an example.)
5. **BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS**
Mark 16:16–“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”; **Acts 2:38**–“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”; **Acts 22:16**–“Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”; **1 Peter 3:21**–“...baptism doth also now save us...”
6. **REMAIN FAITHFUL**
1 Corinthians 15:58–“Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; **Colossians 1:23**–“...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard”; **Revelation 2:10**–“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”