

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 21, 2025

Song: **239** – *Angry Words*

Song: **271** – *Faith is the Victory*

First prayer: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **100** – *The Lord's Supper*

Communion servers: **Brian Zumalt & Larry Simmons**

Prayer for giving: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **55** – *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Sermon: “*Expectations of the Christian Minister*” (2 Cor. 6) – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **501** – *No Not One*

Closing song: **22** – *Be With Me, Lord*

Closing prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa's friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Kevin Lively (Mark's friend)
- Pat Craig – health
- Holly Brewer – surgery recovery
- Mernie's sisters-in-law: Kathy Ray (eyesight) and Fannie Ray
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- 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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 12 AM Worship – 14 Sun PM – 14 DBR – 3 Wed (9/17) – 12

Contribution – \$1806

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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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ANSWERING THE “HOWS” OF THE SPIRIT

Did God speak in times of old? **Yes!** (Heb. 1:1-2). Does God still speak? Yes! But the question that remains is, **how?** God speaks to me. After all, the Bible says God has “in these last days spoken unto us by his Son” (1:2). It would be proper, fair, and reasonable to press me on the matter. You will want to know if I mean that God speaks **directly** to me or if I am claiming that God speaks to me **indirectly** through His Word. You would go to various other passages showing me that God speaks or reveals His mind to me through His Word (1 Cor. 2; cf. John 12:48).

Similarly, if I say the Holy Spirit leads me (Rom. 8:14), you would do well to question whether I mean that He **directly** or **indirectly** leads me through His Word and press me on the question, “**How** does the Spirit lead?” Of course, that would be fair and reasonable of you because you know that the Scriptures lead us through their teaching, their reproof, their correction, and their instruction in righteousness and they make us complete (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Scriptures are a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psa. 119:105; 1 John 1:7). Jesus said the words He spoke were spirit and life (John 6:63). We learn that the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17), the very means by which the Spirit wields His influence. Additionally, we know that we get understanding, clarity, and guidance from the inspired Scriptures (Psa. 119:104, 130).

If I say the Holy Spirit strengthens me, again you would press me on what I mean. Do I mean He **directly** or **indirectly** strengthens me through His inspired Word? Paul specifically says to be strong (Eph. 6:10). Where? In the Lord! How? In the strength of His power—the Word or Gospel of Christ (cf. Rom. 1:16). We are to put on **truth** (the Word—John 17:17), we are to put on **righteousness** (the Word—Psa. 119:172), we are to put on the **Gospel** (the Word—Rom. 1:16), we are to put on the shield of **the faith** (the Word—Gal. 1:6-9, 23), we are to put on **salvation** (the Word of salvation—Acts 13:26; Jam. 1:21), and all of this is the Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God (Eph. 6:17). To be strengthened in the Lord is to be strengthened by the Lord's Word. The Word of His grace strengthens us (Acts 20:32).

Likewise, if I say God dwells in me, you will press me to ask, “**How** does God dwell in me?” **Directly** or **indirectly**? Of course, **indirectly** through or by means of His Word (John 14:23; 2 John 9; Eph. 3:17 “the faith”; Gal. 3:2; 1 John 3:24; etc.). Of course, from these passages, we understand we dwell in God, obviously, **indirectly** rather than literally or **directly**. Therefore, this “dwelling” concept describes a relationship—a relationship between God and the person who keeps His Word, continues abiding in His Word, and quite simply continues obeying His Word. Therefore, a relationship that is based upon the Word of God or is “through, or by, the Word.”

Doug Post

HOLY AND REVEREND IS HIS NAME

The psalmist was inspired to write, “He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name” (Psa. 11:9).

God is called holy and reverend because of his great power by which he sent redemption to his people and enjoined upon them the keeping of his covenant. Self-possessed holiness and reverence are, then, attributes which belong to God and not to man. Hence, God's name is holy and reverend because he is God.

Yet, in disregard of this fact, and in arrogant self exaltation against God, men dare to wear the title *reverend*. If men can assume the title of reverend, which

title **the Bible ascribes only to God**, why can they not also wear the name God itself? Both of these names apply **only to deity**; for men to assume either is **sheer blasphemy**!

Against those who, in a spiritual sense, exalt themselves above others by the assumption of religious titles Jesus said, “But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven” (Matt 23:8-9). It is indeed pathetic to see men, who in relationship to God, are spiritual, moral, and mental pygmies, exalt themselves against His glory by the wearing of His name. Such men “measure themselves by themselves” and therefore think of themselves more highly than they ought to think. It is equally pathetic to see the masses who are either **too gullible or too lazy to study the Bible** for themselves duped into honoring such religious names as though they were deity. Remember, man is just man, but God is God—and “holy and reverend is his name.”

Jerry F. Bassett

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- [HEAR THE WORD](#)
Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
- [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.”
- [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.”
- [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.)
- [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...”
- [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.”

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- 2. BELIEVE IN JESUS John 3:16; 8:24
- 3. REPENT OF YOUR SINS Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
- 4. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
- 5. BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- 6. REMAIN FAITHFUL 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10