

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 28, 2025

Song: **11** – *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Song: **566** – *We Shall See the King*

First prayer: **Larry Simmons**

Song: **89** – *‘Tis Set, the Feast Divine*

Communion servers: **Chrishawn Thompson & Mark Brandt**

Prayer for giving: **Adam Bentley**

Song: **880** – *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

Sermon: *“The Christian Minister’s Comfort” (2 Cor. 7)* – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **465** – *Are You Washed in the Blood?*

Closing song: **743** – *Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom*

Closing prayer: **Mernie Ray**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Shane & Alyssa – traveling
- Brian – heart
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa’s friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Kevin Lively (Mark’s friend)
- 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 21, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 15 AM Worship – 16 Sun PM – 15 DBR – 4 Wed (9/24) – 16

Contribution – \$1526

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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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CHRIST’S PRAYER FOR UNITY WAS ANSWERED

The Lord’s prayer of **John 17:20-23** anticipated the inauguration of the new dispensation and the beginning of the church by the preaching of the apostles on Pentecost:

Neither pray I for these [apostles] alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me...that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one.

The prayer of the Lord for unity had reference first to the oneness of the apostles in the unity of their apostolic teaching and second to the unity of all who believed the Word preached by them. This prayer anticipated the establishment of the church by the preaching of the apostles, and it was answered when the believers were made one in the church (17:20)—through their Word.

The usual prayer that is heard today calls upon God to answer the prayer of His Son for the unity of all believers—as though God had ignored this prayer from then until now. The prayer of Jesus for the unity of the believers through the Word of the apostles was answered when the church was established.

Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

IS GOD IN CONTROL?

Some suppose God is in control of everything and that He manipulates every detail of our lives. When things are going well, God may get the credit; if things are not going so well, He is likely to get the blame. The belief for some is that God instigates every illness, tragic accident, catastrophe, death and even foreordains whether or not a given person will be saved in heaven or lost forever in torment. Some are “comforted” in the knowledge they always have someone else to blame. Is God responsible for every evil thing, or is there a culprit laughing in the shadows while he creates distrust in the hearts of the impressionable? We need to be careful what we accuse God of doing!

Perhaps this kind of thinking prompted a church marquee recently that said, “God may disappoint you, but He will never fail.” This writer has disappointed himself, others and specially God, but never has God disappointed. If God never fails (and He doesn’t) then how could He disappoint? God is always good all of the time. His goodness, however, does not preclude the sometimes necessary task of disciplining His children (Hebrews 12:5-11), but that is done out of love and care. Is God guilty of breaking our hearts?

God is in total control of only those things over which He has chosen to be in total control. We live presently in a world where God has chosen to exercise varying degrees of control. While He is the Sovereign of the universe, He gives man freedom to make choices. Some individuals believe and obey Jesus Christ, while others don’t know of Him, or choose of their own accord to reject Him (John 1:11-13; 20:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Our choices sometimes have significant and eternal consequences (Galatians 6:7-8). God is not culpable for the disastrous consequences of our wrong or immoral choices. This includes even those times when, or if, we allow ourselves to be deceived by Satan and his messengers and fall from God’s grace (Galatians 5:4).

God exercises a degree of control over Satan, but He does not choose, at this time, to exercise full control over him. For instance, God permitted Satan to afflict Job, but placed restrictions telling him on that occasion to “spare his life” (Job 2:6 ESV). Why did God tell Satan to spare Job’s life if he didn’t have

power to take it? God is about life. Satan is about death, pain and suffering (John 10:10). From the days of Adam and Eve, God has permitted the evil one to tempt mankind, but again he is limited and cannot pull us away from the Father by force (John 10:27-29). If we choose, we may leave the Father willingly. Being sheep, God does not fence us in. He desires that we serve Him from the heart with a willing mind.

God has chosen to be in control of supplying fallen humanity with a Savior (Luke 19:10; Titus 2:11-14). He has allowed no power in the entire universe to prevent the kingdom of heaven, the church from being established (Matthew 16:18), or seeing to it that it endures forever (Daniel 2:44). God is in full control of the moment when He determines to send His Son, along with His mighty angels, to mark the end of time and to reward the righteous and punish all the wicked. God will be in full control of the proceedings at the Judgment Day, and He has the power to execute the sentence that is delivered unto every man. There will be no protests or court of appeals to nullify or render it void. Are we surrendering ourselves completely to God?

Tim Childs

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.”

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