

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2026

Song: **65** – *A Wonderful Savior*

Song: **876** – *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

First prayer: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **92** – *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Communion servers: **Shane Upton** & **Larry Simmons**

Prayer for giving: **Chrishawn Thompson**

Song: **141** – *Blessed Assurance*

Sermon: *"Beware of Sin"* – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **424** – *Hark! The Gentle Voice*

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

Closing prayer: **Adam Bentley**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Mark & Debbie traveling
- Gloria Hendrix – health
- Talisa Thompson (Chrishawn's mom) – surgery recovery
- Ralph Ashley (Alyssa's uncle) – cancer
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue's siblings) – health concerns
- Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Fannie Ray (Mernie's sister-in-law)
- 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 & India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Gospel meeting with **Lee Moses** Aug 23-26. Let's plan to attend, and invite others!
- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles
(www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495); www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist-

RECORD FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 12 AM Worship – 13 Sun PM – 14 DBR – 7 Wed (8/5) – 13

Contribution – \$1266

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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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FEAR AND WORRY: A LESSON FROM KING DAVID

We all know the Bible character King David, and from him one can learn lessons about fear, worry and anxiety. Throughout his life, David had to deal with situations that would naturally bring about these three emotions in anyone. One emotion that he knew about especially was fear. His whole life had been turned upside down when his son Absalom stole the allegiance of the nation of Israel from him and was attempting to take the throne for himself. David didn't know who was loyal to him and who was against him. His only option seemed to be to run for his life. He said to his servants, "Arise, and let us flee, or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword" (2 Samuel 15:14).

As David was fleeing for his life, he wrote in a Psalm, "I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His Holy Hill" (Psalm 3:4). All believers must remember that worry is a burden God never meant for us to bear (Matthew 11:28-30). David looked to God in the midst of fear. God showed him grace and restored him to the throne. In Psalm 4:4-5, 8, David showed a very important lesson for how we should handle stressful events in our lives, which can bring up emotions of fear and of worry. We can discover from David how to release those

emotions into God’s strong hand. He will help us through our trials and emotional moments. First, he said, “Be agitated, and do not sin. Meditate [think] within your heart on your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD” (Psalm 4:4-5). Then, David said, “Lie down in peace, and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety” (Psalm 4:8).

Each Christian can say to the Lord at the end of the day before we sleep, “Thank you Lord, that we, like King David of old, do not have to be weighed down by fear and worry. Help me Lord to place my concerns in Your care so that I do not fear tomorrow, in Jesus’ name, Amen!” (See 1 Peter 5:6-7).

David Myers

JESUS AND SOCIALISM

Those who espouse certain social, moral, or political agendas sometimes invoke the Bible in general or Jesus in particular for their cause (notwithstanding their disavowal of both). They thus pander to the many believers who still believe in both.

From time to time, advocates of socialism and/or communism charge that Jesus taught and the early Christians practiced such. Some brazenly averred that the New Testament is a sort of socialist “manifesto” and that Jesus was the first socialist. Let us examine some of their “Proofs”:

- **The rich young ruler** (Mat. 19:16–22). Jesus told this wealthy man to sell all that he had and give it to the poor, then follow Him. Socialists cite this statement as an example of Jesus’ sociopolitical philosophy. However, He never gave this order to any of the thousands of others He taught. Simply put, Jesus knew that this man’s wealth was his god, and that as long as he possessed it, it possessed him. Jesus had/has to be first, or not at all.
- **The Judgment scene** (Mat. 25:31–46). In describing the final Judgment (incredibly, liberals call this literal description a “parable”), Jesus said He would separate the lost from the saved. Those who will be saved are those who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and such like. He condemns those who had failed to do so. However, socialists seek their agenda here in vain. Jesus is simply emphasizing the **personal**

benevolence and helpfulness each one should practice toward another. They also fail to note that this passage is only one of many that state the bases of our final accounting (e.g., one’s words [Mat. 12: 37], one’s faith and baptism [Mark. 16:16], one’s faithfulness [Mat. 10:22], all of Jesus’ words [John 12:48]).

- **The practice of the early saints** (Acts 2:44; 4:32). Indeed, these disciples had “all things common,” not selfishly grasping their own possessions. However, this was a voluntary generosity, **willingly** performed to help the helpless. There is no hint that the apostles ordered such. Contrariwise, Peter told Ananias: “While it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power?” (5:4).

Those who advocate centralized/collectivist government and a welfare state that **mandates** “benevolence” by forcing producers to support non-producers must seek their endorsement elsewhere. Paul wrote: “If any will not work, neither let him eat” (2 The. 3:10). Jesus’ “golden rule, “Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them” (Mat. 7:12), urges voluntary, not confiscatory “giving” of the property and possessions of others. Jesus was not a socialist!

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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.”