of Christ at New Boston

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# Honored Member or guest

# SERVICES

WEDNESDAY:

SUNDAY:

Ladies' Bible Class 10:25 am

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**BIBLE LESSON TEXT** Sunday, September 19 Creation Genesis 1-2:7 Wednesday, September 22 Adam and Eve **Genesis 2:7-25 God's Salvation Plan** 

**HEAR** the Gospel – Romans 10:17 **BELIEVE** on the Lord & His Word – Mark 16:16; John 8:24

**REPENT** of our sins – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30

**CONFESS** Christ – Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9

**BE BAPTIZED** for the remission of sins – Acts 2:38: Mark 16:16:

Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21

**LIVE a** faithful, dedicated life – Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

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### The Beautiful Bride of Christ, part 1 Mike Bonner

Oh the beautiful things in life that capture our attention and arrest our conscience and seemingly calm our anxieties! Like the beauty of a wife and the benefits of relationships and intimacy, which catapults one into the next world, are totally amazing. The blessings of a husband who is strong and courageous against the foes of the world, which attempt to take down the family in any way. How about the bonus of children who seek to obey when they're asked to do this or that? The church is definitely the beautiful bride of Christ and we should look at her in that manner as we praise God for His bountiful care, comfort and concern.

Who is the beautiful bride of Christ? She is the fullness of Christ who fills all in all (Eph. 1.22-23). When we see the church, we should see Christ as well. Just as Christ went about doing good, we should go about doing good as well, thus bringing glory to God (Acts 10.38). It is for this purpose we have been created in Christ Jesus, to do good works (Eph. 2.8-10). What an honor to know when we're doing the will of God, we are then showing forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pet. 2.5-8). So the bride is the fullness of Christ that fills all in

How is the beautiful bride of Christ organized? She is organized as follows:. God is supreme and over all, including Christ (1 Cor. 11.1). God made Christ to be the head of the church, which is his bride, and for this reason she would be nourished and cared for by Him (Eph. 5.21ff). She is to have elders and deacons to oversee and serve her needs, physically and spiritually. She is to be taught by an evangelist with the word of truth, which is the gospel of our salvation (Eph. 4.11-16; Eph. 1.13). Elders are suppose to be in every congregation, if qualified men are present according to the Holy Spirit (Acts. 14.23; Titus 1.5). The elders are responsible for feeding, watching over, attending to and building her up in the most holy faith. What a great responsibility to uphold and stay on top of. The deacons are to perform the physical work for the church and make sure the elders are free to give great attention to the flock. Finally the evangelist is to preach the word, serve the congregation, warn the bride on how to live and at the same time be an example to the believers (1 Tim. 4.12-16). (continued next week!)

### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION** Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021

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Evening Bible Class51	
SUNDAY, September 12, 2021	
AM Bible class45	
AM Worship 67	
PM Worship 41	
Contribution\$2,072.00	
Average to Date\$2,865.50	
Budget\$3,100.00	

AM Prayers PM Prayers				
Announcements: Mike Raney				
September 19, 2021 Servants				

Derrell Patterson	Mike Raney
Thomas McGee	Jody Thomas

### Lord's Table

Ernest Shelton Jr	John David Thomas
Monty Crawford	

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Pick up cards: Gavin Cauley

# September 26, 2021 Servants

Announcements: Mike Raney

AM Prayers	PM Prayers	
Johnny Thomas	Blake Tyndell	
Ben Dooley	Justin Tyndell	

## Lord's Table

Ernest Shelton Jr John David Thomas

Monty Crawford

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Pick up cards: Logan Wages

If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572

## Please Pray for ...

Don Grider Mary Hankins Meg Shelton Winnie Tucker Marie McPherson James Love Clara Inman Mary Hankins Amanda Georgakis Charles Downs Stephanie Wages Norma Crawford Stephanie Lebsack James Posev Janiece Richardson Jimmie Thomas Jamey Thomas Valerie Martin Jon Schwiethale Peyton Clark Dale Stephens Alex Meyer the Seagraves

Wvvon Mav Faith Salfen **Gerald Watkins** Robin Upson Blake Drinkard Keith & Helen Clark Ginger Plumlee Henry Murray Kimberly (Shute) McDaniel Cayden Harris Linda Roberts Vince Hardage Virginia Parrish Marc Higgs Eddie Wayne Parrish Art Schwiethale Cameron Taylor Romeo Romo Danielle Tyndell Bro. Cowling and



Canned vegetables

<u>Birthdays</u>				
Landrie Tyndell	Sept 20			
Wilma Alexander	Sept 24			
<u>Anniversary</u>				
M/M John David Thomas	Sept 21			

### Reminders

- 1. Ladies' Bible Class has resumed
- 2. September 19 Potluck luncheon for this month
- 3. We'll have a 5th Wednesday singing this month on the 29th.

## **Amazing Grace**

Last Sunday evening, we contemplated the song "Amazing Grace". As a wellknown and beloved song, it conveys ideas that have been muddled in the religious and theological world. Biblically (and historically), though, the song tells of the nature of God's grace as He saves whom He will without regard to petty distinctions among men (Gal 3). He saves according to His will even the "vilest offenders who truly obey" (1 Tim 1:15). Our understanding and perception of God's grace is vital to our appreciation of it. The more we appreciate the grace of God, and how amazing it is, the better people we will be. This is evidence of the marvelous plan of God to reconcile and elevate man. He wants fellowship with us.

Insomuch as grace as the Bible defines it is God giving man what he does not deserve, Christ Jesus is the greatest and most elaborate example. We can do ourselves a great disservice if we do not take this personally and realize it individually. God gave His Son for/to me! I did not deserve it, cannot deserve it, and will never deserve it! God gave because he loved (John 3:16). We may never be able to fully appreciate the scope of the love and grace of God, but we must appreciate it. The goodness of God leads us to repentance! (Rom 2:4) Our efforts are rewarded as we come to know the person, character, and doctrine of the One we call Lord (Rom 5:6-11).

Luke 18 records for us the prayers of the Pharisee and the publican. Jesus was addressing those who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others"(v.9). Acknowledgement, remembrance, and appreciation for the grace of God helps us to remember who we are: sinners. God has given us a great tool, if you will, for humbling ourselves continually. Weekly, we observe the Lord's Supper, spending time worshipping God thinking of His grace in the person of Jesus Christ.

Time spent in contemplation and reflection on such things is well redeemed, as we take to heart this truly Heavenly and lofty concept. (Luke 18:14) God's grace is conveyed upon us in adoption as sons alongside his own Son (Rom 8), in our inheritance with a place to dwell with Him (John 14:1-3), and in the resurrection promised to the faithful (1 Cor 15:22-23).

May we ever strive to draw closer to the One who is the source of Life, the giver of grace and mercy, our Loving Father in Heaven. He will welcome us home when this life is over. (Rev 21:24) He's already proved His love for us, and we have some little time and means (yet sufficient!) to prove ours for Him. (John 14:15; 15:14).

- 4. October 2, we will have our stew Supper. (Sure missed it last year!)
- 5. October 3-6. Our Gospel Meeting with Michael Bonner.