

Keep Christianity Strange

As the culture changes all around us, it is no longer possible to pretend that we are a Moral Majority. That may be bad news for America, but it can be good news for the church. What's needed now, in shifting times, is neither a doubling-down on the status quo nor a pullback into isolation. Instead, we need a church that speaks to social and political issues with a bigger vision in mind: that of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As Christianity seems increasingly strange, and even subversive to our culture, we have the opportunity to reclaim the freakishness of the gospel, which is what gives it its power in the first place.

We seek the kingdom of God, before everything else. We connect that kingdom agenda to the culture around us, both by speaking it to the world and by showing it in our churches. As we do

so, we remember our mission to oppose demons, not to demonize opponents. As we advocate for human dignity, for religious liberty, for family stability, let's do so as those with a prophetic word that turns everything upside down.

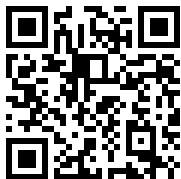
The signs of the times tell us we are in for days our parents and grandparents never knew. But that's no call for panic or surrender or outrage. Jesus is alive. Let's act like it. Let's follow him, onward to the future.

-From the dust cover of Onward, by Russell Moore, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Events

TODAY Fellowship Picnic
7:00 PM
10/18 Ladies' Bible Study
10:00 AM
10/21 Flourishers Bonfire
7:00 PM
10/22 Annual Church
Picnic 5:00 PM

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Upcoming Events



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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Bob Prentice
Opening Hymn	#677 Nothing but the Blood
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:1-18, page 811
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	#192 Stricken, Smitten
Preparatory	O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

**Oh the deep, deep love – all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.**

2. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones – those He died to make His own,
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

**Oh the deep, deep love – all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.**

3. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest.
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus; mighty Savior, precious Friend,
You will bring us home to glory, where your love will never end.

**Oh the deep, deep love – all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus. (repeat)**

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Sermon	Pastor Gary Hendrix
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Evening Worship

Call to Worship	Brad Kinnison
Opening Hymn	#131 When Morning Gilds the Skies
Scripture Reading	Acts 18:1-11, 18-28, page 927
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	#109 This is My Father's World
Preparatory	#335 Abide with Me
Sermon	Pastor Stu Johnston