

".....he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God." Acts 17: 25c-27a.

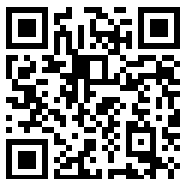
Have you ever watched the TV program, FINDING YOUR ROOTS? The ancestry of well known people is researched to discover something about their distant relatives. Celebrities who are very different from one another are sometimes found to be related. A long time ago Paul told us we were all related. Yet, we do have histories that can make our lives very different from one another. The experiences of African-Americans in the USA in contrast to those of Caucasians is an example. The human designs that brought most African-Americans to these shores was exceedingly wicked. Yet the great black educator of the 19th century, Booker T. Washington, once wrote something like this. "Despite the evil of slavery, God used the awful institution, as He often does with various sins, for the good of our race. Through it we were exposed to the Gospel of Christ in a way we might never have been otherwise." Indeed, black Christians can truly

be thankful for this Joseph-like providence in their history. On the other hand, white Christians must face the fact that their material and political welfare has been elevated at the expense of others. Hopefully we would never justify slavery, but the reality is that we have enjoyed more advantages in this life than our black brothers because of it. We can be thankful that progress has been made by abolition, ending Jim Crow and segregation, but it is not a simple thing for African-Americans society as a whole to "catch up". It is like a sports event where all the rules are stacked against one team in the first half. When the rules are corrected in the second half it is unreasonable to expect the score to quickly even out. White Americans can never pay back black brothers and sisters for what their ancestors did to theirs. Nor should it be expected of them. However, God expects us to be vigilant to correct injustices that remain, and guard against deterioration in rights that have been secured. Without sympathy for our fellow citizens in these areas, our Gospel is likely to be rather lame. During Black History month, let us give special thought and prayer to our stewardship in this matter.

## Events

**TODAY College & Career**  
Lunch 1 PM  
**2/7 Ladies' Bible Study**  
10:00 AM  
**2/12 Girls' Bible Study**  
4:00 PM  
**2/15 Stephen Atkinson**  
7:15 PM

## Give



## Upcoming Events



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## Service Times

- 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  
Opening Hymn

Nick Gaines  
God Undefeatable

1. Behold the King who conquered and overcame our sin.  
Behold our glorious Victor whose mercy knows no end.  
He is true, He is right, death is broken, He is alive.

**(Chorus)**

**God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable; in majesty and power You reign.**

**Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful; to waken us to life You came. You came.**

2. And now our way is certain, our souls in You secure  
through every pain and struggle Your victory endures.  
For You are true, and You are right, death is broken, and You are alive.

**God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable; in majesty and power You reign.**

**Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful; to waken us to life You came. You came.**

**(Bridge)**

The love of God is greater than we dare to hope or dream.  
The hold of God is stronger than we dare to hope or dream.

**God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable; in majesty and power You reign.**

**Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful; to waken us to life You came. You came.**

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**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 12:22-37, page 817**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory**

**#402 Amazing Grace**

**Preparatory**

**How Deep the Father's Love**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.**

**But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom. (repeat)**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

## Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn

Pastor Charles Fortner  
10,000 Reasons

**(Chorus)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

**(Chorus)**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

**(Chorus)**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
ten thousand years, and then forever more!

**(Chorus 2x)**

**I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.**

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**Scripture Reading**

**Psalms 92, page 498**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory**

**When Trials Come**

When trials come, no longer fear, for in the pain our God draws near,  
to fire a faith worth more than gold; and there His faithfulness is told;  
and there His faithfulness is told.

Within the night I know Your peace;  
the breath of God brings strength to me.  
And, new each morning, mercy flows as treasures of the darkness grow;  
as treasures of the darkness grow.

I turn to wisdom not my own, for ev'ry battle You have known.  
My confidence will rest in You; Your love endures, Your ways are good;  
Your love endures, Your ways are good.

When I am weary with the cost, I see the triumph of the cross;  
So in its shadow I shall run 'till He completes the work begun;  
'till He completes the work begun.

One day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope You called me to.  
And in Your Kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old;  
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old.

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**Preparatory  
Sermon  
Response**

**#548 More Love to Thee  
Pastor Stu Johnston  
#535 How Good it is**