

The church now has the opportunity to bear witness in a culture that often does not even pretend to share our “values.”

That is not a tragedy since we were never given a mission to promote “values” in the first place, but to speak instead of sin and of righteousness and judgment, of Christ and his kingdom. We will now have to articulate concepts we previously assumed - concepts such as “marriage” and “family” and “faith” and “religion.” So much the better, since Jesus and the apostles do the same thing, defining these categories in terms of the creation and of the gospel. We should have been doing such all along. Now we will be forced to, simply to be understood at all. Our end goal is not a Christian America, either of the made-up past or the hoped-for future. Our end goal is the kingdom of Christ, made up of every tribe, tongue, nation, and language. We are, in Christ, the heirs of this kingdom. The worst thing that can happen to us is crucifixion under the curse of God, and we’ve already been there, in Christ. The best thing that can happen to us is freedom from death and life at the right hand of God, and that’s already happened to us too, in Christ. That should free us to stand and to speak, not because we’re a majority, moral or otherwise, but because we are an embassy of the future, addressing consciences designed to long for good news.

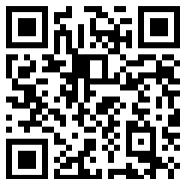
- Onward, pg. 9, Russell Moore

Events

**TODAY College & Career
Pasta & Prayer at Dekker’s
7 PM**

**VisionYouth at White’s 7
Fellowship Picnic 7
5/6 College & Career
Lunch 1 PM
5/10 Women’s Mentoring
Meetings 10 AM and 7 PM**

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

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

Nick Gaines

Opening Hymn

Hymn of Thanksgiving

I thank You, Lord, for Your sov'reign goodness,
the mercy You've shown me, Your glorious church.

I thank You, Lord, for justification, divine contemplation,
the comfort and goodness and truth of Your Word.

I thank You, Lord, for the joys of communion,
of table and closet, the sweetness of prayer.

I thank You, Lord, for the saints gone before us, the heavenly chorus,
and future rejoicing in "The LORD who is There."

**(Chorus) Surely goodness and mercy follow me all of my days---
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever and ever, Amen.**

I thank You, Lord, for each precious baby,
the blessings of children, the pleasures of home.

I thank You, Lord, for opening bare wombs, for conquering the tomb,
the promise of reaping from tears we have sown.

I thank You, Lord, for corporate mercies,
the work of Your Spirit, the gifts we employ.

I thank You, Lord, for heavenly glimpses, for all that Your Word says,
the giving of thanks with Your people in joy. **(Chorus)**

I thank You, Lord, for restoring the lost years,
for bottling my tears, renewing my soul.

I thank You, Lord, for healing diseases, salvation in Jesus,
for each wand'ring sheep that's brought back to the fold.

I thank You, Lord, for the trials you have brought me,
the patience you've taught me in suff'ring and loss.

I thank You, Lord, for the hope that You give me, that You'll never leave me,
the work of redemption, for gold from the dross. **(Chorus)**

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Scripture Reading

John 5:30-47, page 890

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#31 My God How Wonderful

Preparatory

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Fortner

Opening Hymn

Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;

All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now compared to this.

**(Refrain) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love
You, Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours,

To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

(Refrain)

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.

(Refrain 2x)

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All in All

You are my strength when I am weak;

You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel;

Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

(Chorus) Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again, I bless Your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down You pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

(Chorus)

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Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 24, page 277

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#547 My Jesus I Love Thee

Preparatory

I Boast No More

No more my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done

I quit the hopes I held before to trust the merits of Thy Son.

**(Chorus) No more my God, no more my God, no more my God, I boast no
more.**

Now, for the loss I bear His name, what was my gain I count my loss;

My former pride I call my shame, and nail my glory to His cross. **(Chorus)**

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake;

O may my soul be found in Him, and of His righteousness partake! **(Chorus)**

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before Thy throne;

But faith can answer Thy demands, by pleading what my Lord has done.

(Chorus 2x)

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Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston