

NOW TO THE KING ETERNAL,
immortal, invisible,
to God who alone is wise,
be honor and glory
forever and ever.
Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2014

WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
ABERYSTWYTH

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

1 Timothy 1:17

ADORATION

†*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymn **46**
DIADEMATA

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

The congregation will read text in italics.

¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

¹² *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

¹³ I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,

¹⁵ *which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.*

† *Doxology*

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Hymn **356**
MARTYN

THANKSGIVING

†*You Alone Are God*

Hymn **Choir**

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:1-35

†A Shelter in the Time of Storm

Hymn 99
SHELTER

Ministry of Music

The Herbster Family

THE SERMON
Acceptable Worship
Hebrews 12:18-29 (Cont)

†Just As I Am

Hymn 319
WOODWORTH

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† Congregation will stand (if able)



Choir Practice, 5:00 PM

Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP—Hebrews 12:18–29 (CONTINUED)

Pastor Greg Stiekes

The author of Hebrews calls upon believers not only to be faithful to God, but most importantly to *draw near* to God in *worship*. In this wonderful text which draws together many of the theological themes of Hebrews, we are exhorted to “come to God” (vv. 18, 22), not to “refuse him” (v. 25), but to offer to God “acceptable worship” (v. 28). What is “acceptable” worship?

1. Worship that is grounded in new spiritual realities (18–24)

a. The Old Worship at Mount Sinai (18–22)

- (1) We have not come to something physical or temporal.
- (2) We have not come to something fearful.
- (3) We have not come to something aloof or inaccessible.

b. The New Worship at Mount Zion (22–24)

In contrast to the fearful worship at Sinai, believers have “come to” seven new spiritual realities:

- (1) To Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
- (2) To an innumerable company of angels in joyful assembly
- (3) To the church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,
- (4) To the Judge who is God of all
- (5) To the spirits of righteous ones made perfect,
- (6) To Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant,
- (7) To the sprinkled blood that speaks better than (the blood of) Abel

2. Worship that bows to the absolute sovereignty of God (25–27)

3. Worship that is fitting for so great an object (28–29)

- a. Joyful praise, for we have received an eternal kingdom.
- b. Reverent awe, for our God is a consuming fire.



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month & no evening service.
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

Note: This is the last week to bring unused Bibles for the Henderson County Jail Ministry. If you would like to donate Bibles after today, please give them to Ranae Worrell.

WEDNESDAY 6:45 PM, AWANA; Adult Bible Study, 7:00; Teen discipleship class, 7:00 @ St. Jacques

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 2: Combined Sunday School/Prayer Service for adults and children above nursery age. Wilds Ministry Team will be with us for Sunday School and the Worship Service.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 shower for Tiffany Huggins 7:00 at Bethany Baptist Church in Brevard.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 Watchman's Meeting 7:00

MONDAY, MARCH 3 Quilt-a-thon 9:30-4:00

	Feb 16	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,297	\$3,577	\$26,412	\$25,038
Missions			\$95	
Deacons Fund			\$1,131	
Building Fund	\$50		\$972	\$33,557

