

# THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2015

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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

### PRELUDE

*Gaze on the Christ*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

1 Peter 2:9–10

### ADORATION

†*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Hymn **1**  
DARWALL

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 3:19–26

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

**19** Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

**20** *For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

**21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

*For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

**25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**26** *It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

†*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

*Gaze on the Christ*

Hymn **INSERT**

### THANKSGIVING

Testimonies

*All I find in You*

Kids4Truth Sunday School Class

### PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

**9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9–10



**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 2

<sup>†</sup>*Standing on the Promises*

Hymn **445**  
PROMISES

**THE SERMON**

Refining the Mission— Acts 15:1–35

<sup>†</sup>*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It*

Hymn **512**  
LYONS

**† PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

<sup>†</sup>*Congregation will stand (if able)*



Missions Committee Meeting, 4:30

Evening Prayer Service, 6:00



REFINING THE MISSION— Acts 15:1–35

Pastor Greg Stiekes

After the Lord began to bring multiple Gentile believers into the church, a question arose among the Jewish Christians: *Isn't the call to embrace Christ for salvation also a call to submit to the traditions of the Mosaic Law?* This major issue allowed the first-century church to *refine* their mission, articulating for themselves as well as for us today not only the believer's relationship to the Law, but also the pristine message of the true gospel.

1. The Dispute: What has the Lord called his witnesses to proclaim? (Acts 15:1–5)
  - a. The Evidence of the Holy Spirit (8–9)
  - b. The Evidence of the Apostles' Works (12)
3. The Argument: What has God been doing all along? (Acts 15:13–17)
4. The Verdict: What does the Spirit require for the church? (Acts 15:18–32)
  - a. A Verdict Regarding the Initial Dispute (19, 24, 28)
  - b. A Verdict Regarding Jewish-Gentile Relations (20–21, 29, 31)



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, Adult Bible Study, Teen/Youth Bible Study  
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**

**WEDNESDAY** - Bible Study @ 7:00 pm  
Respectable Sins, by Jerry Bridges  
Reading the Bible with Eyes Open

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Fellowship Dinner after worship service  
Also  
Missionaries Steve and Jane Gibb will be with us

**SAVE THE DATE:** Send-off Reception  
for Al and Maybeth Bauch  
Sunday, July 26 -- 4:00-6:00 pm

	July 5	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,269	\$3,725	\$90,463	\$100,575
Missions	\$1,857		\$6,954	
Deacons Fund	\$165		\$4,114	
Building Fund	\$60		\$2,324	\$49,145

**KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Q. What is Jesus doing right now?**  
**A .** Jesus is at His Father's right hand, preparing a place for His people and praying for them, confirming His truth through the Spirit and orchestrating all things for the glory of His name and the good of His people. **Luke 22:69** -- "But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." (807)