



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 9th, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Seth Lirette
- Hymn "Arise My Soul, Arise"
- Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- The Reading of the Word — *Isaiah 9:1-7* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "God be Merciful to Me"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Introduction to the Sermon of the Mount" (Matthew 3:1-3, 13-17, 4:12-17, 23 - 5:1)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Take My Life and Let it Be"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
- Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
- The Sermon — *"A New Heart" (Ezekiel 36:16-38)* Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Blessed Be the Name"
- The Benediction Pastor Winn
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

C. H Spurgeon

It is a wise rule in the examination of any teaching to proceed from the general to the particular. This is the only way of avoiding the danger of 'missing the wood because of the trees.' This rule is of particular importance in connection with the Sermon on the Mount. We must realize, therefore, that at the outset certain general questions have to be asked about this famous Sermon and its place in the life, thought and outlook of Christian people. The obvious question with which to start is this: why should we consider the Sermon on the Mount at all? Why should I call your attention to it and to its teaching? Well, I do not know that it is a part of the business of a preacher to explain the process of his own mind and his own heart, but clearly no man should preach unless he has felt that God has given him a message. It is the business of any man who tries to preach and expound the Scriptures to wait upon God for leading and guidance. I suppose fundamentally, therefore, my main reason for preaching on the Sermon on the Mount, was that I had felt this persuasion, this compulsion, this leading of the Spirit. I say that deliberately, because if I had been left to my own choice I would not have chosen to preach a series of sermons on the Sermon on the Mount. And as I understand this sense of compulsion, I felt a particular reason for doing so is the particular condition of the life of the Christian Church in general at the present time. I do not think it

is a harsh judgment to say that the most obvious feature of the life of a Christian Church today is, alas, its superficiality. That judgment is based not only on contemporary observation, but still on more contemporary observation in the light of previous epochs and eras in the life of the Church. There is nothing that is more salutary to the Christian life than to read the history of the Church, to read again of the great movements of God's spirit, and to observe what has happened in the Church at various times. Now I think that anyone who looks at the present state of the Christian Church in the light of the background would be driven to the reluctant conclusion that the outstanding characteristic of the life of the Church today is, as I have said, its superficiality. When I say that, I am thinking not only of the life and activity of the church in an evangelistic sense. In that particular respect I think everybody would agree that superficiality is the most obvious characteristic. But I am thinking not only of the modern evangelistic activity as compared and contrasted with the great evangelistic era of the Church in the past, the present-day tendency to be boisterous, for example, and the use of means which would have horrified and shocked our fathers; but I also have in mind the life of the church in general where the same thing is true, even in such matters as her conception of holiness and her whole approach to the doctrine of sanctification.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

January 9th
<i>Morning</i> Katherine Ranck & Amanda Spansel
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Cortney McDonald & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - January 12th</i> Mary Margaret Pritchard (<i>Laurie Price</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Dirk de Waal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

YEAR END BUSINESS MEETING

We will have our 2021 end of year business meeting where we will be voting on the proposed 2022 budget next Sunday immediately following our fellowship meal.

DEEP SOUTH FOUNDERS CONFERENCE

All members are encouraged to attend the conference held January 20-22. The theme is Perseverance of the Saints, chapter 17 of the 1689 LBCF. Our featured speaker is Pastor Jeff Durbin who serves as a Pastor/Elder at Apologia Church in Tempe, AZ. We are anticipating a larger than usual crowd this year so please register for the conference online at <https://deepsouthfounders.com/registration/> to make sure you have a seat.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

The Candlelight Prayer Vigil for the unborn will be Saturday, January 22nd at the Mississippi State Capitol at 6 pm.

