



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 28th, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "O Worship the King"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace
- Hymn "Lead On O King Eternal"
- Hymn "A Child of the King"
- The Reading of the Word — *Hebrews 10:19-39* Prashant Thakkar
- Hymn "Seek Ye First"
- The Interlude Instrumentalists
- The Sermon — *"Wisdom Will Guard You from Wickedness" (Proverbs 2:1-22)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Only Trust Him"
- The Benediction Prashant Thakkar
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"
- Hymn "Rescue the Perishing"
- Prayer
- The Sermon — *"Co-suffer for the Gospel" (II Timothy 1: 8-12)* Deddy Simanjuntak
- Hymn "Bring Them In"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

The Dramatic Arts

Few could argue that television and motion pictures have dramatically impacted modern society. We live in a culture dominated by images, and surveys routinely indicate citizens spend hours each week consuming movies and televised broadcasting. Drama has long been a shaping influence on Western society. Ancient Greece is known for the theatre, with plays such as Oedipus Rex still studied in public schools across the country. Whether these performances were tragedies or comedies, most of them taught a moral lesson. Christian playwrights later embraced this heritage; Shakespeare, for instance, conveyed biblical themes with drama. The advent of radio in the twentieth century made the dramatic arts available to the majority of people in the United States, if not the entire world. Early broadcasting included variety shows, news, sitcoms, sports, and other formats soon adapted for television. The growth of the motion picture industry in Hollywood provided life-like depictions of both real world events and whimsical fantasies. At first, this programming drew sharp lines between good and evil. In old Westerns, for example, the good guys wore white and the bad guys wore black. Moreover, real-time presentations of violence were avoided and overt references to sexuality were nonexistent. As the century

progressed, however, programming has become increasingly violent and sexually explicit. The culture began to ignore the admonitions of today's passage and adopted the sinful lifestyles seen on movie screens. People began to flock to the leaders who were the most physically attractive and who offered the cleverest sound bites, not those who offered the most logical arguments. Life began to imitate art, although to be fair, art was revealing the evil inclinations of our hearts long before this. As Christians, we must be sensitive to the power the silver screen has in shaping our worldview. Ministering effectively to people requires an awareness of which programs and movies have most powerfully influenced them. The solution is not necessarily to avoid such things altogether; instead, we must be discerning about what we watch.

Coram Deo: The neopaganism promoted in today's movies and television causes many believers to avoid these mediums altogether. While we must be careful about what we view, even drama can glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31). Ezekiel, for example, acted out the impending destruction of Jerusalem at the Lord's behest (chap. 4). Consider a favorite movie and think about its impact on you. Talk with a friend about how this movie does, or does not, reflect a biblical worldview.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 28th
<i>Morning</i> Katie Crocker, Jerah Pogue, & Bethany Wallace
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Laurie Price & Wendy Winn
<i>Wednesday - May 1st</i> Ashley Lirette

Today's Sound Operator - Jason Price



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The new members class will continue today. It will meet in the new members' class room next to the kitchen during Sunday School, at 9:30. Please see Prashant Thakkar or Pastor Thomas if you would like to attend.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Planning for VBS, May 28th-31st, has begun and volunteers are needed! Mark your calendars now. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be able to assist during the week.

FOOD PANTRY

Our on-hand supply has greatly improved through your generosity. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and will enable us to help those in need. Our April donation needs are for white sugar, brown sugar, oatmeal and flour. Please leave your donations in the wooden crate in our supply closet.

