



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 7th, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Rejoice the Lord is King"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Prashant Thakkar
- Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign"
- Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
- The Reading of the Word — *Galatians 5:13-26* Dirk de Waal
- Hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee"
- The Interlude Instrumentalists
- The Sermon — *"Consent Not to Enticement, Pt. II" (Proverbs 1:10-19)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie"
- The Benediction Dirk de Waal
- The Postlude

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Business Meeting



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

To be utterly overcome of evil would be a very dreadful thing. I shall say but little about it, because I trust we shall, by divine grace, be upheld so as never to know by experience what it is to be overcome of evil! May we be “more than conquerors through him that loved us.” May we be happily ignorant of what it is to be vanquished by the powers of evil, and remain like the British drummer boy who did not know how to beat a retreat, for he had never had any use for such a thing. May we not know the dishonor and misery of being overcome of evil, because divine grace continually giveth us the victory. When we are overcome of evil, even for a moment, it discovers the sad weakness of our spiritual life. We must be babes in grace and sadly carnal still, if sin is allowed to master us. If we were stronger in the Lord and in the power of his might we should overcome the world itself by faith: did not John write unto young men and say, “Ye are strong, and have overcome the wicked one.” If we are overcome of evil, even for a moment, it will cause us great sorrow if we are in our right mind. A tender conscience will be greatly vexed as soon as defeat is sustained, and in looking back upon our fall, if fall we do, it will be a daily grief to us that we suffered ourselves to be overcome by evil at all. To be overcome of evil is dishonoring to

our Lord, and opens the mouths of adversaries. Those who watch for our halting will be sure to make much of it. “Report it, report it,” say they, and they do report it through the length and breadth of the land, that a servant of Christ has been overcome of evil. And if to be overcome of evil were not occasional but were continuous, if it could be said of our whole life that we were overcome of evil, it would prove that we were none of Christ’s; for he that is born of God overcometh the world. Our Lord Jesus said, “Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world,” and he makes all his true disciples partakers of this victory. Only to conquerors are the great promises of the book of Revelation given: “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna.” “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the house of my God.” “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne.” To be defeated in the battle of life would prove that we did not belong to that conquering seed which, if its heel be bruised, shall nevertheless break the foeman’s head. Fix it, then, in your minds that evil is to be overcome; it is a matter of necessity that we wage this war and succeed in it. We must needs triumph over the powers of darkness.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 7th
<i>Morning</i> Sylvie & Caitlyn Jones, & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Quarterly Business Meeting - no nursery
<i>Wednesday - April 10th</i> Katherine Ranck

Today's Sound Operator - Richard Jackson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we will observe the Lord's Supper during our morning service.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today we will have our fellowship meal immediately following the morning service.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Today, immediately following the fellowship meal, we will have a business meeting for the first quarter.

EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

Join us today immediately following the afternoon service as we continue to canvas through our community sharing the Gospel. See Prashant for more information.

TEACHER TRAINING

A teacher training session will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 8 am - 12 pm. Anyone who is currently teaching, has taught in the past, or might like to teach in the future is encouraged to attend. Please see Dirk de Waal for more information.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The new members class will begin April 21st. Please see Prashant Thakkar or Pastor Thomas if you would like to attend.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry needs for this month are canned veggies, beans, & rice. This is a great benevolent ministry of our church and a way to show Christian love to our neighbors and fellow brothers and sisters. As you shop for groceries this week, please add a few of these items to your list to help support this ministry.

