

May 5, 2019

## SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Of Princeton, New Jersey*

### Jesus Christ

For by Him were all things created,  
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,  
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,  
and by Him all things consist.  
- Colossians 1:16-17

#### **Weekly Schedule of Services**

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class  
11:00 AM Morning Service  
Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week  
Service

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15	am.	Bible	Class
11:00	a.m. Service:	Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message*	Hymn.
Scripture Today:	Steve Y	Scripture	Thurs: Art D
Nursery	Sun:	Nursery	Thurs:
<b>BDays:</b> Greg C—1 <sup>st</sup> ; Martha C—4 <sup>th</sup> ; Eric C—9 <sup>th</sup> ; Will C--14 <sup>th</sup> ; Chloe D—26 <sup>th</sup> ; Lenore R—27 <sup>th</sup> ; <b>Anniversaries:</b> Ravi and Debbie D—4 <sup>th</sup> ; John and Kelsie K—19 <sup>th</sup> ; Eric and Michelle L—21 <sup>st</sup> ; Mike and Jamie L—23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>May Cleaning:</b> R Keller Family; <b>Grass This Week:</b> Kevin T			



Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to bring the message in the mid-week service this week. I am scheduled to preach in the conference at Hurricane Road Grace Church in Ashland, KY where Frank Tate is pastor. Lord willing, I will drive back after Saturday morning services so I will be here Sunday morning.



**Proverbs 13: 7: There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.***



So long as we try to make ourselves the exception to God's word concerning how it pleases God to save sinners then our lives will be filled with guilt and unrest. It is only when God brings us to repent from our way and submit to God's way of salvation that we find rest for our souls.



### **“Jesus Christ our Saviour” (Titus 3:6)**

We gather today in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior believing his promise that he is in our midst. What a privilege and blessing it is to gather with others who trust and love Jesus Christ our Saviour. False religion teaches men to trust in an experience or in certain doctrines and creeds. The Scriptures teach that salvation, eternal life, the forgiveness of sins is not in a creed or doctrine. We acknowledge that good sound doctrine is very important because it always points to Jesus Christ our Saviour. God's salvation for sinners is in a Person. *“He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life” 1 John 5:12.*

He is the one and only mediator between God and men. His blood is the only remedy that puts away sin, His righteousness is the only righteousness that justifies, and his death is the only means that reconciles to God. I'm thankful for the privilege to join today with all of you who know the Lord Jesus Christ and for us to worship Jesus Christ our Savior, who conquered death for us.

*Pastor David Pledger*



## SIGNS OF LIFE

Signs of physical life are hunger and thirst. Even so, when one has spiritual life in Jesus Christ there is hunger and thirst. *“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” Matthew 5:6*  
Pastor John Chapman



ACCORDING TO THE FREE-WILL SCHEME, the Lord intends good, but He must wait like a lackey on His own creature to know what his intention is; God willeth good, and would do it, but He cannot because He has an unwilling man who will not have God’s good thing carried into effect. What do ye, sirs, but drag the Eternal from His throne and lift up into it that fallen creature, man; for man, according to that theory, nods and his nod is destiny. You must have a destiny somewhere; it must either be as God wills or as man wills. If it be as God wills, then Jehovah sits sovereign upon His throne of glory, and all hosts obey Him, and the world is safe; if not God, then you put man there to say, “I will” or “I will not; if I will it, I will enter heaven; if I will it, I will despise the grace of God; if I will it, I will conquer the Holy Spirit, for I am stronger than God, stronger than omnipotence; if I will it, I will make the blood of Christ of no effect, for I am mightier than the blood, mightier than the blood of the Son of God himself; though God make His purpose, yet will I laugh at His purpose; it shall be my purpose that shall make His purpose stand or fall.” Why, sirs, if this is not atheism, it is idolatry; it is putting man where God should be; and I shrink with solemn awe and horror from that doctrine which makes the grandest of God’s works – the salvation of man – to be dependent upon the will of His creature whether it shall be accomplished or not. **“IT IS NOT OF HIM THAT WILLETH, NOR OF HIM THAT RUNNETH, BUT OF GOD THAT SHOWETH MERCY”**  
(Romans 9:16).  
C. H. Spurgeon



Luke writes concerning the Bereans *“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. (Ac 17:11-12)* They received the word with a ready mind then searched the scriptures daily. It says, *“Therefore, many of them believed.”* So search the scriptures daily to see if these things I preach are so. It may be that God will give you faith to believe as he did the Bereans.



***“As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.” Romans 9:13***

When I was first exposed to the doctrine of grace and the sovereignty of God, the above verse became the sledge-hammer that I used to pulverize the erroneous doctrines of “God loving everybody” and “Christ dying for everyone.” It was almost as though I rejoiced in the fact that “God hated Esau.” I don’ feel or think that way any longer. The more God shows me how much I am like Jacob, the wretched deceiver that he was, the more my heart is astonished that God could love Jacob or me. I understand how He could hate me, but how He could love me is beyond my understanding.

*Pastor David Eddmenson*



### **NOT FAR BUT NOT IN**

**Mark 12: 34: And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.**

The charge Christ has given his pastors is *“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.”* (Isa 40:1-2) But we are not to comfort anyone who does not yet believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The worst thing in the world would be to go to hell calling God our Father when we have not bowed the knee to Christ! The person to whom Christ spoke these words was very near. But Christ told him the truth. He did not say, *“Thou art in the kingdom of God”* but *“Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.”*

Perhaps, some here are not far from the kingdom of God. But not far is not in. May God comfort us in the assurance of faith when we truly believe on Christ. But if there be any who are not truly resting in Christ, may God make them see their need of truly believing on Christ. It is not enough to meet Christ standing as near as the threshold of faith. We must enter Christ the Door through faith in him. We must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thereby enter the kingdom of God.