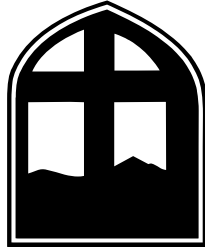


Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



I will praise You

with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.

⁸ I will keep Your statutes;
Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

Psalm 119:7-8

THE LORD'S DAY

July 25, 2010

Worship Service

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

Meditation

I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.

Romans 16:19b

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

† Call to Worship & Prayer

Psalm 119:7-8

† Hymn of Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Lobe den Herren Hymn 26

† Congregational Reading

Psalm 19:7-12

The congregation will read text in italics.

⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;*
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ *More to be desired are they than gold,*
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² *Who can understand his errors?
Cleanse me from secret faults.*

† Doxology

Traditional, to Regent Square

Laud and honor to the Father;
Laud and honor to the Son;
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 15

† Hymn of Praise to our Suffering Lord

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed Avon

Hymn 234

† Prayer of Intercession & Offering

Prayer for Christ's Illuminating Discernment

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright Germany

Text: Ambrose of Milan (c. 340 – 397)

Tune: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies* (1815)

O splendor of God's glory bright,
O thou that bringest light from light,
O Light of Light, light's living spring,
O Day, all days illumining.

O thou true Sun of heavenly love,
pour down thy radiance from above:
the Spirit's sanctifying beam
upon our earthly senses stream.

With prayer the Father we implore,
O Father, glorious evermore,
we plead with thee for grace and power
to conquer in temptation's hour.

Confirm our will to do the right,
and keep our hearts from envy's blight;
let faith her eager fires renew,
and hate the false, and love the true.

All laud to God the Father be;
all praise, eternal Son, to thee;
all glory to the Spirit raise
in equal and unending praise.

† Prayer for God's Wisdom

Be Thou My Vision Slane

Hymn 374

THE SERMON

Pressing on to Perfection, Part 3

Hebrews 5:11-6:20

† Hymn of Rest in Christ the Good Shepherd

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 85

† Benediction and Prayer

† *Congregation will stand*



Afternoon Service, 2:00 PM

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM

Again the author of Hebrews diverges from his main topic in order to exhort his readers. As Jesus was “perfected” because He “learned obedience” (5:7-10), so must we also hear and obey if we would “go on to perfection” (6:1). Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity and immaturity breeds apostasy; but our perfection rests in the promise of God through Christ, our High Priest.

Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month; no evening service.
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.

1. Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity (5:11-6:3).
 - a. Maturity is measured by knowledge (5:11-13; 6:1-2)..
 - b. Maturity is measured by discernment (5:14).
Discernment, which is an ability to make appropriate judgments, is marked by four characteristics:
 - (1) It is habitual: *by reason of use.*
 - (2) It functions in the moral faculties: *senses.*
 - (3) It is the product of training: *exercised.*
 - (4) It mandates a value judgment: *good and evil*
2. Spiritual immaturity breeds apostasy (6:4-8).
3. Perfection is based upon the promise of God (6:9-20).

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 Stiekas 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—7 PM, The Church and the Apostolic Fathers:
Shepherd of Hermas**

**SATURDAY, JULY 31st—4 PM, Church Picnic, bring a
dish to share and your own meat to grill; sign up on the
back table**

**AUGUST 7th—Kindred Spirits Buffet and Lake Lure Boat
Tour; 11:45 AM, meet at the church to carpool**

**DIRECTORIES—Pick up your family’s copy of the new
church directory in the fellowship hall**

*A missionary update from the Waughs is available in the
missionary rack near the front entrance.*