



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, January 12, 2025

We actively need to stop ourselves trying to prove ourselves. We default to trying to win God's approval through our actions- and we need to stop. If you are doing these things to impress God or to impress other people, then stop. Rest. Relax. Enjoy God's grace. Rest in the finished work of Christ. Hear him cry, 'It is finished'.

-Tim Chester, *Enjoying God*

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude

Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns (129)

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began,
And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;
Who ev'ry grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, th' incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Scripture Reading Psalm 72:1-20

72 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! ¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight. ¹⁵ Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! ¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! ¹⁷ May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!
¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen! ²⁰ The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Rejoice, the Lord Is King (116)

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come
And take His servants up To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Hymn I Will Sing of My Redeemer (210)

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free.

REFRAIN: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story how, my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy He the ransom freely gave.

REFRAIN:

I will praise my dear Redeemer; His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell.

REFRAIN:

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heavenly love for me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.

REFRAIN:

Scripture Reading Hebrews 1:1-4

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

'Better Than: Introducing Hebrews' Hebrews 1:1-4

Hymn It Was Finished on That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered

Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'Better Than: Introducing Hebrews' Hebrews 1:1-4

- I. The Context
 - a. What is this? Hebrews 13:22 (Acts 13:15)
 - b. Who wrote this? (2 Timothy 3:16) A Pastor
 - c. To whom was it written?
- II. The Details- a 72 Word sentence
 - a. Heir of all things
 - b. Creator of all things (John 1:2-3; Colossians 1:15-16)
 - c. Radiance of God's glory (John 1:14, 12:27-28)
 - d. Imprint of God's nature
 - e. Sustains all things (Colossians 1:17)
 - f. Provided purification of sin
 - g. Rules over all
- III. The Point- What could be better than Jesus? (Revelation 21:5-8)

K Group Questions for January 15, 2025

1. Have you been able to read much of Hebrews yet? If so, are there parts that are difficult to understand or that you struggle with?
2. How is Jesus a better revelation than what came in the Old Testament?
3. In what ways have you functionally lived in a way that you thought something was better than Jesus? How do you repent of this?
4. Look at the seven attributes of Jesus in Hebrews 1:1-4. Which of these stands out to you and gives you comfort? Explain why.
5. Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is 'the exact imprint of God's nature'. What does Jesus reveal about the nature of the triune God?

Announcements

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® Final Total: \$16,942

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity in supporting our foreign missionaries!

Lottie Moon Post Office – *Cards are on the foyer table*

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study Resumes January 23 @ 9:30 AM, YR

Our study this winter and spring will be Joshua and Judges. There will be childcare. If you are interested in attending and to reserve a book please contact Sue Carter (sjcarter74@gmail.com) or Jean Pigg (seldomegone@gmail.com) or sign up on the table in the foyer.

Postpartum Support Group – *Please let the Host know if you plan to attend*

- January 13 @ 9:30AM – Ellie Milby (256-348-6148)
- January 27 @ 9:30AM – Cheyenne Dolloff (256-665-5971)

Women's Fellowship Brunch, January 25th @ 9:30-11:30, Fellowship Hall

Ladies, please join us as we fellowship & build upon our relationships with one another. We will also hear a brief overview of current ministry opportunities in our church & community. Light brunch provided; please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or text Hannah Ring (865-766-9274).

Student Ministry Winter Retreat – January 31-February 2 @ Vision Ministry

Join us for a time of teaching, worship, fellowship, and fun! All 7th through 12th grade students are welcome and encouraged to come. The cost is \$125 per student. Scholarships are available. Click on this link to sign up: [Winter Retreat](#) or use the QR codes found in the foyer and the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please reach out to Joel Blevins.

The Children's Ministry still needs to fill this Sunday School helper position:

- 3- & 4-year-old Class (helper – not teacher)

If you are interested or have any questions regarding this need, please contact Ric (256-479-5078) or Giselle (256-919-6255) Crooks.

Upcoming Events ...

January 13	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM
January 19	Sanctity of Life Sunday
January 21	Elders Meeting
January 23	Thursday Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30AM
January 25	Women's Fellowship Brunch @ 9:30AM
January 27	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM
January 31	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Student Ministry Winter Retreat