

Sunday
 9:15 AM Adult Choir Practice
 10:00 AM Bible Teaching Hour
 11:00 AM Morning Service
 2:45 PM Adult Choir Summer Break
 3:00 PM Youth Choir Summer Break
 3:30 PM Adult Prayer Group
 4:00 PM Afternoon Service

Saturday 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer and Bible Study

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Services for Sunday, July 29, 2018

10:00 a.m. Celebration Assembly

How Majestic Is Your Name
 Mansion Over The Hilltop
 All The Glory Belongs To Jesus
 Opening Prayer

He Is Here

Announcements
 Offertory

I Love You Lord

Sunday Morning Forum Class

Brian Petro
 Pastor V. Mark Smith

Dalton A. Abshire, Sr.

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Call to Worship: **Psalms 45**
 Come, People Of The Risen King
 I Know That My Redeemer Liveth ~ When I Look Into Your Holiness

BBC Adult Choir
 Announcements
 Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 35**
 Confessional/Pastoral Prayer
 Special Music

I Love Thy Church, Oh God ~ At The Name Of Jesus
 Offertory

Speak O Lord

**Sermon: Living in the Light of Christ's Return
 Proofs of Your Profession, pt. 4**

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-10

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
 I Will Bless The Lord

Brian Petro
 Jason Guritz
 Pastor V. Mark Smith

Gary Moline

Pastor V. Mark Smith

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship Service

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
 All That I Need
 Opening Prayer
 BBC Adult Choir

O Mighty Cross

Offertory

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
 With All My Heart
 God of Grace

**Sermon: Seeking the Saviour in the Sacrifices
 The Mercy Seat, pt. 4**

Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-14

Have Faith In God
 Bind Us Together

Gary Moline

Pastor V. Mark Smith

POSITIVE CHRISTIANITY

In our study of assurance in 1 Thessalonians, I have spoken mostly of our imitation of Christ in terms of our obedience to His commandments. Our election by God is proved by the holiness of our lives which is measured by our morality. Usually, morality is thought of as acting righteously and not doing evil. We are careful to *see no evil, speak no evil, and hear no evil*. We do well to stay away from evil, but if we aren't careful our Christianity may be characterized as *negative* Christianity. We are identified for the things we don't do.

In the teachings of Jesus and the apostles, Christianity is more about the positive than the negative. Christians are to be characterized by our good works. We are identified as people who have a positive impact on others that reaches beyond our lives to help others in theirs. We glorify God through good works because those works reveal the nature of our God.

For this reason, the scriptures teach us to be forgiving and forbearing of both friend and foe. None of us were God's friends, yet with mercy and compassion He made us His friends. Compassion is the willingness to show mercy from the deepest kindest affections. When we examine ourselves for the truth of our confession, we ought to ask ourselves about acts of kindness. Are there positive proofs we have the character of Christ?

I am thankful to be in a church with many compassionate people. My wife and I have been through some painful times and we face many more. Through these times, we have felt the compassion of Christ in many ways. I am pleased to hear others say they have felt the love and harmony of this body of Christ. It is not just the pastor who gets attention. Our people look after others who aren't always the most vocal and noticeable.

At times, it is easy to ignore the needs of others when we face so many problems ourselves. Sometimes other members are just acquaintances and we don't feel as close to them as we should. In scripture, the church is said to be a body. We are interconnected receiving our source of life from the same beating heart, of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Part of being in the church is to have camaraderie with each member having the same care of another. We are people destined to live with each other in eternity. Isn't it good for us to be a people learning to live together here? This is also proof of our profession—we live for Christ and for each other.

When you see the terms, compassion, forgiveness, and love in the scriptures, we must remember these are characteristics of God. He modeled these towards us in the demonstration of His gift of His Son. The Christian life is the imitation of Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us. We love because Christ loved, and we care because Christ cared. Didn't He say when we visit the sick it is as if we have done it to Him?

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Romans Group Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Men's and women's groups separate for an in-depth study of the book of Romans.

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Whenever you hear another member is hurting and needs help, be ready to give aid with a compassionate heart. We must step out first not thinking if that person would do the same for us. Christ knew we would not love Him first, so He acted compassionately until He made us His friends.

Remember, the proof of your profession is more about what you do than what you don't do. Be a positive Christian and let your life be filled with good works.

Pastor V. Mark Smith

Berean Baptist Members

Happy Birthday and Anniversary!

July 29, 2018—August 4, 2018

No Birthdays

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries

Prayer and Counseling

Prayer Room 9

For information on: salvation, baptism, membership in Berean Baptist Church, or to pray with someone concerning your specific needs, go to room 9 immediately following any of our preaching services.

Opportunities for Prayer

Adult Prayer Group

Sunday afternoon, 3:30 p.m., Room 9

Men's Prayer Group

Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m.



Bible Trivia

Who confessed that he had been self-righteous?

See the answer next week.

Last Week's Answer:

All believers—1 Corinthians 6:19"

Nursery Schedule

Sunday, July 29, 2018

10 am Infants/Toddlers Brett Petro
11 am Toddlers

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

August 5—Proofs of Your Profession. pt. 5
August 12—A Compendium of Christian Doctrine
August 19—Proofs of Your Preacher, pt. 1
August 26—Proofs of Your Preacher, pt. 2

Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

August 5—The Mercy Seat, pt. 5
August 12—Teen Service
August 19—Worthy Witnesses
August 26—Anatomy of a Quitter

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

August 1—Romans Bible Study
August 8—Romans Bible Study
August 15—Romans Bible Study
August 22—Romans Bible Study
August 29—Romans Bible Study

Church Calendar

August 12—Teens present the 4 pm Service

Tithes and Offerings

Week of:

July 12, 2018—July 18, 2018

General Offering \$ 4,453.30

Budget **Surplus** \$ 6,655.37

*And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to
Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Isaiah 35:10