



MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

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MVBC Bulletin

Welcome To Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Announcements:

- Because last Sunday was on a holiday weekend, our monthly prayer meeting was rescheduled to this afternoon at 1:30 pm. During the first half of an hour, we will be sharing about Yancey Toon's recent missions work in Slovakia. So, plan on being here this afternoon, when we will boldly come before God's throne of grace in prayer together!
- This Wednesday, September 16th, our church has the privilege of hosting Happy Feet, a free shoe giveaway for Posey County Homeschool kids in need. We need some volunteers to help Wednesday from 10:30am to 1:30pm. If you would like to volunteer, please talk with Amanda Addington or Pastor Josh.
- Our next men's breakfast is this Saturday, September 19th, at 7:00 am. Men, come join with us for a hearty breakfast and then a time to discuss God's Word together. We'll be starting a new video series, Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, along with our women's ministry, which will be returning on Wednesday, September 30th. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Josh or Pastor John.
- Our Fall Bible Conference is just a few weeks away! On Saturday, October 3rd, Dr. Jim Renihan will be leading us in a study on Sola Scriptura: God's Precious Gift to Us. Please register online soon so that we can prepare for this special time together. More information is available at the Welcome Center, and you can talk to John Divito about it as well.
- Today's sermon is from James 4:4-5. Our bulletin is available on our website, mnbaptistchurch.com/bulletin. On our website, you can submit prayer requests and give. You may worship through giving by placing your offering in the plates between the double doors just after worship.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 79: 1-13 (ESV)

¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

² They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the heavens for food, the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.

³ They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

⁴ We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.

⁵ How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealousy burn like fire?

⁶ Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name!

⁷ For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

⁸ Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

¹⁰ Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants be known among the nations before our eyes!



¹¹ Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die!

¹² Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors the taunts with which they have taunted you, O Lord!

¹³ But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Reading in Unison:

Ephesians 3: 1-6 (ESV)

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,

³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.

⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,

⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

How Firm A Foundation [Lyrics]

Verse 1

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

Verse 3

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

Verse 4

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

Thy Word Is Like A Garden Lord [Lyrics, 60 bpm, 4/4]

Verse

Thy Word is like a gar-den Lord
With flow-ers bright and fair
And ev-'ry-one who seeks may pluck
A love-ly clus-ter there
Thy Word is like a deep deep mine
With jew-els rich and rare
Are hid-den in its might-y depths
For ev-'ry search-er there

Verse 2

Thy Word is like a star-ry host
A thous-and rays of light
Are seen to guide the trav-el-er
And make his path-way bright
Thy Word is like an arm-o-ry
Where sol-diers may re-pair
And find for life's long bat-tle day
All need-ful weap-ons there

Verse 3

Oh may I love Thy pre-cious Word
Its rich-es deep with-in
A fra-grant place of of-fer-ing
Our light that knows no sin
Oh may I find my arm-or there
Thy Word my trust-ed sword
I'll learn to fight a-gainst the foe
The bat-tle is the Lord's



Scripture for Confession of Sin:

Jeremiah 3: 1-14 (ESV)

¹ But "If a man divorces his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's wife, will he return to her? Would not that land be greatly polluted? You have played the whore with many lovers; and would you return to me? declares the Lord.

² Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see! Where have you not been ravished? By the waysides you have sat awaiting lovers like an Arab in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your vile whoredom.

³ Therefore the showers have been withheld, and the spring rain has not come; yet you have the forehead of a whore; you refuse to be ashamed.

⁴ Have you not just now called to me, 'My father, you are the friend of my youth—

⁵ will he be angry forever, will he be indignant to the end?' Behold, you have spoken, but you have done all the evil that you could."

⁶ The Lord said to me in the days of King Josiah: "Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore?

⁷ And I thought, 'After she has done all this she will return to me,' but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

⁸ She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore.

⁹ Because she took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree.

¹⁰ Yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to me with her whole heart, but in pretense, declares the Lord."

¹¹ And the Lord said to me, "Faithless Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

¹² Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, "'Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the Lord; I will not be angry forever.

¹³ Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the Lord your God and scattered your favors among foreigners under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed my voice, declares the Lord.

¹⁴ Return, O faithless children, declares the Lord; for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

Assurance of Pardon:

Jeremiah 31: 33-34 (ESV)

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



Psalm 119(PFW) According To Your Word O LORD [Lyrics]

Verse 1

According to Your word, O LORD,
You have Your servant blessed.
Teach me good judgment, knowledge give;
On Your commands I rest.

Verse 2

I strayed before You humbled me;
Your word I now obey.
For You are good; Your deeds are good.
Teach me Your statutes' way.

Verse 3

The proud have smeared me with their lies;
Your precepts are my choice.
Their hearts, enclosed in fat, are dull;
I in Your law rejoice.

Verse 4

Affliction has been good for me,
Your laws I've learned to hold
As far more precious than great stores
Of silver and of gold.

Responsive Reading of Illumination:

Hear three statements as our request for Illumination. You may respond to each by saying, "Amen."

1. Holy God, having boldly entered the Holiest of heaven by the blood of Jesus to worship you, speak to us as your word is preached. May your gospel of grace give us full assurance of faith, so that we will live faithfully in this sinful world with love and good works. Amen.
2. Lord, as we gather this Sunday to hear Your Word preached, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.
3. God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.



O Word Of God Incarnate [Lyrics]

Verse 1

O Word of God incarnate,
O wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging,
O light of our dark sky,
We praise You for the radiance,
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

Verse 2

The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
On all the earth to shine:
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's voyage through
Mid mists and rocks and quicksand's
Still guide, O Christ, to You

Verse 3

O make Your Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
Your true light as of old;
Teach us Your wandering pilgrims
By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see You face to face!

Sermon: Pastor Matt Watson

James 4: 4-5

Healing Contentious Relationships 2

⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

Pastoral Prayer/Benediction

Numbers 6: 24-26

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance^[a] upon you and give you peace.

Elders:

Our elders are Danny Cole, Matt Watson, John Divito & Joshua Hammond-Kelley. You may reach out to our elders via email at church@mvbaptist.church

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