Lord's Day at Landmark

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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MUSIC FROM THE REJOICE HYMNAL

HYMN 71 WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

HYMN 532 HEAVENLY SUNLIGHT

WELCOME & PRAYER

MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

HYMN 433 MORE ABOUT JESUS

HYMN 474 I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

JESUS, ONLY JESUS

MESSAGE BRO. MICHAEL COLLIER

Evening Worship

MUSIC FROM THE REJOICE HYMNAL

HYMN 455 I AM RESOLVED

WELCOME & PRAYER

HYMN 461 I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY
HYMN 553 COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12^{th}

AFTERNOON SERVICE AT PROVIDENCE ASSISTED LIVING | 3PM

CHILI COOK-OFF | BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE EVENING SERVICE

FEBRUARY 20-21 | REVIVAL MEETING WITH BRO. CHRIS DALLAS

Christ Is Precious

On a Saturday afternoon in the winter of 1850-51, sixteen-year-old Charles Spurgeon learned that he was going to be preaching for the first time in his life that day. He had been invited to accompany a friend to encourage him as he was going to preach in a service in the village of Teversham. But on the way there, they both learned they had been told the same thing! The friend was expecting Charles to preach. And if Charles wasn't going to preach, then there wasn't going to be a service, because he certainly wasn't going to preach. Well, at that point, Charles decided to go for it. And he would preach on a subject he knew well. He wrote in his Autobiography: It seemed to me that I could surely tell a few poor cottagers of the sweetness and love of Jesus, for I felt them in my own soul. Praying for Divine help, I resolved to make the attempt. My text should be, "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious," and I would trust the Lord to open my mouth in honor of His dear Son.

And so, young Charles preached his very first sermon, from 1 Peter 2:7a, meditating on the preciousness of Christ. We can get a flavor of what that sermon might have sounded like as he preached on this text again just a couple of years later. This is what he wrote down in his sermon notes:

Now what need is there to enlarge this point, we know that <u>Christ is precious!</u> I will merely give some meditations on it. My Christ is more precious than anything my fellow creatures love. I see some who live in palaces, wear crowns, live on dainties, sit on thrones. I have heard of Alexanders, Napoleons and Caesars, but I envy them not. <u>Christ is more precious than dominion.</u> I see others rich, they frown on me. They are groaning after more. They are afraid to use what they have, they have many cares. They must leave it all. They may lose it all, but Christ is better. Shall I give up Christ for gold? No. <u>Christ is more precious than wealth.</u> Some men have nobler minds. They long for knowledge, they toil that they may measure the earth, survey the heavens, read the ancients, dissolve minerals etc., but <u>Christ to me is better than learning.</u> Others pant for fame. I shall be forgotten, save by the few whose steps I guided in the path to heaven. But I weep not at that for He is more precious than fame.

He is more precious than anything I have myself. If I have a home, and a fireside, and feel a comfort in them, yet if am called to suffer banishment I have a better home. Christ is better than home. If I have relatives, mother, father, wife, children, these I value and rightly too. 'Tis a bitter pang to lose them, but Christ is better than relatives or friends. He is my Husband, my Brother, the One I love. I have health, and a precious jewel that is. Take it away and pleasures lose their gloss, but my Jesus is mine still, and He is better than health. Yea, life itself is valueless in comparison.

When I consider the glory of his nature, the excellence of his character, the greatness of his offices, the richness of his gifts, surely <u>He is precious indeed.</u>

February Birthdays

Lee Underwood – 4th Wanda Holleman – 16th Terry House – 17th Juanita Cox – 27th Colleen Mead – 28th

February Anniversaries

Charles Spurgeon

Buddy & Jane Phillips – 12th Jeff & Liz Holleman – 28th

Missionaries and Ministries

THAT WE SUPPORT

Vito Aomi - India
Mike Meredith - Australia
Steve Messersmith - England
Chris Taylor - New Life Ministries
Thailand
Stewart Scheppers - Dominican Republic
Steven Barnes - Guam
Chris Lewis - Prison Ministry
Doug Rose - Peru
Eli Dacuyan - Philippines
Tom Hastings - Germany
Dennis Thomas - Nicaragua
Patrick Wolfe - US Military/Germany
Renewal Ranch

Service Schedule

White County Hope Cottage

SUNDAY

Bible Study, 9am Morning Service, 10am Evening Service, 5pm

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY, 6PM

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