

“What Did We Need SAVED From? Why is Our SALVATION So Glorious?”

Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 14:25-27,33

“Ignorance, Indifference, and Ingratitude keep us from talking about our salvation. We must cultivate joy and thankfulness in our lives by growing in our knowledge of Christ.” (Warren Wiersbe)

- An overview of Luke 2:8-20
 - The Lord revealed His salvation to the poor, the lowly, the unclean, the outcast, namely, the shepherds (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).
 - The last time the glory of the Lord came down among men, it was a very similar result (2 Chronicles 7:1-3).
 - Salvation is good news of great joy for all people. There is no greater news than the gospel. There is nothing more joyful than the gospel. Is that seen and heard in our lives?
 - The prophecies about the Messiah’s first coming are being fulfilled right before their eyes. What an amazing grace that they are told about this glorious news!
 - The shepherds immediately act on their faith by doing what the angels had told them, go and see the Messiah!
 - Mary treasured up the truths about Jesus in her heart. The Word of God was precious to her.

- What was I saved from? (Titus 2:11-14)
 - Salvation is **loud**. Salvation is **public**. Salvation is **an offense** to this world.
 - Salvation from the penalty of my sins or eternal damnation. This should never grow old as we passionately celebrate this reality. *“They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might.” (2 Thessalonians 1:9)*
 - Salvation from being a slave to my sin. I now can put to death what is earthly in me, or my sin. *“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit...” (2 Corinthians 7:1a)*
 - Salvation to live a holy life that is distinct in every way from the way that the world lives. *“Bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1b)*
 - Salvation to be a slave to Christ and to live to please Him and Him alone. *“So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:9)*
 - Salvation to exalt the supremacy of Christ’s wisdom over all other ways of living. *“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” (Romans 8:6-8)*

Worship: God is For Us — City Alight

Holy, Holy, Holy — Sovereign Grace Music

On That Day — City Alight

Closing Song: His Mercy is More — Matt Boswell

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Account Balance: \$37,676.57 August Balance: \$38,925.96	Weekly Budget: \$3,463
Total Giving: September 3	\$5,855.00
Total Giving: September 10	\$3,088.00
Total Giving: September 17	\$2,303.00
Total Giving: September 24	\$1,383.00

Announcements:

★**WOMEN'S FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Ladies, mark your calendars, we are having a Women's Fall Get-Together in TWO weeks, on Saturday, October 14th, at 3pm, here at the church Fellowship Hall! The church will provide coffee, tea, hot cider, and cookies. Feel free to bring a finger food or dessert to share! This is a great way to make new connections or just catch up with friends. Children are welcome, but no child care will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Andrea Fields.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending the men's breakfast on the 14th, please let Joel Decker know by Wednesday, October 11th.

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** If you currently serve in or are interested in serving in the Children's Ministry, we will be having a meeting **TONIGHT** immediately following the worship service.

★**LIGONIER CONFERENCE:** If you are interested in attending Ligonier's Columbus Conference on February 16th-17th, please see Emily Decker before October 20th for details or to add your name to the list of attendees. The conference starts at 6:30pm on Friday the 16th and you can see the full schedule at Ligonier.org. We have a group of 10 people, so we qualify for the group rate of \$98 per person.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** For anyone interested in becoming a church member, we are offering a 3 week New Members Class starting **NEXT** October 8th. This class will be held for 3 consecutive Sundays, from 4-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in this class. This class is also open to any current church members who are interested in learning more about our Church By-Laws.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism service will be in TWO weeks, on Sunday, October 15th. If you have any questions about being baptized or are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey or one of the other elders.

★**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremey, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. These notes and gifts can be given to Elder Zach anytime throughout the month, he will collect them all and give them to Pastor Jeremey at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month, if you would like to give toward this gift, you can either use the giving box in the entryway, please make sure to use a giving envelope to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month, or by Venmo, again, making sure to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner **NEXT** Sunday, October 8th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list in the entryway, please make sure to sign-up to bring something to the dinner. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!