Grace Baptist Church Lord's Day Worship Service May 17, 2009 – 10:30 a.m.



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We had a wonderful time yesterday morning inviting our community to GBC, commending the gospel to some, and enjoying the fellowship of gathering together for the purpose of evangelism. We contacted nearly 50 homes – and it is true that our young Calvin is becoming quite the little evangelist. We're finding that our new brochure is a simple and easy way to commend the gospel. The four big ideas contained inside provide a clear outline that can be communicated in less than a minute. And often the outline can lead to more questions from the hearer as the Holy Spirit may be effectually drawing them to God "in Christ." That possibility is what is so thrilling about commending Jesus to others. And it's why we don't become discouraged in commending God's glorious gospel. You never know what God is going to do in the lives of others when gospel seed is sown. Praise be to God for His indescribable gift!

Don't forget to sign up to get your chicken dinner from the fire house next Sunday and join us back at the church for a time of fellowship. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" [Acts 2:42].



Don't forget to pray for our Bible Discovery Camp. May many come to saving faith in Christ alone. 
> "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" Hymn No. 345 John Newton [1725-1807]

"You and I were not born in Jerusalem. Yet according to Hebrews 12:22-24, you and I 'have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.' You and I may have left our mother's womb in Nameless, Tennessee or Peculiar, Missouri, but by the gracious choice of the LORD God to make himself known and accessible to us through Jesus, many of us have been born again into Zion, city of our God." R. Christopher Heard, Associate Professor of Hebrew – Pepperdine University

## "And did the Holy and the Just" Anne Steele [1716-1788]

Public Reading of the Scripture . . . . . . . . John 2

Pastor David Harris

## **Public Pastoral Prayer**

## Offering

"The mere fact that once a week we listen for thirty minutes as someone paints to us again a sermonic portrait of the competence of Christ as our Redeemer says something. And if we're impatient and don't want that, we're saving we don't regard it as something we want to spend thirty minutes on. If I say to my friends, 'I really love reading Robert Frost' – and they say, 'how many times did you read him last year' - and you say, 'O well I haven't read him in fifteen years.' What does it mean to say I love Robert Frost and not want to be exposed to him every time I have an opportunity. It just doesn't make sense to say that. And so also if we say that we love Christ but we don't want to hear about him, I just say it's boloney! We don't love the Redeemer if we don't want to hear about him." T. David Gordon, Interview on his recent book, Why Johnny Can't Preach [2009]

Public Preaching . . . . . . . . . . Pastor Ben Rust Hebrews 10:26-31