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• Commissioned as Christ's Representatives •

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community church

*Be the Church  
Live the Life  
Extend the Kingdom*  
02.27.2022



**Opening Worship:**    *What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
When the Roll is Called Up Yonder  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
There's Power in the Blood*

## **“What Kind of a Savior Do We Serve?”**

([Luke 14](#))

**Introduction:**            **Metaphorically Speaking** ([John 3:12](#))  
The Great Banquet

- I.        ([Luke 14:7-14](#)) The Context
  - A wedding reception -- Teachable moments
  - A casual comment -- Feasting in Heaven
  
- II. .     ([Luke 14:15-21](#)) Festive Preparations
  - The venue and meal ([Matthew 22:4](#))
  - The Guest List
  - RSVPs: Declining Participation  
Excuses = “Something has just come up”  
(Fields, oxen and family)
  
- III.     ([Luke 14:21-24](#)) Remedying a bad situation
  - Open invitations to all  
...Whosoever believeth in Him ([John 3:16](#))  
...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved  
([Romans 10:13](#))  
...Salvation to anyone who believes ([Romans 1:16](#))  
Many are called but few are chosen ([Matthew 22:14](#))
  - The Master's Objective  
...So that my house may be full ([verse 23](#))

### **Application**

1. Do you understand Jesus' use of metaphors?
2. Have you received your invitation yet?
3. Will you be attending the Great Banquet?

**Closing Song:**    *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (reprise)*

### Our Mission

*"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord, study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people. When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives to a needy world."*

## Live the Life with Prayer

### Recent additions

Family of Arwen Mallay who passed away on Feb. 8'  
Family of Bob Barr -- Jen Byler's stepfather:  
Tom Schoenherr -- UTI  
Family of Martha Neihardt (Cindy King's mom)

### Praises

Larry Lindsey -- recovering from back surgery  
Anna Mae Wickey -- recovering from pneumonia  
A successful mission trip to Tijuana  
Many who have recovered from Covid-19

### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Al Miller -- ongoing treatment for tumor on esophagus  
Dale Davis -- dialysis and chemo treatments  
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer  
Lisa Franks -- pain management

### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn  
Neil Hannah -- at home

### Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

**Next Sunday -- *Pasta Palooza***, an outreach opportunity, following worship service. Bring your best hot or cold pasta dish and a friend! Prizes for the top three best pasta dishes will be awarded. Sign up in the lobby and check out some of the prizes.

**Prayer Small Group --** If you would like to be part of a prayer group that would receive prayer requests via text, please fill out the enclosed flier and place in the offering plate or give to one of the pastors.

**American Heritage Series --** Adults are invited to join Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall each week during the Sunday School hour for historian David Barton's tour of the role of Christians in the founding of America.

**Cry Room --** is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents and small children to use during worship service.

**Mark Your Calendar** for the upcoming *Focus on Life Dinner*, sponsored by Branch County Right to Life on March 29 at St. Mary's and will feature Alex Shadenburg, Executive Director and International Chair for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Let Jennie deAraujo know if you need a reservation.

**In Case of Inclement Weather --** Worship service will be available on Facebook or YouTube at 9:30 a.m. Pastors Jim and Dave will normally be at church for those who want to brave the weather and venture out.

**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to [bethelgilead.org](http://bethelgilead.org) (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using PayPal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office).



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### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who with all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our very weakness  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

### **When the Roll is Called Up Yonder**

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound  
and time shall be no more,  
and the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair:  
when the saved of earth shall gather  
over on the other shore  
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!

On that bright and cloudless morning  
when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
and the glory of his resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies  
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Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun;  
let us talk of all His wondrous love and care:  
then when all of life is over  
and our work on earth is done,  
and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!

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### **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessed time, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

### **There is Power in the Blood**

Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the blood of the Lamb  
There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood  
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow;  
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