



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Finding Our Way to God
A Study in the Psalms

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
Ordinary Time—The Sundays of Pentecost
26 July 2020

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

We lost a theological giant this week. Dr. J.I. Packer died on July 17, 2020 just a few days shy of his 94th birthday. Though born in England and nurtured in the low church Anglican tradition, Packer likely made his biggest impact in North American evangelicalism. His best-selling 1973 book, *Knowing God*, is still considered one of the best introductions of Reformed theology. If you haven't read it, rectify that soon. I commend it highly.

Someone asked me this week what made Packer so influential. I found the question difficult to answer. To be honest, there is nothing particularly flashy about Packer as a person. Though a superior mind with a keen ability to communicate, especially in written word, his ministry was pretty ordinary for the most part. If you considered his life as a whole, I suspect you'd find he spent most every day teaching the Bible and writing good books. Which is probably why (at least from a human perspective) he was so influential. Packer was a man who ran the race and stayed the course. Day in and day out, he gave himself to the things that mattered most.

Two leading values I see in Packer's ministry: *purity and peace*. Specifically, purity of the truth and peace in the church. If you were to survey the leading emphases in Packer's lecturing and writing, take inventory of the historical figures and movements that captured his attention, and mark the kinds of controversies that typically ensnared him, you would see a man trying to unify the church in the truth. Even when I find myself at odds with Packer, I can't help but respect him, for what I know he's trying to do: speak the truth with love for the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace in the body of Christ (Eph. 4:1-3, 15).

Today, in heaven, Packer knows that for which labored: purity and peace. For that, we can rejoice! Well done, Dr. Packer. You did not run in vain, sir. "*Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.*" "*Blessed indeed,*" says the Spirit, "*that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!*" (Rev. 14:13)

Before I close, let me give you a brief update on the church ministry as we look toward the fall. Your staff and elders are in regular discussion about the state of the ministry during COVID-19. We continue to be very encouraged by the stories of God's work in our body through in-person and livestream worship and the variety of other ministry initiatives happening over the summer with children, youth, men, and women. So many things to share, but I'll save the heartening stories for a later time.

As you'd expect, we're seeking God's face for wisdom as we prepare for the fall. It is our earnest prayer and plan to increase in-person ministries as we move toward the fall while continuing to offer opportunities online and through livestream. As we begin to make plans, we ask you to pray for us. Pray for wisdom. Pray for the health and safety of our congregation. Pray for the ongoing effectiveness of the ministry. Pray that we would honor Jesus Christ by fulfilling our mission: "*To Glorify God in the Gospel as Disciples who Make Disciples.*"

More on all this soon. For now, let's worship together!

Your servant,
Nate

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I

Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call.

Make known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all.

Sing praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim.

Re - joice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 27:I, 4, 8, 11, 14

Pastor: The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: The LORD is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Pastor: One thing we ask of the LORD and that we will seek after:
that we may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of our lives,

All: That we may gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

Pastor: You have said, "Seek my face."

All: Our hearts say to you, "Your face, LORD, do we seek."

Pastor: Teach us Your way, O LORD, and lead us on a level path.

All: Wait for the LORD, be strong and let your hearts take courage; wait for the LORD!

Hymn of Praise—O Praise Ye the Lord

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

O praise ye the Lord! praise Him in the height; Re - joice in His Word, you
O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him up - on earth, In tune - ful ac - cord, you
O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song To Him be out - poured all
O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song, A - mid all His saints His
an - gels of light; You heav - ens, a - dore Him by Whom you were
sons_ of new birth; Praise Him Who has brought you His grace from a -
ag - es a - long! For love in cre - a - tion, for Heav - en re -
prais - es pro - long; The praise of their Mak - er His peo - ple shall
made, And wor - ship be - fore Him in bright - ness ar - rayed.
bove, Praise Him Who has taught you to sing_ of His love.
stored, For grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!
sing, And child - ren of Zi - on re - joice_ in their King.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1875; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806.

New Testament Reading—Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Preparation—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



Hear my prayer, O Lord, and an-swer me. I am poor and need-y.
You, O Lord, are good and for-giv-ing. Give ear to my prayer.



Save my life for you are the on-ly God. For to you I cry.
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear You.



You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy. Grac-ious are you, O God. Slow to an-ger a-



bound-ing in faith-ful-ness. Turn to me, de-liv-er me. Save me in Your love.

Text & Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013. Used by permission.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on 2 John 1:4-11

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have commanded us to love one another.

All: And we know that this is love—that we walk according to Your commandments.

Pastor: We confess that we do not love Your law, Your precepts,
and Your priorities as we ought.

All: We are deceived by things in the world that demand our attention,
our resources, our time, and our affections.

Pastor: Cause us to remember the reality of the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh—
Love incarnate.

All: Give us grace to watch ourselves—to be able to discern what we truly believe
and what we truly love.

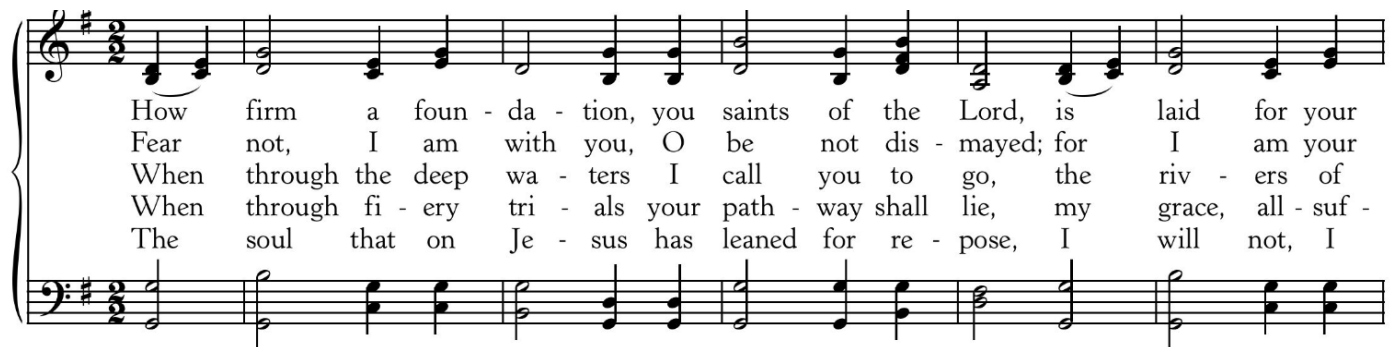
Pastor: May we abide in Your Word so that our love may be trained to recognize deceit
and walk in truth.

Silent Prayers of Confession


Assurance of Pardon—I John 4:9-10

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

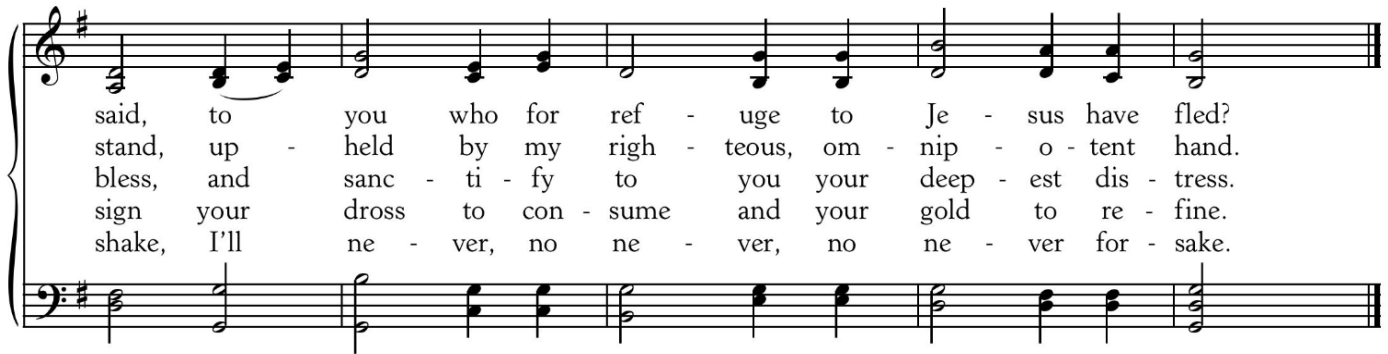
Hymn of Praise—How Firm a Foundation



How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your
When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -
The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I will not, I



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to you he has
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your trou - bles to
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de -
will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vour to



said, to you who for refuge to Je - sus have fled?
stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
shake, I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake.

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Psalm 101

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.
² I will ponder the way that is blameless.
Oh when will you come to me?
I will walk with integrity of heart
within my house;
³ I will not set before my eyes
anything that is worthless.
I hate the work of those who fall away;
it shall not cling to me.
⁴ A perverse heart shall be far from me;
I will know nothing of evil.
⁵ Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly
I will destroy.
Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart
I will not endure.
⁶ I will look with favor on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me;
he who walks in the way that is blameless
shall minister to me.
⁷ No one who practices deceit
shall dwell in my house;
no one who utters lies
shall continue before my eyes.
⁸ Morning by morning I will destroy
all the wicked in the land,
cutting off all the evildoers
from the city of the LORD.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

Sermon—Summer Psalms: Finding Our Way to God, Series 2, Pt 8

Waiting for the King

—Ben Griffith, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.

And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.' and 'And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Sursum Corda

Elder:	The Lord be with you.	People:	And also with you.
Elder:	Lift up your hearts.	People:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Elder:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	People:	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Elder:	It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.		

Sung Response—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You; While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a - dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y."

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4th c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1777

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 66: Come All You People



Come, all you peo - ple, praise our God and tell his glori - ous works a - broad,
We come with off'r - ings to his house, and here we pay the sol - emn vows
Come, lis - ten, all who fear the Lord, while I with grate - ful heart re - cord



who holds our souls in life; he nev - er lets our feet be moved
we ut - tered in dis - tress; to him our all we ded - i - cate,
what God has done for me; I cried to him in deep dis - tress,



and, though our faith he of - ten proved, up - holds us in the strife. Al - le -
to him we whol - ly con - se - crate the lives his mer - cies bless. Al - le -
and now his won - drous grace I bless, for he has set me free. Al - le -



lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. Come,
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. We
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. Come,



all you peo - ple, praise our God who holds our souls in life.
come with off'r - ings to his house, the lives his mer - cies bless.
lis - ten, all who fear the Lord, for he has set me free.

Hymn of Praise—My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



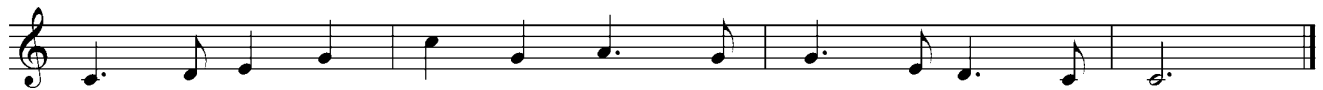
My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To Him who bore my pain; Who
My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To Him who walks be - side; Who
My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To Him who reigns a - bove; Whose



plumbed the depths of my dis - grace And gave me life a - gain; Who
floods my weak - ness - es with strength And caus - es fears to fly. Whose
wis - dom is my per - fect peace, Whose ev - 'ry thought is love. For



crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness And clothed me with His light And
ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough For ev - 'ry step I take. Sus -
ev - 'ry day I have on earth Is giv - en by the King. So



wrote His law of right - eous - ness With pow'r up - on my heart.
tain - ing me with arms of love And crown - ing me with grace.
I will give my life, my all, To love and fol - low Him.

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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

Hymn of Praise—O Put Your Trust In God

O put your trust in God, in du - ty's path go on;
Though years on years roll on, His cov' - nant shall en - dure;
Through waves, and clouds, and storms, His power will clear your way;

Walk in His strength with faith and hope, so shall your work be done.
Though clouds and dark - ness hide His path, The prom - ised grace is sure.
Wait on His time, the dark - est night shall end in bright - est day.

Com - mit your ways to Him, your works in - to His hands,
Give to the winds your fears; hope, and be un - dis - mayed;
Leave to His sover - eign sway to choose and to com - mand;

And rest on His un - chang - ing Word, who Heav'n and Earth com - mands.
God hears your sighs and counts your tears; God shall lift up your head.
So shall you, wond' - ring, own His way, how wise, how strong His hand.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1656; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—from 2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to
win me, Christ to com-fort and re-restore me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in
dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

Text: *Atomriug indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

Welcome to Cornerstone! We're glad you're visiting with us today, and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out our visitor card by following this link.

<https://cornerstonepresbyterianchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/40/responses/new>



Focus on Church Ministry

Men's Ministry – Bible Study

Set aside Thursday mornings for our Bible Study series, *Coffee with Calvin (& Friends)*—*True Prayer, True Power*. We are studying Charles Spurgeon's sermons on prayer. There are two meetings left on August 6 and 20. We hope you'll join us to study the teaching of this powerful 19th century pastor. 7:00 a.m., location TBD. men@stonepres.org

Prayer

Our prayer team would be honored to pray with and for you. Our team meets weekly, via Zoom, to pray for requests from within the body and for the world. Join the team and submit requests: prayer@cstonepres.org

The Bookshelf

If you're looking to while away an afternoon during these dog days of summer, check out the bookshelf directly outside the church office. There are carefully chosen books available for all ages! Payment is on your honor, on the top shelf.

New College Franklin

NCF is seeking housing for college students for the 2020/21 school year beginning in August. If you are interested in housing students or finding out more, contact Tammy McCoy: office@newcollegefranklin.org

Giving

There are boxes for tithes and alms at both entrances to the chapel. You can also securely give online at cornerstonepresfranklin.org.

Women at the Merc – "Seasons of Life"

We hope you will mark your calendar for Thursday, August 6, and join us at the Franklin Mercantile for a special evening. Several of your Cornerstone sisters will reflect on their season of life and how the Lord is working in it. Come laugh and learn about where you've been and where you're headed and maybe where you are right now. \$5 suggested donation for the cost of dinner. 6:00 p.m. Register: women@cstonepres.org

Youth Group – Wednesday Nights

Wednesday, July 29, will be the final Wednesday night for the summer. All students in rising 7th – 12th grades are invited to participate in youth's ongoing summer series, *The Prodigal God*. Dinner provided. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Allen's. Bring a towel and bathing suit if you want to swim.

Youth Group Guys

Youth guys and their dads are invited to join Ben and Taylor at "Nashville Cars 'n Coffee" in Franklin, Saturday, August 1. We'll meet at the Chick-fil-a parking lot in Cool Springs at 8:00 a.m. and walk over to the AMC parking lot. We will wrap up by 9:30 a.m.

Nursery

Beginning Sunday, August 2, nursery will be available during the 8 a.m. service. You must register your child for nursery when you register for service. Parents of nursery-aged children should have received an email with the new guidelines. Please let Christy know if you have questions or didn't receive the email: cjshurden@yahoo.com/615-720-8054

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