

□ Our annual meeting is today after the service. We'll eat together and gather back after we eat for the meeting.

□ Tonight at 6.00 p.m., our first pastoral development gathering will meet together. If you are interested in pursuing pastoral ministry, please come.

□ Church wide discipleship groups are scheduled to begin the week of September 28th. God is doing wonderful things as we meet weekly making disciples.

□ Grace Baptist Church believes sound doctrine, seen and savored, to be the necessary foundation for fervent love of God and those created in His image. For this reason, we regularly rehearse paragraphs of our statement of faith.

Paragraph 2c. Of The True God

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with the Father and Son and of the same substance and nature; that He convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment, bears witness to the truth, is the agent of the New Birth and that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses to, sanctifies, and helps the believer, indwelling every true child of God. 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16-17; Romans 8.14-27; John 16.7-15

□ We're hearing some great stories of those who are reading the NT together. Remember that you have a week at the end of each month to catch up!

Grace Baptist Church
Lord's Day Worship Service
September 7, 2008 – 10:30 a.m.



Ben Rust, Senior Pastor
David Harris, Worship Pastor

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Opening Welcome Pastor Ben Rust

Call to Worship Psalm 34.1-8

1I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. **2**My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. **3**O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name forever. **4**I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **5**Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. **6**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. **7**The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. **8**O taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

“Praise Ye Jehovah” Modern Hymn
Bob Jones Jr. [1911-1997] Dwight Gustafson [b. 1930]

Public Reading of the Doctrinal Statement
Paragraph 2c. Of the True God

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” . . Hymn No. 529
Charles Wesley [1707-1788] BEECHER

Public Reading of the Scripture Acts 9
Colin T. Smith

Public Pastoral Prayer

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn No. 170
Münster Gesangbuch [1677] CRUSADER’S HYMN

Offering

Public Preaching Pastor Ben Rust
Philippians 2.19-30

Two Excerpts from “The Slow Death of
Congregational Singing” by Michael Raiter
<http://matthiasmedia.com.au/briefing/library/5175/>

“People hear the word of God from the mouths of the pastors and the Bible expositors, but they also hear a sermon during the time of singing. Someone has said that a person's theology is no deeper than the songs they sing. I'm sure that's true, and it's quite an indictment on the modern evangelical church. There is, perhaps, no greater evidence of the theological illiteracy of this Christian generation than the songs we sing and write. Every song is a sermon, and it is critical that the God and the gospel that is proclaimed from the pulpit is the same God and the same gospel preached from the music team.”

“As I travel around visiting churches, I've noticed again and again that, for all their good intentions, the music teams are killing congregational singing. I enjoy the sound of an electric piano, and the beat of the drums, but my favorite instrument is the human voice. Nothing lifts my soul like being a part of 50— 100—300 saints in full voice, singing the praises of God and the glories of the gospel. Unfortunately that's a disappointingly rare experience.”