

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Johnny Knabe

Closing: Robert Foster

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Bobby Smithee

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

Singing: Randy Harris

Devotional: Dwayne Millikin

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

AM 54 PM 35

[Average for the Year]

AM [57] PM [36]

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

44 [Average for the Year] [38]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

Actual \$ 1,800.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 108,281.00

[Average] \$ 2,406.24

[+/- Budget] \$ (700.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (5,017.00)

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## Thoughts from Bill:

*Ain't It Grand to Be a Christian?*

*Acts 11:25-26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:12-16*

The title of this lesson comes from the song "Ain't it Grand to be a Christian" written by a musician named Blind Willie McTell. In this lesson we want to consider some important and maybe known things to remind us that truly it is grand to be a Christian.

It is grand to be a Christian because a Christian is a follower of Christ and wears a new name (Isa. 62:2; Acts 11:26). The term *Christian* identifies one who is persuaded that Christ is the savior of the world (Acts 26:28). A Christian must be willing to suffer for Christ and be willing to take up their cross daily and follow the Lord (Lk. 9:23; 1 Pet. 4:16). Taking up our cross implies laying down the things we carry and picking up the cross of Jesus (Phil. 3).

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## Plan of Salvation

### Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

### Believe

Hebrews 11:6

### Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

### Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

### Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

## Sermons for November 17, 2024

**A.M.—Ain't It Grand to Be  
a Christian**

**P.M.—How to Be Faithful**

**Scripture: Acts 11:25-26; 26:28;  
1 Peter 4:12-16**

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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It is grand to be a Christian because a Christian is cleansed from sin (1 John 1:7-9). John defines *sin* as the transgression of God's law or the missing of the mark, and all have sinned (1 Jn. 3:4; Rom. 3:23). A Christian is one who by obedience to the gospel has been washed or loosed from their sins (Col. 2:12; Acts 2:38; Rev. 1:5).

It is grand to be a Christian because a Christian has an advocate with the Father, namely Christ (1 Jn. 2:1-2). The word translated "advocate" means one who is a helper, counselor, or mediator. It is one who literally stands by someone's side. Remember that Christ was tempted in all points as we are but without sin (Heb. 4:15-16). The Christian should recognize, confess, and repent of their sins and know that the blood of Jesus keeps on keeping on cleansing them from their sin (1 Jn. 1:6-10).

It is grand to be a Christian because a Christian has the promise of eternal life (1 Jn. 2:25). Eternal life is a precious promise and will be a precious possession in the world to come (Mk. 10:29-30). Eternal life is more than immortality; it means living in glory and honor with God in heaven (1 Pet. 1:7). Christians have the hope or expectation of eternal life (Titus 1:2).

Finally, it is grand to be a Christian because a Christian has the privilege of being called a child of God (1 Jn. 3:1). As children of God, we have an inheritance (1 Pet. 1:3-5). As children of God, we can pray to God (1 Jn. 5:14). As children of God, we have the promise that all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28). Finally, as children of God, we have the expectation of being like Jesus when He comes (1 Jn. 3:2). It is this hope that motivates a Christian to continually purify themselves so seeing and becoming like Christ becomes a reality (1 Jn. 3:3). Paul writes that Christ will change us from this body of humiliation to be like Him (Phil. 3:20-21).

Because of all these things we have talked about, hopefully,

we can see that it is truly grand to be a Christian.

Ain't it grand to be a Christian, ain't it grand  
Ain't it grand to be a Christian  
You got Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Lord, Sunday, ain't it grand.  
Ain't it grand to live a Christian, ain't it grand.

### *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Bill Coles** still needs our prayers. **Carol Duncan** will have cataract surgery on Tuesday. **Gary Goodman** will be having back surgery. He is waiting to hear back from the doctor for a date. **Eunice Mize** will have a cornea transplant on December 11. **Jay Slayden**, Carol Duncan's brother, has an appointment at MD Anderson on Friday. **Robbie Kemp** fell. She broke her right shoulder and banged up her knees and face. She will be taking physical therapy once she heals up.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Bonita Bangs, Nancy Duncan, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Ed Hager, Mollee Harris, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Jean Hurte (brain tumors), Pat McGough, and Pat Smith

**Invitation Response:** Rosa Goglia responded to the invitation last Sunday evening asking for prayers. Let us be an encouragement to her.

**Nursing Home Service:** This month's service at Mountain Meadows will be today at 4:00 p.m.

**Romanian Children:** If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** Bottled Grape Juice

**1 Peter 1:3**—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...