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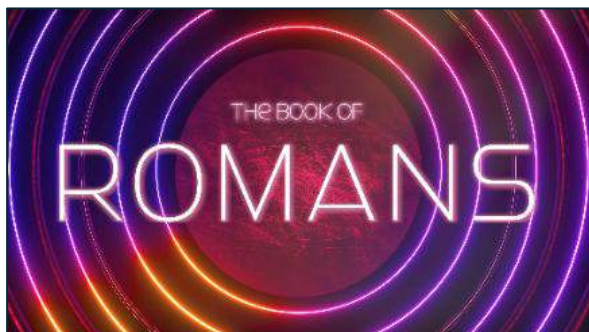


Indwelt

Scripture

- ¹⁴ For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons.
- ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!"
- ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children,
- ¹⁷ and if children, also heirs— heirs of God and coheirs with Christ— if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
- ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.
- ¹⁹ For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed.
- ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility— not willingly, but because of him who subjected it— in the hope
- ²¹ that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children.
- ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now.
- ²³ Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits— we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
- ²⁴ Now in this hope we were saved, but hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees?
- ²⁵ Now if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.
- ²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us, with inexpressible groanings.
- ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:14-27 CSB



Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Romans, Fall 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org;
Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Romans, Robert H. Mounce*

Connect Church Notes



Date

Speaker

Key Verses

Key Points

Questions / Reflections



God's Word-Devoted to Him

We Wait Eagerly For Our Adoption

*Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—
we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
Romans 8:23*

Even in this world, believers are God's children—but other people don't realize that except by our moral characteristics. The adoption is not clearly seen; the children are not yet openly declared.

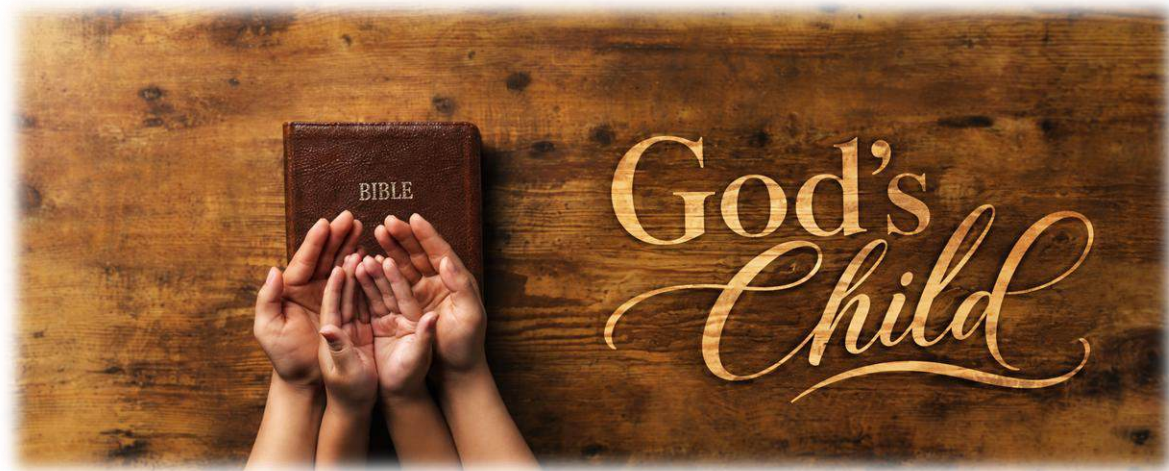
Among the ancient Romans a man might adopt a child and keep the proceeding private for a long time, but there was a second adoption in public. When the child was brought before the governing authorities, its old garments were removed and the adoptive father gave the child clothing suitable to its new position. "Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears, (1 John 3:2). We are not yet dressed in apparel appropriate to the royal family of heaven; in our flesh and blood, we are wearing just what we wore as the sons and daughters of Adam. But we know that when Christ appears, as "the firstborn among many brothers" (Romans 8:29), we will be like Him, "because we shall see him as he is" (1John 3:3).

Can't you imagine a child, taken from the lowest ranks of Roman society and adopted by a senator, saying to himself, "I long for the day when I will be publicly adopted. Then I will remove these common garments and be robed like a person of rank"? He is happy in what he has received, and still groans for the fullness of what has been promised to him.

It is the same with us today. We are waiting until we put on our proper garments, to be shown clearly as the children of God.

We are young nobles, and have not yet worn our crowns. We are young brides whose wedding day has not yet come, and we are left to long and sigh for the marriage morning. Our very happiness makes us groan after more; our joy, like an overflowing spring, longs to well up like a geyser, leaping to the skies. Our emotions heave and groan within our spirit for the opportunity to manifest our adoption to the world.

Every Day in His Presence – Charles F. Stanley



*God himself fights our battles for us,
and He is far greater than any enemy we might face.*

Charles F. Stanley

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Believe

Main Passage for October 25 – Romans 9:30-10:3; 9-17

Monday - Romans 9:30-33

Wednesday - Romans 10:9-10

Friday - Romans 10:14-15

Tuesday - Romans 10:1-3

Thursday - Romans 10:11-13

Saturday - Romans 10:16-17

Memory Verse: Romans 10:9

*If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

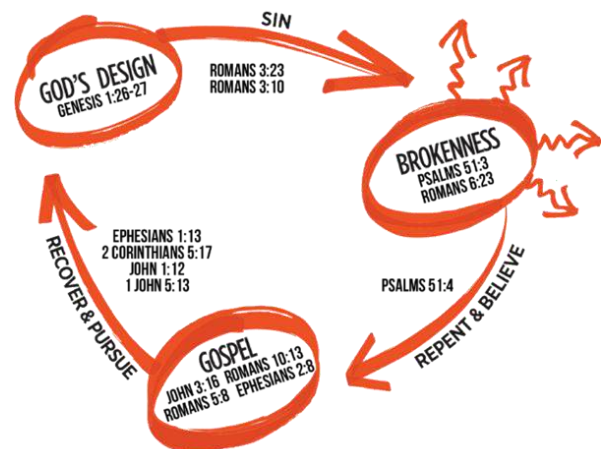
Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Connect Church Prayer Request

WORK AS IF YOU WERE TO
LIVE A HUNDRED YEARS,
PRAY AS IF YOU WERE TO
DIE TOMORROW.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN





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Attendance & Offering

Attendance - 781

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Give It Now Or Give It Later

"What about our children?" you may ask. "Aren't we supposed to leave them all our money?" The answer is no.

I will leave my children only enough to be of modest assistance, but not enough to change their lifestyle or undercut their need to plan and pray with their spouse. We've communicated this, and they understand and agree with our plan to give most of our estate to God's Kingdom.

Leaving a large inheritance to children is not just a missed opportunity to invest in God's kingdom. It's also rarely in the children's best interests.

I've heard countless inheritance horror stories over the years. Study the lives of people who have inherited significant wealth and you'll find that in the vast majority of cases, it's made them more unhappy, greedy, and cynical. Who needs to work hard when you've got all that money? Money funds new temptations, including addictions. Giving money to a careless spender is throwing gasoline on a fire. And nothing divides siblings more quickly than a large inheritance. Leaving more to God's kingdom and less to financially independent children is not just an act of love towards God, but toward them.

In Old Testament times, leaving an inheritance was critical (Proverbs 13:22), because children couldn't afford to buy their own land and could end up enslaved or unable to care for their parents. But today, inheritances are often windfalls coming to people who are financially independent and already have more than they need.

Andrew Carnegie said, "the almighty dollar bequeathed to a child is an almighty curse. No man has the right to handicap his son with such a burden as great wealth."

Your children should love the Lord, work hard, and experience the joy of trusting God. More important than leaving your children an inheritance is leaving them a spiritual heritage. If you left your children money they didn't need, and if they were thinking correctly, wouldn't they give it to God anyway! Then why not give it to God yourself, since He entrusted it to you?

Let God decide how much to provide for your adult children.

To be continued from...

The Treasure Principle

Text to Tithe

Simple
Quick
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561.705.0539

Offering

A properly focused heart
is more excited about the giving part
than the receiving part.



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SUNDAY

Parents of Young Children - 9:00 AM - Marlon Francis:
m4francis@gmail.com

Students - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

Young Adults - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

Adults - 9:00 AM - Sam Jay: jays717@bellsouth.net

Adults - 10:30 AM - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net

Adults - 4:00 PM (online)

Dr. Janet Plummer: askadminex@gmail.com

Men - 6:00 PM - Mike Herod: mike.a.herod@gmail.com

MONDAY

Men - 7:00 PM - Edgar Gregory: egregoriac@gmail.com

TUESDAY

Ladies - 9:30 AM - Tryna Groat: atgroat619@hotmail.com

Men - 7:00 PM - Chip Hausman: jwmhausman@gmail.com
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MomCo - 9:00 AM - Allie Royal: momco.connect@gmail.com

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Ladies - 7:00 PM - J. Virginia Murray: jvirginiam@gmail.com

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THURSDAY

Adults - 7:00 PM - Leslie Dakers: ladakes@hotmail.com

SATURDAY

Men - 9:00 AM - Grantley Coulthrust:
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CONNECT CHURCH



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*Join us for
Refreshments
on the Patio
Today*



*Stay and Visit
Following
the Service!*

One-to-One Discipleship Training
October 18th

**AWANA Around the World
& Shoebox Night**
October 21st

CT- Fall Festival
October 28th

Beach Baptism
November 1st

Thanksgiving Blessing Basket Drive
November 1st



*Scan to Visit
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Event Page*



**One-to-One
Discipleship Training**
Current and Future Mentors

**October 18th
12:30 PM
Activity Center**



Lunch Provided
Registration:
9/20 - 10/12 - cc.today
For more information:
Marlon Francis: marlon.francis@cc.today

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Around the World & Shoebox Night October 21st



It's time to learn about
missionaries around the world,
and begin 'Operation Christmas Child' - aka - Shoebox Night

FALL FESTIVAL CONNECT TEENS

WORSHIP / SMORES' / FALL GAMES / GIFT CARD DRAWING

OCTOBER 28TH - 6:30 PM

ACTIVITY CENTER



FOR MORE INFO. - TRISTAN.NELSON@CC.TODAY



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CONSIDERING
BAPTISM?

BEACH BAPTISM

NOVEMBER 1ST

4:00 PM



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Word of Life Teen Camp

Ages 12 to 18 years old



Register - cc.today

For more information:

Stacy Gatlin: stacy.gatlin@cc.today



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Thanksgiving Blessing Basket Drive

November 1st- 18th

Church Patio



Food Donation List - Church Patio

Feed a Family for Thanksgiving

or Give Online - cc.today

For more info: Roquanda Guy

roquanda.guy@cc.today



Word of Life Junior Camp

Ages 8 to 12 years old



Register - cc.today

For more information:

Stacy Gatlin: stacy.gatlin@cc.today



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Come & Lead

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