

August 29, 2021

## Great is the LORD

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff,  
Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*

*We offer Bible classes for all ages*

*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

**Psalm 145:3: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.***

The praises in Psalms express gratitude, admiration, and reverence toward God. A heart that produces such expressions reads God's Word and cannot help but recognize the Lord's greatness.

God's creation is great. "***For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse***" (Rom. 1:20).

The existence of the world and all that is in it gives us a glimpse of God's greatness. Consider mountains, oceans, forests, valleys, and all that is in what we call nature. God's greatness is seen in the very existence of the earth (**Psa. 19:1**).

God's power is great. As God asked Abraham and Sarah prior to Isaac's birth, "***Is anything too hard for the LORD?***" (**Gen. 18:14**). God has the ability to do whatever He pleases, as evidenced by His creation of the world.

God's grace is great. Just as God had the power to give Sarah a child in

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her old age, God has the power to do whatever He pleases with mankind. Were He to give us what we deserve, we would face eternal condemnation in hell (**Rom. 6:23**). Yet, because of His love, He wants each one of us to be saved (cf. **1 Tim. 2:4**), and has planned a means by which we can be (**Rom. 5:8**).

God's Son is great. God's plan of salvation centers on His Son, Jesus Christ. It is a remarkable thing to consider that deity, God the Son, walked this earth as a man. How great is it to know that He was "***in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin***" (**Heb. 4:15**)? How great is Jesus' love, which led Him to *willingly* give His life for us (**Eph. 5:2**; cf. **Matt. 26:53-54**). How great is the evidence we have that proves that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (**John 20:30-31**)?

God's Word is great. While God the Son came to earth as the living Word (**John 1:14**), God's *written* Word is contained in the Bible. As God's prophet Isaiah proclaimed and the apostle Peter reiterated, "***the Lord's Word endures forever***" (**1 Pet. 1:25**; cf. **Isa. 40:8**).

God's message of salvation has not

only survived attacks to end it, but thrives in a world that today has the inspired Scripture available in hundreds of languages.

The fact that many ignore God's Word does not take away from its power. God's Word continues to yield faith and good fruit when it is sown in good and honest hearts (**Rom. 10:17**; **Matt. 13:23**).

God's promises are great. God *through* His Word promises to forgive the sins of those who submit to His terms for salvation. He promises to answer proper prayer (**1 Pet. 3:12**). He's promised to give the righteous an eternal home in heaven (**Matt. 25:46**).

God's wisdom is great. He sees all (**Heb. 4:13**), and His understanding is as far above ours as the heavens are above the earth (**Isa. 55:9**).

Much more could be said about the greatness of our perfect, almighty God. Much of His greatness is beyond our comprehension. Yet, even a glimpse at these things we have noticed can help us see His greatness. Truly, "***Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.***"

## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Raymond & Maxine  
Barbara G (Cancer)  
Robert C  
Don C (Esophageal Cancer)  
Ken G (Pancreatic Cancer)  
Ethan W (Injuries from fall)  
Sharon G (Cancer)

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## Words to Consider

***“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,” – Psalm 19:1-4 (ESV)***

## Daily Bible Reading

August 29 – Psalm 103-104; Romans 13-14  
August 30 – Psalm 105-106; Romans 15  
August 31 – Psalm 107-109; Romans 16  
September 1 – Psalm 110-115; 1 Cor 1  
September 2 – Psalm 116-118; 1 Cor 2-3  
September 3 – Psalm 119:1-88; 1 Cor 4  
September 4 – Psalm 119:89-176; 1 Cor 5-6

***“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...” – Colossians 3:16***

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Bible Study: Larry  
Worship: Carlyle  
Evening: John

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Carlyle

### **Clean Building**

Jessica (Aug) / Misty (Sep)

### **Prepare Communion**

Jessica (Aug) / Donna G (Sep)

### **Upcoming Reminders**

#### **Wednesday adult class:**

*Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*

*Lesson 1 (Sinful Anger) &*

*Lesson 2 (Avoiding Pride)*

### **Assignments**

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Reading: Steve  
Announcements: Roger  
Table: Mark  
Serve: Dan D  
Dan H  
Darrell  
Dave

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Invitation: Mike

### **Anniversaries**

September 3 – Dan & Lovetta

### **Birthdays**

August 31 – Stephanie  
September 2 – Dan H  
September 15 – Emory  
September 20 – Michael