

What is the Gospel?

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There is no greater message to be heard than that which we call the gospel. But as important as that is, it is often given to massive distortions or over simplifications. People think they're preaching the gospel to you when they tell you, 'you can have a purpose to your life', or that 'you can have meaning to your life', or that 'you can have a personal relationship with Jesus.' All of those things are true, and they're all important, but they don't get to the heart of the gospel.

The gospel is called the 'good news' because it addresses the most serious problem that you and I have as human beings, and that problem is simply this: God is holy and He is just, and I'm not. And at the end of my life, I'm going to stand before a just and holy God, and I'll be judged. And I'll be judged either on the basis of my own righteousness—or lack of it—or the righteousness of another. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus lived a life of perfect righteousness, of perfect obedience to God, not for His own well being but for His people. He has done for me what I couldn't possibly do for myself. But not only has He lived that life of perfect obedience, He offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice to satisfy the justice and the righteousness of God.

The great misconception in our day is this: that God isn't concerned to protect His own integrity. He's a kind of wishy-washy deity, who just waves a wand of forgiveness over everybody. No. For God to forgive you is a very costly matter. It cost the sacrifice of His own Son. So valuable was that sacrifice that God pronounced it valuable by raising Him from the dead—so that Christ died for us, He was raised for our justification. So the gospel is something objective. It is the message of who Jesus is and what He did. And it also has a subjective dimension. How are the benefits of Jesus subjectively appropriated to us? How do I get it? The Bible makes it clear that we are justified not by our works, not by our efforts, not by our deeds, but by faith—and by faith alone. The only way you can receive the benefit of Christ's life and death is by putting your trust in Him and in Him alone. You do that, you're declared just by God, you're adopted into His family, you're forgiven of all of your sins, and you have begun your pilgrimage for eternity.

Announcements

- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- To volunteer to help clean the church property, please contact the church at info@antiochpca.com.

Vision

Our vision is to see the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church revitalized as a worshipping community to be a blessing to every man, woman, and child in the growing residential hub west of Woodruff and south of Reidville, to the glory of God.

Mission

Our mission as a parish church at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties is the gathering and perfecting of God's people through biblical worship, evangelism, and pastoral care.

Areas of Ministry Focus

Expository Preaching

Biblical Worship

Parish Evangelism

Pastoral Care

Discipleship

Leadership & Accountability

As a *mission work*, Antioch Presbyterian Church (PCA) is governed and overseen by a *provisional session* of elders serving as a *commission* of Calvary Presbytery. The six men appointed to the *provisional session* are active elders within the bounds of Calvary Presbytery, and they have graciously agreed to serve "above-and-beyond" to encourage the revitalization of Antioch. They include:

Dr. Chipley Bennett, Ph.D. – Ruling Elder, Providence Presbyterian Church

Dr. E. Todd Buchner, D.Min. – Pastor, Reidville Presbyterian Church

Mr. Richard Hollifield – Ruling Elder, Roebuck Presbyterian Church

Mr. William Johnson – Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church

Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., Ph.D., D.D. – Professor of Systematic & Applied Theology, President Emeritus, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary;

Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

Pastor Richard Thomas – Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church;

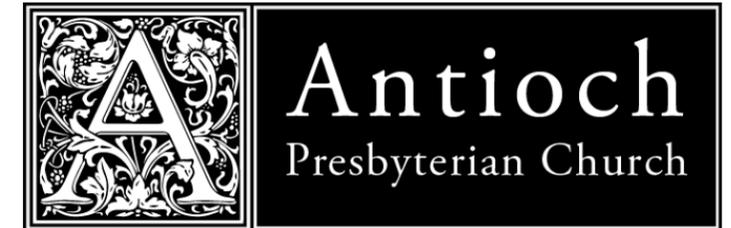
Clerk of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Mr. Zachary Groff – Ministerial Assistant

Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. – Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session

Mr. Johann Xie – Ministerial Intern



The Lord's Day

March 7, 2021

“Last Days’ Madness”

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.

Worship – Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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Meditation

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; ¹³ moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor – it is the gift of God.

*Call to Worship

*Congregational Commitment

Minister: Congregation, in whom is your confidence?

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and the earth.

*Salutation

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 241

O God Beyond All Praising
THAXTED

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Revelation of God's Will

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD;" and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Offering

No. 230

Holy, Holy, Holy
(stanzas 1, 2)
NICAEA

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

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 Preparation

No. 119R

O LORD, You Are the Righteous One
WINCHESTER NEW

*Prayer for Illumination

*Old Testament Reading

Psalm 144

*New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 4:1-10

*Congregational Response

Leader: Faith comes by hearing,

Congregation: And hearing by the Word of God!

Sermon

"Last Days' Madness"

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Prayer of Application

*Hymn

No. 264

None Other Lamb
ROSSETTI

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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Communion

*Hymn of Response

No. 265

In Christ Alone
IN CHRIST ALONE

*Benediction

*Doxology

No. 154

This Day at Thy Creating Word
(stanza 5)
WINCHESTER NEW

*Silent Prayer

** Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

"Last Days' Madness"

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Main Proposition

We are to beware of the destructive heresy of ascetic legalism as we make use of God's good gifts.

Outline

I. A Solemn Warning (vv. 1-3a)

II. A Liberating Doctrine (vv. 3b-5)