

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Destruction and Deliverance,
Genesis 19:1-38 - Bradley
Bell

October 18, 2020

Genesis 12-25: Blessed to Be
a Blessing

Call to Worship - Psalm 34:11-17

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! My name is Jason and I'm one of the pastors here. Hear this call to worship from Psalm 34:

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:11-17

Church, let us be counted among the righteous who fear the Lord and worship him today...

His Mercy Is More

Confession - Luke 17:28-30; Acts 17:30-31

Hear this word from the Gospel of Luke:

Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17:28-30

Church, let's pray this together:

God, you have commanded all people everywhere to repent,
Congregation: Because you have fixed a day to judge the world
And of this you have given assurance to all,
Congregation: By raising Christ from the dead. Amen (Based on Acts 17:30-31)

Only A Holy God

Nothing But The Blood

Evidence of Grace - 1 Peter 5:1-4; Hebrews 13:17

Our church is led by our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ. And one of the ways he leads us is by providing a plurality of undershepherds, or pastors. We view pastors as spiritually mature, male servant leaders who are responsible for the care and instruction of church members. Someone can become a pastoral candidate by making their desire known or through the recommendation of a church member. That person then enters a detailed development process.

Last year Robbe Gouge entered this process, and earlier this month he completed it, being unanimously affirmed by both the pastors and the congregation. Robbie not only meets the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9, but he has already been serving in many ways as though a pastor, managing his own household, contributing to pastoral decisions, and developing the sending culture of our church. He also stands qualified through the wisdom and support of his wife, Stefanie.

Robbie, come forward at this time and stand before your congregation. Hear this charge from 1 Peter 5:1-4:

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 1 Peter 5:1-4

Now, church, please stand and receive your charge from Hebrews 13:17:

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

You may be seated. Robbie, before we pray over you we'd like to present you with a symbolic gift: a shepherd's staff. May it remind you of your Chief Shepherd and the role he's given you as an undershepherd. Fellow pastors, let's gather and pray for Robbie now.

[prayer]

Sermon - Genesis 19:1-38

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Glorious Day

Announcements & Benediction - Hebrews 10:39

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is only a small part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek to live out the Christian life together. If you would like to join one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Here are just a few quick announcements:

1) Giving and visitors - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit or through GivApp.

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad you're here! Please if you would like to find out more about Antioch or have a pastor contact you, feel free to fill out a visitor card also located in the basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

2) Food Pantry and Soccer Clinic - Yesterday at our Food Pantry we served 81 individuals (24 households!). Also yesterday we had our Soccer Clinic. We had over 25 children participate and volunteers from Sojourn, Immanuel, Refuge, LouCity, and Cedar Creek Baptist. What an evidence of grace yesterday was! Thank all who volunteered for that. And a special thanks to Marcus O'Malley, who spearheaded the whole event.

3) Membership - Membership class has been postponed. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

4) Security Team - The Security team will meet briefly after the service today. Anyone interested in serving in this ministry see Andy on the porch for more information.

Church, you are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. May you go, escaping destruction and proclaiming deliverance. (Based on Hebrews 10:39)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: We are sent.

