July 7, 2019
Sundays 9:00 am                                                                     WKYT     Channel 27-2
***It is requested that all children under the age of five stay in our nursery***
***so there will be no distractions during the preaching of the Gospel.***

HYMN
Christ bears the name of all His saints
Deep on His heart engraved
Attentive to the state and wants
Of all His love has saved.

In Him a holiness complete
Light and perfection shine
And wisdom, grace, and glory meet
A Savior all Divine.

The blood, which, as a priest, He bears
For sinners is His own
The incense of His prayers and tears
Perfumes the holy throne.

In Him my weary soul has rest
Though I am weak and vile
I read my name upon His breast
And see the Father smile.

(Tune: “O For A Thousand Tongues” P. 46)

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            We welcome Daniel Parks, missionary to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and his wife Sandy who are with us today. Daniel will bring the morning message.

We will observe the Lord’s Table this evening.

            We extend our sympathy to Peggy Mohr and her family on the death of her father, Dan Hall.

7th– Caleb Anjos   8th– Jasper Clark   8th– Rob Elliott   8th–Kaitlyn Jones

            *“The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”      - Proverbs 18:10*

GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER
            I do not know that there is another Scripture in the Bible quite like this.  This is found in *II Corinthians 9:7*.  Paul has devoted two chapters to the subject of giving.  He had said earlier that our giving is what proves the sincerity of our love (*II Cor. 8:8*).  The Lord Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive.  Who should give?  *“Every man.”*  How much should he give? *“According as he purposeth in his heart so let him give.”* How not to give -*“not grudgingly, or of necessity.”*  Not in reluctance or under compulsion.  *“For God loveth a cheerful giver.”*One who is prompt and joyful in their giving. God loves this!  It is not that He needs anything.  But it pleases His heart when He sees His people give in a cheerful manner.  That is born from a love to Him!  May He give us all grace to be cheerful givers!

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THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST
            Paul said in *II Corinthians 10:5*that every thought is to be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. After death, when we no longer have a sin nature, every thought will be brought into captivity to obedience **to** Christ.  But that is not what the text says! Every thought is to be brought into captivity to the obedience **of** Christ.  Any thought I have that runs contrary to the obedience of Christ being my only righteousness before God is a wrong thought that is opposed to the Gospel of Christ.

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THE CHURCH
            “I don’t go to church because there are so many hypocrites in the church.”  “My life is as good as most church people!”  These are common statements heard everyday to which I reply - don’t judge the whole body by the faults of some.  It is our responsibility to worship and follow the Lord Jesus, not men.  If our brethren have faults, let us pray for them and patiently bear their infirmities as we ask them to overlook ours.  The church of the Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all who are lame, halt, and blind.  We look not for a perfect church this side of heaven.  It is better to sit beside the hypocrite in church than to suffer with him eternally.   *- Henry Mahan*

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            The old covenant had a Sabbath day but no Sabbath rest.  The new covenant has no
Sabbath day but does have a Sabbath rest.         *– Joe Terrell*

CHRIST OUR GOSPEL
            The doctrines we preach and love are not mere teachings of some particular method or plan, but the doctrines of Christ, who **IS**our Gospel; Christ who is sovereign over all flesh; Christ, whose grace is both sovereign and free. Not to preach a sovereign Christ, is to preach another Christ. To preach another Christ is to preach another gospel (which is not another, *Galatians 1:6-9).*  It is just that simple.  Mark it down, you cannot separate Christ from the Gospel or the Gospel from Christ, for they are one and the same.  Christ is sovereign over all things and over all flesh, giving life freely to whom He will. The message of life for poor guilty sinners is the message of the Christ of God, who saves sovereignly and freely, even the chief of sinners!     *- Maurice Montgomery*

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            *“Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness!”  - Isaiah 41:10*
God has arranged all our concerns with consummate wisdom, in the very best possible manner.  He overrules all events by His omnipotent power.  He directs all things by His paternal love.  If infinite wisdom, omnipotent power, and paternal love, are engaged for our present and eternal welfare – then our fears must be groundless, and our anxiety folly.  Our fears only…dishonor God, distress the mind, please Satan, and grieve the godly.                                                          *- David Pledger*
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            God cannot forgive me of my sins just because I ask Him to.  Sin must be atoned for, justice satisfied.  Here is the good news of the Gospel.  The sins that I ask to be forgiven of, the blood of Christ answers the justice of God for them.  That being so, God can forgive me of all my sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. No better new than this.                 *– John Chapman*

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            No matter where I am preaching from in the whole Bible, if I cannot title the message “Jesus Christ and Him crucified”, I ought to throw the message away.                                                                *- Chris Cunningham*

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            Regeneration makes no alteration on the flesh, but the spirit.  There is nothing in the flesh made holy.  And there is nothing in the spirit left unholy.
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