

# Sunday Gathering

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**November 12, 2023 - Don't trust  
yourself, trust in God so you may  
persevere, Jeremiah 17:5-10 - Jason  
Crigler**

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## **Call to Worship - Isaiah 43:1-3**

Sometimes the Lord leads us to heavy moments. Maybe that is you this morning, and you are not quite sure how to go on. Some of us may be full of fear or anxiety or disappointment. Some of us may have found joy and celebration in this week. I am comforted that no matter what we are walking through, God is with us. Hear this from Isaiah:

But now, thus says the Lord, he who created you, he who formed you: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Isaiah 43:1-3

Church, we are the Lord's, come hell or high water. Let's welcome each other to bring whatever we came in with to the feet of Jesus. Read this with me:

To all who are weary and need rest,

To all who mourn and long for comfort,

To all who fail and desire strength,

And to all who sin and need a Savior,

This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus, the friend of sinners.

Let's stand now and worship Him together.

## ***God is Good***

## ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

## **Confession - Isaiah 43:19**

In the midst of doubt, confusion, and fear, it can be hard to even know where to start. We know we are supposed to cast our cares upon Jesus, but doing that is a different matter entirely. God can feel far away. Church, you can be assured that the presence of the Lord is with us today and Christ is here to beat our burdens.

Will you take a moment in silence to reflect on what fear, doubt, or failure you need to give to the Lord?

Pray this with me: Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise (Jeremiah 17:14)

Church, hear the word of the Lord in response to us:

I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

## **Psalm 49 Reading and Singing**

## ***It Is Well With My Soul***

## **Sermon - Jeremiah 17:5-10**

## ***Promises***

## ***You Never Let Go***

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## Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

### Benediction

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

### Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) Food Pantry is next Saturday, November 18th. Although the doors technically don't open until 10:00am, the line begins forming at 8:00am. It seems heartless to let our visitors stand out in the cold, not to mention registration becomes a huge bottleneck if we wait until 10:00 to open the doors. Last month, we had around 40 families signed in before 10:00. With that in mind, we want to strongly encourage, beseech, exhort, and plead with servants to arrive by 9:00am on Saturday.

Box prep will be this Friday, November 17th at 9:00am. Earlier this year, our goal was to pack 35-40 boxes on box prep days. This Friday, we are hoping to pack 85 food boxes and 85 bags of produce.

Please consider serving on Friday and/or Saturday. Both days are 100% kid-friendly and you're guaranteed to have a good time. We also have additional ongoing needs for sturdy, medium-sized boxes and for folks to help with weekday Dare to Care food pickups. Food pickups can take place anytime Monday-Friday between 7:30am and 12:30pm, which is perfect for Boyce or Southern students, retirees, independently wealthy folks, and so on - basically anyone who doesn't have a 9-5 job. See Steve Leach or Shannon Hunsucker for more information.

2) Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back today so make sure you leave them on the table before you leave.

3) For parents of Young Disciples, next Sunday, November 19th will be the last Young Disciples class of the year. Parents: note that we will have donuts for the class on that day. There will be no Young Disciples the Sunday after Thanksgiving and no Young Disciples during Advent. Classes will resume in January.

4) We are in need of at least two people to run slides. We will train you. It is a very simple way to serve, but does require commitment.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Antioch, the Lord sees you just as you are and is calling you to fully rest in him, whatever comes next. As you go, may you place all your trust in the Lord, being so deeply rooted in Him that whatever this week brings, you may continue to bear fruit and be able to say "the Lord is Good!"

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

You are sent.

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