



Brookwood

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 5, 2026

BROOKWOOD WORSHIP

We will be formed in Christ to love like family and live on mission.

Gathering Song

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

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Traditional Spiritual

Welcome / Prayer

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Anthem

America

Sanctuary Choir

Words and Music by Katherine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward

Arr. Mary McDonald

Independence Day Litany

Keith McLeod

As we remember the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For the brave women and men who braved the long journey by sea
to come to this new world,

We thank you Lord.

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land
for generation upon generation,

We thank you Lord.

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

We thank you Lord.

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy,
and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

We thank you Lord.

For those who built this country brick by brick,
road by road, and town by town,

We thank you Lord.

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country,
for all who paid for our freedom by their service,
and those who paid by their sacrifice,

We thank you Lord.

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers,
farmers and factory workers;
for all who labor and provide for the common good,

We thank you Lord.

For this land, with its peaks and valleys,
coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

We thank you Lord.

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place,
and for our neighbors near and far,

We thank you Lord.

Lord, we pray for The United States,
that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes
liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

We pray to you Lord.

That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

We pray to you Lord.

That we might be a beacon of freedom
to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

We pray to you Lord.

That those who are elected to govern and lead
would be guided by you,
and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

We pray to you Lord.

That we would be a people who repent from our sins,
and who always return to you and to your grace,

We pray to you Lord.

Gracious God, Father of all nations,
bless and defend us and our land;
prosper the work of our hands,
and increase in us your grace and compassion,
and our offerings of thanks to you,
our rock and our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem

If My People

Sanctuary Choir

Words and Music by Dwan Hill, Calvin Nowell and Ben Shive

Solo: Susane Parsons

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Carol Giffin

NIV

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

King of Kings

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram and Scott Ligertwood

Sermon

"First Place"

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Hymn of Response

Fairest Lord Jesus

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German Hymn

Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

1:1-23 THE EXALTED MESSIAH

WE THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAITH,

Love and HOPE. (1:3-5)



WE PRAY FOR GREATER WISDOM and Spiritual Understanding. (1:9-10)

1:15-20 THE MESSIAH POEM

HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, FIRSTBORN OVER ALL CREATION, FOR IN HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED, IN THE HEAVENS & ON EARTH, THINGS VISIBLE & INVISIBLE, THRONES OR KINGDOMS, POWERS OR AUTHORITIES. ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THROUGH HIM & FOR HIM, AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS COHERE. AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH. HE IS THE BEGINNING, FIRSTBORN FROM AMONG THE DEAD, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS HE WOULD HOLD THE HIGHEST ROLE. FOR GOD WAS PLEASED FOR HIS FULL PRESENCE TO DWELL IN HIM, AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF, WHETHER IN THE HEAVENS OR ON EARTH, MAKING PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.

AUTHOR & KING OF CREATION...

SHARES THE IDENTITY OF THE ONE CREATOR GOD

FULL of ECHOES of:

- GENESIS 1 - PSALMS 2, 8, 68
- EXODUS 40 - PROVERBS 8

WHO BRINGS THE NEW CREATION



1:24-2:5



2:6-23



WATER TO THE MESSIAH'S

NO PART OF HUMAN EXISTENCE REMAINS UNTOUCHED
BY THE LOVING & LIBERATING RULE OF JESUS.



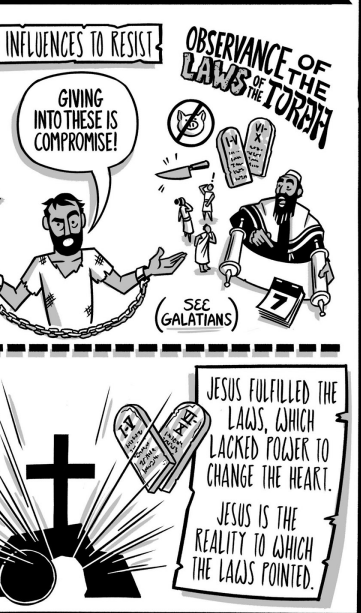
WE'RE INVITED TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT AS IF THE
NEW CREATION ARRIVED WHEN JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.



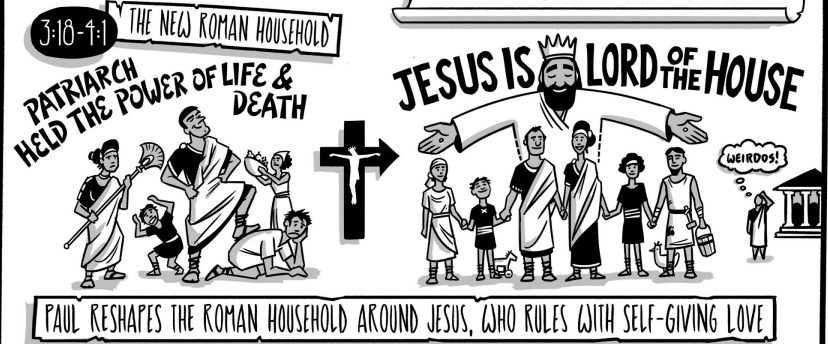
THE SUFFERING APOSTLE



THE PRESSURE TO TURN AWAY



3-4 THE RESURRECTION LIFE



Upcoming Events

Summer Sunday School

Grace Along the Journey will be in rooms C260/270.

July

12th - Renee Pitts

19th - David Lyon

26th - Sally Sanders

Lifeway Curriculum – Joshua; Judges; Ruth (in the Fellowship Hall)

Zoom will be available for this class.

Preschool, children, and youth will continue their regular schedules.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays

5:30pm

In the library

Back to School Supply Drive

Now through July 15th

Please place supplies in the bin in front of the welcome desk

Or send donations per Venmo @bbctheplacetobe.

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