

## WORSHIP REGISTRATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.  
Mrs.  
Miss  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Children (ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New address

### Check Appropriate Status

- Member  
 New in community  
 First time visitor  
 Second time visitor  
 Regular visitor

### Check Appropriate Age

- Preschool  
 Grades K-3     Grades 4-5  
 Middle School     High School  
 18-29     Over 30

I would like more information about this Church.

I would like to speak with one of the pastors.

Please send me more information about becoming a Christian.

### Prayer Request

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### Sermon Notes

Title: The Gospel of Repentance and Forgiveness

Text: Mark 1:1-8

# Announcements And Ministry Information

*It is a joy to have you with us today as we worship our Lord. We hope you feel warmly received and trust that our gracious Lord will bless you and your worship of Him.*

*If you are visiting with us today, we would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by signing the guest book in the Narthex or filling out the worship registration slip attached to this page.*

### Events at a Glance for This Week. . . .

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	Sunday School Morning Worship Small Group w/Simmons
Monday	8:45 A.M.	Bible Study w/Jane Simmons
Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Session
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice

\* Communion is the first Sunday of every month.

# Announcements

Pastor Simmons' small group will be meeting on the third and fifth Sunday of August. Presently we are studying the Pastoral Epistles and are now beginning II Timothy. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall this evening, call Pastor Simmons if you want more information.

Our monthly Hymn Sing and Pizza Fellowship will begin again on Wednesday, September 1. Please join us for fellowship & singing.

WEDFEST will resume Wednesday, September 8, dinner is at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Jacki Travis is taking over the task as our new cook. If you can help with serving, or clean-up please let her know. She will appreciate any and all help. Please use the tear-off portion of this insert to indicate how you would like to help.

RUF and you: U.T. Tyler and T.J.C. students will soon be arriving in Tyler and we hope to again be a temporary church home for a number of these students. As you pray for the ministry of RUF we wish to remind you that one of the most useful ministries that members can have with these students is to show a bit of hospitality. As you look toward this year's RUF ministry continue in your prayers for the Jordan family as well as Amy, the new intern. And if you wish to do more, would you consider inviting a couple of students to your home for a meal—a bit of hospitality goes a long way in ministering to students who have left home to live in an institutional setting.

## A GUIDE FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

**The Sermon:** As we begin the gospel of Mark I wish to introduce it with a few words from J.C. Ryle: *“It is a Gospel singularly full of precious facts about the Lord Jesus, narrated in a simple, terse, pithy, and condensed style. If it tells us few of our Lord’s sayings, it is eminently rich in its catalogue of His doings. It often contains minute historical details of deep interest, which are wholly omitted in Matthew, Luke, and John. In short, it is not a mere abridged copy of St. Matthew, as some have rashly asserted, but the independent narrative of an independent witness, who was inspired to write a history of our Lord’s works, rather than of His words. Let us read it with holy reverence. ...Let us observe, in these verses, what a full declaration we have of the dignity of our Lord Jesus Christ’s person. The very first sentence speaks of Him as ‘the Son of God’.”* This is a great place to find aid to confront the false religion of our day that is full of words but has no holiness and faithfulness of life.

**Using The Lord’s Prayer in Worship:** The rule given by God for the direction of our prayers is the whole Word of God; “but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Savior Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord’s Prayer” (WLC # 186) The Larger Catechism also adds that this prayer is not only a direction or pattern for our prayers but ought to be used as a prayer, “being done with understanding, faith, reverence, and other graces necessary to the right performance of the duty of prayer” (WLC #187). And so, this is a grand way for the body of Christ to lift up its voice together in prayer. It is true that routine cooperate prayers can become empty repetition but it should not be so... emptiness is a heart condition not a matter of liturgy. The cooperate use of The Lord’s Prayer allows us, with one voice, as the body and bride of Christ to offer up a prayer that is designed by Christ to address all that is primary in this life. We are together praying Scripture that Christ gave for our prayers.

As you prepare weekly for this part of our worship I would encourage you to spend some time meditating on the Larger Catechism’s explanation of the Lord’s Prayer (L.C.Q. 186-196), here our fathers give us a wealth of insight in the preface, six petitions, and conclusion. A little time spent in better understanding what we pray together will not only enhance your understanding of this prayer, I believe it will make this a very sweet part of our worship together—as we with one voice come to our father with the prayer he gave for our instruction.

**WEDFEST Signup**  
For Serving or Clean-up  
Please check

I would like to help with:  
 Serving  
 Clean-up

Dates: please circle!  
Sept. 8 - 15 - 22 - 29

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

You will be called as  
needed!

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**Offering Counters this  
Week:**  
Bill & Ken Turman

**Children’s Worship  
Training Class Leader:**  
Pastor Bowen