



Worship Services
For the Lord's Day
December 14, 2025

Services at 10:00 & 11:00 AM

Weekly Scripture: Proverbs 9:10

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Carnal men love the god that they make,
but not the God that made them.

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Too Tough?

Donald Grey Barnhouse

Rom. 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same thing.

The Saturday Evening Post carried an article about a famed swimming instructor who has revolutionized methods of teaching swimming. In the article we read, "He had to be tough on the children who scared easily because they would be the first to panic and drown if some emergency should rise." Once, he said, a father had brought his small boy to him to be tested for his Boy Scout merit badge. The youngster could not swim well enough to earn the badge and Mr. Lanoue refused to certify that he could. The father, angry, took his son to another swimming coach, who passed him. The next summer the youngster fell out of a boat and drowned within twenty-five yards of shore.

May God make us just a faithful to speak to sinners about the awful doom that awaits them if they refuse Christ. No soothing words may be spoken. To tell people what they want to hear is pleasing to them, but at times, fatal.

Order of Services for This Lord's Day

➤ 10:00 AM: Pastor Jim Billings
The Acts of the Apostles (4)
The Coming of The Holy Spirit at Pentecost
Acts 2:1-13

➤ 11:00 AM: Pastor Stephen Louis
The Gospel of Mark (39)
The Sympathetic Shepherd:
The Feeding of the Five Thousand
Mark 6:30-44

Announcements

- Wednesday night Prayer Meeting at 7:00 PM
- Gospel Ministry at Pacific Hills Manor Saturday, Dec. 13th and 27th at 10:00AM
- Community Baptist Church of Salinas is hosting a Christmas program on Dec. 20th at 5:00 PM. Dinner to be served after.

It is not the mere touching of the flower by the bee which gathers honey, but her abiding for a time on the flower which draws out the sweet. It is not he who reads most, but he who meditates most, who will prove to be the choicest, sweetest, wisest, and strongest Christian.

—Thomas Brooks

The 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

The Gospel and the Extent of Its Grace Chapter 20.3 and 20.4

3. The gospel has been revealed to sinners in various times and in different places, along with the promises and precepts describing the obedience it requires. The particular nations and individuals who are granted this revelation are chosen solely according to the sovereign will and good pleasure of God.⁶ This choice does not depend on any promise to those who demonstrate good stewardship of their natural abilities based on common light received apart from the gospel. No one has ever done this nor can anyone do so.⁷ Therefore, in every age the preaching of the gospel to individuals and nations has been granted in widely varying degrees of expansion and contraction, according to the counsel of the will of God.

⁶Psalms 147:20; Acts 16:7. ⁷Romans 1:18–32.

4. The gospel is the only outward means of revealing Christ and saving grace, and it is abundantly sufficient for that purpose. Yet to be born again, brought to life or regenerated, those who are dead in trespasses also must have an effectual, irresistible work of the Holy Spirit in every part of their souls to produce in them a new spiritual life.⁸ Without this no other means will bring about their conversion to God.⁹

⁸Psalms 110:3; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 1:19, 20. ⁹John 6:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4, 6.