

**SERMON TEXT: Mark 10:46-52 (ESV)**

<sup>46</sup>And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**When you're calling upon Jesus:**

- I. **Recognize you can come before him only in a state of desperate insufficiency (vv. 46-48)...**
  
- II. **Realize you must trust that he will act according to what is best for you (vv. 49-50)...**
  
- III. **Know he will come to you in his searching honesty (v. 51)...**
  
- IV. **Understand you must put “feet to your faith” and obey (v. 52)...**

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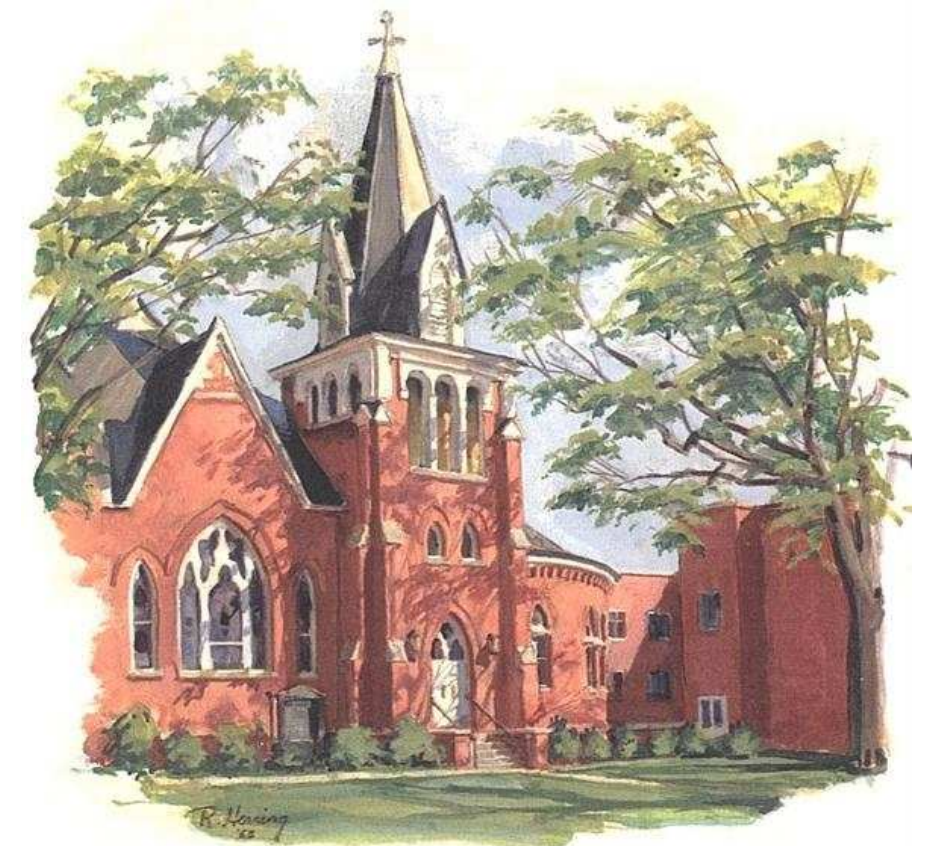
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**May 25, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.**

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**.....Dr. Clay J. Brown  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invocation

**PRELUDE:** *Jesus, Thou Art Always My Life*.....Bach  
Joanne Daykin

**\*THE DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*.....34  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all  
creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

**\*HYMN:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*.....59

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** .....Dr. Fred Coates

**ANTHEM:** *Good News!*.....arr. Sims  
Chancel Choir

**THE WORD OF GOD READ:** Isaiah 35:1-2,5-7.....p. 629  
Anne Telford

**\*HYMN:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*.....480

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Confession

**Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more, that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and we are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn pride and greed. In your mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you. . .**

Thanksgiving

Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory: *My God Is a Rock*.....Traditional Spiritual Chancel Choir

\*Response: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (Verse 2).....688

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

Mark 10:46-52

*Calling Upon Jesus*.....Dr. Brown

**\*HYMN:** *Amazing Grace!* (Verses 1-4).....422

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** From Philippians 2

**Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**\*GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *Amazing Grace* (Verse 5).....422

**\*POSTLUDE:** *God Is My Salvation, My Help and Trust*.....Bach

**\* Those who are able** will please stand.

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We’re so glad you’re here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a “Welcome Home” folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of James Michael Drye by his wife, Elaine.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE SHIFT BEGINNING JUNE 15:** Starting on June 15, our Sunday morning schedule will shift to the following:

- **Worship 9:00-9:50 a.m.**
- **Church School 10:00-10:45 a.m.**
- **Worship 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Why are we making this Sunday Schedule Shift? We’re making this shift so the earlier worship service will be more appealing and accessible, for it is the service with the greatest potential for attendance growth. We’re making this shift because for many people, 8:30 a.m. is just too early and a very real psychological barrier exists for them. We’re making this shift because Jesus calls us to do what we can to fulfill his mission of “Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples” and reach out to more people in Mooresville and the world. So mark your calendars!

**Graduate Recognition:** High school graduates will be recognized at the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, June 1. All 2008 high school graduates should go to the parlor at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to a reception for graduates immediately following next Sunday’s 11:00 a.m. worship service, hosted by Presbyterian Women.

**Vacation Bible School:** Registration is taking place during May for this summer’s Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 23-27, from 9:30 a.m. – noon each day. This year’s theme is *Son Harvest County Fair: Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*, where participants will enjoy Bible stories and activities, recreation, music, crafts, and snacks. Stop by the table in the parlor to register.

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Libby Greene and family in the death of her mother, Frances Hunter and to Bob Campbell and family in the death of his mother, Madeline Campbell. Both of these ladies went to be with the Lord on May 19.

**Calendar for May25 – June 1, 2008**

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. - Worship
	9:45 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	No PYF (Memorial Day Weekend)
	7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
Monday:	Memorial Day – church office closed
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
	6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at Julia’s Talley House
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Friday:	9:30 a.m. - Preschool Graduation
Sunday 6/1:	8:30 a.m. - Worship
	9:45 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship with Graduate Recognition
	12:00 p.m. - Reception for Graduates and their families
	3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the library
	3:00 p.m. - Piano Recital in the sanctuary
	7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Byron Crowley; Lee Doughton; David Brooks’ mother; Ellie Rader; James Gordon; Peter Schlect (Erin Speilman’s husband); Mary Fortanbary; Phil Garaas; Clay Brown; Levi Thomason, Margaret Sanders’ brother; Helen & Victor Johnston; Pat Culberson; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown’s father; Joyce Gilland, Jean Coates’ sister; Martha Andrews; Jackie Potter; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson.