ORDER OF WORSHIP AUGUST 22

INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Psalm 88:1&2

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL READING
Psalm 88:3,4&9b

SONG – In Times Like These SONG – I'd Rather Have Jesus

PREACHING THE WORD

Ephesians 6: 10-18
The Whole Armor Of God (Part

2)

SONG – Be The Centre SONG – Victory In Jesus

BENEDICTION

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MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.



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WEEKLY PRAYER AND REFLECTION

This week reflect on and pray knowing... God's faithfulness in regards to our prayers.

In *Luke 18* Jesus shares a parable to encourage his disciples to not lose heart but to continue in prayer. In this parable we read of a widow, who continually goes before an unrighteous judge to plead her case. After a while and out of annoyance, the judge gives in and grants her request for justice. Jesus wants them and us to see that if this judge whom has no fear of God or concern for man granted this woman's plea, then "... will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily."(v.7&8a)

The wonderful Truth this parable magnifies is that there is a Righteous Judge who sits on an incorruptible throne. One that isn't unconcerned with our plea's for justice, help or mercy but actually out of His great lovingkindness does not delay to answer our call.

Of course it doesn't always *appear* that way to us. We don't always see God answering us speedily. But what we see and what is true are often differing. *Psalm 88* reveals that though they could not see it in the midst of their troubles, they were still confident in the Lord's faithfulness to answer their cry. We also can have this same confidence!

Isaiah 30: 18 "Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him."

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OFFERINGS

We invite you to give joyfully out of God's sufficient provision to you. The offering box is located near the refreshments counter.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

August and September services, **except for Sept. 5**, will be held at San Antonio restaurant from 10:00-11:00. Fellowship "hour" begins at 9:30.

AUGUST EVENTS

Sunday, August 22, 12:00–2:00: Community Church Potluck at the Bowman Park Lion's Pavilion, hosted by Bridgepoint Mission. This picnic is open to all Christians in the area to celebrate Christian unity in Jesus Christ. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Bring a dish to share if so compelled. Lunch serves at 12:30.

THURSDAYS: Bible Study at Holby home, 6:00-7:00, through the book of Luke, with optional dinner at 5:00 beforehand as well as fellowship afterword.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, September 5, 10:00–2:00: RoHC Outdoor Service at Newport Park. Following service will be a BBQ picnic with brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Bring a side dish to share.

Sunday, September 26, 11:15–11:45: Quarterly Congregational Meeting. Following the service, we will hold a brief congregational meeting to recap the past few months and set our sights to the future.

Sunday, October 3, 11:30–1:00: The Lord's Supper. Following service, we will fellowship together over a meal and remember together our Lord in his death.