

GALENA BIBLE CHURCH

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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Welcome and Announcements.....	Pastor Gary
Opening Prayer.....	Don MacKay
*Songs of the Blessed Life.....	Blessed Be Your Name Come Thou Fount (All I Am is Found in You) 10,000 Reasons Christ is Mine Forevermore
Offertory.....	It is Finished (Worship Team)
*Scripture Reading.....	Psalm 1 (p.448) Dan Tindell
Message	Blessed (Happy) is the Man or Woman... Dr. Phil Fisk
Celebration of the Lord's Supper	Congregation
*Closing Prayer and Benediction	Pastor Adam

*Please stand if you are able

Child care is available for children pre-school age and younger in our nurseries located at the end of the fellowship hall. Also, a cry room with a window and audio is available for your use adjacent to the sanctuary.

- NOTES FROM TODAY'S MESSAGE -

Blessed (Happy) is the Man or Woman...

Psalm 1

What does it mean to truly be happy, from God's perspective? Psalm 1 (and the gospel) tells us: Happy is the man or woman whom God uproots from dry ground and transplants by the river of Christ's Spirit.

Important lessons to learn from this text, which has been called the "well-chosen gateway into the holy precincts of prayer and praise":

- (1) Inner happiness is not related to outward circumstances (*Jonathan Edwards*) – v.1.
- (2) We can delight in the Blessed (infinitely happy) character of God – v.2.
- (3) God has uprooted and transplanted believers into Christ, like a tree planted by a river (as the Fisks have been transplanted!) – v.3.
- (4) God promises enough spiritual nourishment, in Christ, to survive the dry seasons in life – v.4.
- (5) We should spurn the worthless "Babylon" culture around us. Like Daniel, we study the culture, but we are not to get entangled in its web of lies – v.1,4,5.
- (6) We can take comfort and courage in God's personal knowledge of our lives and destiny and His All-Encompassing concern for our integrity – v.6.
- (7) Knowing God is the true foundation of happiness (*Jonathan Edwards*) – v.6.

Next week: As we jump back into our journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in Ephesians 4:4-6 we're awe-struck by the unity our triune God has provided for the foundation of our life together (a very appropriate text for the three baptisms we'll also be witnessing and celebrating!).