

Historic White Marsh Church

August 30, 2026

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 16 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Hymn ~ 34 He Is Lord

Prayer & Praise

Scripture Reading John 5:1-9 Dawn Nickerson

Hymn ~ 527 I Know Whom I Have Believed

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Sermon: "Believe the Works" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 702 Fill My Cup, Lord

Benediction & Postlude

Visitors:

Welcome to our church! Please complete the visitor card at your pew, then either give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the wooden offering box on the table at the church entrance.

"Believe the Works"

John 5–6

1. Jesus Meets Us in Our Hopelessness — John 5:1–18

Jesus sees us in the places where disappointment has weakened our hope. Our circumstances may seem impossible, but nothing is impossible for Christ—and His greatest desire is that we come to know Him.

2. Jesus Satisfies Our Deepest Hunger — John 6:1–59

Jesus provides for our needs, but His gifts are meant to point us to something greater: Himself. As the Bread of Life, Christ alone can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart.

3. The Decision Every Heart Must Make — John 6:60–71

Following Jesus requires more than admiration; it requires faith. Even when we do not understand everything He is doing, we can trust the One who has "the words of eternal life."

Discussion Questions

1. **The man at Bethesda had waited thirty-eight years for his circumstances to change.** How can prolonged disappointment affect our expectations of God, and what does this passage teach us about continuing to hope in Christ?
2. **The disciples looked at five loaves and two fish and saw what was lacking.** In what areas of your life are you tempted to focus on limited resources rather than the sufficiency of Jesus?
3. Jesus told the crowd, **"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35).** What are some things people look to for satisfaction that only Christ can ultimately provide?
4. When others walked away, Peter responded, **"Lord, to whom shall we go?"** What helps us continue trusting and following Jesus when we do not understand what He is doing?

Announcements - August 30, 2026

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting on **Wednesday, September 2**, at **6:00 p.m.**

BOD Meeting on **Tuesday, September 8**, at **1:00 p.m.**

The first Good News Club Meeting will be at Lancaster Elementary School on **Wednesday, September 9**, after school.

The Lancaster Community Library Bookmobile will visit our church on **Thursday, September 10**, from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Pray at the new high school on **September 12**, at **8:30 a.m.** At **9:00 a.m.**, the school will be open for the community.

August Celebrations

Birthdays

Gail Deihl - August 18

Dawn Nickerson - August 19

Ann Carter - August 20

Chris Trimble - August 29

Mike Liming - August 30

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