

**"Approving the Beloved"**  
**Mark 1:1-15 (NIV)**

**"Approving the Beloved"**  
**Mark 1:1-15 (NIV)**



**Music:** Drew Hsi and Team  
**Host:** Sharon Coleman  
**Message:** Bernard Bell

We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ and what he is doing through his Spirit. Our desire is to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family reconciled one to another and to be empowered to reach out to the world.

---

**Family Life (see our website for more info)**

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Game Night** 6pm  
Mar 29<sup>th</sup>: **Good Friday** 7pm  
Mar 31<sup>st</sup>: **Easter** 8:30am & 10:30am  
April 4<sup>th</sup>: **Christian Fiction Book Club** 7pm  
April 6<sup>th</sup>: **Shape & Race** 3:30-5pm  
April 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: **HS Mexico Missions Trip**  
Every Sunday: **Sunday AM Prayer Meeting** 8:30am  
Every Sunday: **Body Life in Mandarin** 10:30am  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: **Church-Wide Prayer** 7:00am  
Every Wednesday: **Intercessory Prayer** 6:30am (Zoom)

---

**Call to Worship: Psalm 36:5-9 (Adapted)**

---

**Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-15 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way”—

<sup>3</sup> “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

---

**Praises & Prayer Requests**

*Please pray for...*

- my elderly mother to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

---

**Financial Report:**

<b>Nov 2023</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>
General Fund	\$177,196	\$180,094	\$ (2,898)
12-mo Average	\$162,536	\$170,738	\$ (8,202)
Need Fund	\$ 1,385	\$ 577	
12-mo Average	\$ 1,657	\$ 3,731	