

# WELCOME TO DRIVE-IN CHURCH AT SOUTHLAND!

*Thanks for joining us!*

*July 11<sup>th</sup> 2021*

Note: Song lyrics on the back pages!

## Updates & Announcements:

### 1. Current Health Order Update:

- During this service, you may now use the church washrooms that are immediately inside the Retreat Centre doors.

### 2. Bird River Camp Volunteer Work Day

- If you'd like to help out getting Bird River Camp into shape by cleaning cabins, trimming and other site work, we are planning a volunteer work day on July 31.
- Contact Ryan Warkentin at the church office if you would like to come help!

### 3. Family Camps

- Great news! There will 2 family camps available on Aug 15-17 & 19-21. Sunday to Tuesday and Thursday to Saturday
- There is limited space due to restrictions in place so this will be a Southland only event
- Registration is opening at 9am on Saturday, July 17 on our website [www.mysouthland.com](http://www.mysouthland.com)

### 4. Day Camp

- Day Camps start in just a couple of weeks! You can still sign-up your kids online for the 3 camps running for grades 3-8.
- We still need volunteers!
- Check the website for more details and to sign up your students and/or volunteer.

### 5. Baptism

If you are interested in being baptized, there is a Baptism class on July 22 in the evening followed by baptisms on Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up at [mysouthland.com](http://mysouthland.com)

## The Book of Matthew Part 5:

### A. Beatitudes #5. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy"*. Matthew 5:7.

- Justice is getting precisely what you deserve. *The Lord is known by His acts of justice.* Psalm 9:16
- Mercy is not getting the retribution that you deserve. *"He does not punish us for all our sins; He does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve."* Psalm 103:10
- Marks of Mercy:
  - 1. Patience: *"The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."* Psalm 103:8
  - 2. Forgiveness: *"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others"*. Colossians 3:13
  - 3. Helpfulness: *"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it"*. Proverbs 3:27 GN

- 4. Goodness: *“If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?...Love your enemies, do good to them ...then your reward will be great”.*  
Luke 6:33,36
- Motives of Mercy:
  - 1. Because God has shown us mercy. *“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”* Luke 6:36
  - 2. Because we still need mercy ourselves. *“There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when He judges you.”* James 2:13
  - 3. Because we will be happy (favoured by God)
- B. **Beatitude #6. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”** Matthew 5:8
  - The Process of Purity:
    - 1. Realize our standing before God. *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* Romans 3:23
    - 2. Remember that God sees everything. *“Your Father sees what is done in secret.”* Matthew 6:4, 6, 18
    - 3. Review our motives. *“All a person’s ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.”* Prov. 16:2.
      - a) Giving. *“So when you give...do not announce it with trumpets as the hypocrites do in the synagogue and on the streets to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.”* Matt. 6:2
      - b) Praying. *“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.”*  
Matthew 6:5
      - c) Fasting. *“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious...”*  
Matthew 6:16-18
  - The Product of a Pure Heart: Seeing God!
    - *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*  
Psalm 51:10
- C. **Beatitude #7. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”**  
Matthew 5:9
  - The Path to Appease:
    - 1. Avoidance and Rejection
    - 2. Selfishness
    - 3. Resentment
  - The Path to a Peace:
    - 1. Pursue. *“This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right.”*  
Matthew 5:23-24 Message
    - 2. Empathize. *“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* Phil.2:4
    - 3. Attack the problem not people. *“A gentle answer turns away wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger.”* Prov.15:1
    - 4. Cooperation *“Do all that you can to live at peace with everyone.”* Romans 12:18
    - 5. Emphasize Reconciliation.

D. **Beatitude #8.** “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:10-12

- The Reality of Persecution: “When not if” *“because of righteousness” “...because of Me.”*
  - *“If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also.”* John 15:20
- The Response to Persecution:
  - 1. Recognize the source. “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 6:12
  - 2. Refuse to retaliate. “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone... Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath...” Romans 12:17,19
  - 3. Respond positively *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”* Romans 12:21
    - *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”* Matthew 5:44

**E. Reflection:**

- Memorize the Beatitudes and have them all Be Attitudes that you live out actively and lead you to new blessings!

# Song Lyrics:

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## You Keep Hope Alive

Days may be darkest, but your light is greater  
You light our way, God, you light our way  
When evil is rising, you're rising higher  
With power to save, with power to save

Chorus:

*You keep hope alive, you keep hope alive  
From the beginning to end, your word never fails  
You keep hope alive, because you are alive  
Jesus, you are alive*

Death had a stronghold, but your life was stronger  
Rose from the grave, rose up from the grave  
When evil is rising, you're rising higher  
With power to save, with power to save

Bridge:

There's hope in the morning  
Hope in the evening  
Hope because you're living  
Hope because you're breathing  
There's hope in the breaking  
Hope in the sorrow  
Hope for this moment  
My hope for tomorrow

## I Will Boast I Christ

All I have because of Jesus  
All this promise  
Won for me  
When He paid the highest ransom  
Once for always  
For my freedom

Chorus:

*I will boast in Christ alone  
His righteousness  
Not my own  
I will cling to Christ my hope  
His mercy reigns  
Now and forever*

Love will never lose its power  
All my failures could not erase  
Now I walk within Your favour  
Grace unending  
My salvation

Bridge 1:

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Bridge 2:

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## Shepherd

Though I walk through the valley  
And I can't see the way  
When the shadows surround me  
I will not be afraid  
For I know You are with me  
You will always provide  
Though the path may be lonely  
You will stay by my side

Chorus:

*I will rest my soul  
I'll trust in You alone  
For the Lord my Shepherd  
Leads me, leads me  
And He is all I need  
In the darkest valley  
I know, I know  
My Shepherd is all I need*

Lord I know that You seek me  
When I'm trying to hide  
And Your love it pursues me  
All the days of my life

Bridge:

I rest my soul  
In You alone  
You light my way  
You lead me on  
I rest my soul  
In You alone  
You light my way  
You lead me on