

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

May 22, 2022

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #21 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 130

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #630 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

HYMN #634 More Love to Thee  
(Children, ages 9 to 12, will be dismissed to Junior Church.)

HYMN #617 Near to the Heart of God

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #592 Jesus Call Us

### CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

*Nursery - Newborns to Age 2*  
*Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8*  
*Junior Church - Ages 9 to 12*

*Psalm 130:5-8: I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

## Announcements

**Prayer Meeting and Business Meeting** - This Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**2022 Baby Bottle Boomerang** is a way for you to directly provide funding needed to support local women in crisis at **Solutions Health and Pregnancy Center** in Shrewsbury. Pick up a baby bottle today and return it filled with change, cash, or check by Father's Day, June 16. Solutions serves abortion-vulnerable women by providing them with excellent care and by sharing the gospel with them.

## **Fasting - Matthew 6:16-18** **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

The Pharisees committed large portions of the Law to memory and thought that by following the Law they were righteous. They believed that being religious made them righteous. They had the wrong motive, wrong method, and wrong message. In Matthew 6:16-18, Jesus was teaching His disciples about fasting.

- The Practice of Fasting: Matthew 6:16: "Moreover when ye fast." Fasting was commonly practiced in both the Old and New Testaments (not "if," but "when ye fast"). Fasting means abstaining from food for a specified period of time for God's purposes. We are not commanded to fast in the New Testament
- The Problem of Fasting: It can done with the wrong motive, method, and message (Matthew 6:16). The Pharisees often had extreme behavior that they might be seen of men. Some would whiten their faces to look gaunt and proclaim their sacrifice of fasting so as to appear and sound spiritual. Jesus condemned their wrong, selfish motives. Christians need to examine their hearts as well. True Christianity is not to be practiced for show or to draw attention to yourself. The Pharisee's message portrayed that righteousness was obtained by outward acts. Believers receive Christ's righteousness when they come to Him. It is a matter of the heart (Romans 4:5).
- The Principle of Fasting: Fasting is to be done in secret (Matthew 6:17-18). Jesus assumes fasting will be done. It is between you and God and is not done as a public spectacle or as an attempt to impress others.
- The Purpose of Fasting is to glorify God. When problems are heavy on your heart and food has no interest, it is a good practice to set time aside for fasting and for spending time with God (Colossians 3:17, Philippians 1:27). Our purpose is to glorify God.

In Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:2-12, he said it was a joy to pray for them. He prayed that their love, knowledge, and judgment would abound, that they would approve things that were excellent until Christ returns, and that they would be filled with the fruits of righteousness for the praise and glory of God. We are to be genuine by living for God and doing things His way. It is being righteous, not religious. In Ephesians 6:10-16, we are also warned that we have an adversary, the devil, who seeks to draw us away and compromise what God says.