

Welcome to Bethany's time of
PRAISE & WORSHIP
September 4, 2022

Special "Gospel Music Service"
Today's Guests: Bill and Sandie Smallwood

"Down by the Riverside"

Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside.
Ain't gonna study war no more.

Refrain

I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, Study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, Study war no more.

Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand;
Down By the riverside, Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand
Down by the riverside
Ain't gonna study war no more. *(Refrain)*

Gonna put on my long white robe;
Down By the riverside, Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside.
Gonna put on my long white robe;
Down by the riverside
Ain't gonna study war no more. *(Refrain)*

Gonna put on my starry crown; Down By the riverside
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside
Gonna put on my starry crown; Down by the riverside
Ain't gonna study war no more. *(Refrain)*

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**WELCOME, MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
& REGISTRATION**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Eternal God our creator,
C: **in you we live and move and have our
being. Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and
empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The pastor announces Good News of forgiveness

"Do Lord, Oh Do Lord"

Verse 1

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
Way beyond the blue

Chorus

Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me
Way beyond the blue

Verse 2

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too
Way beyond the blue

Repeat Chorus

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"Swing Low Sweet Chariot"

Chorus

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
Comin' for to carry me home,
A band of angels comin' after me,
Comin' for to carry me home. *(Chorus)*

If you get there before I do,
Comin' for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I'm comin' too,
Comin' for to carry me home. *(Chorus)*

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

BIBLE READINGS

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Philemon 1-21*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC:

The Smallwoods

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Words on Screen)

Prayer Song: "Down in the River to Pray"

Verse 1

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way!
O sisters let's go down, Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Verse 2

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe & crown?
Good Lord show me the way
O brothers let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
Come on brothers, let's go down,
Down in the river to pray

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response after each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

MESSAGE

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

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BLESSING

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *Chorus*

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. *Chorus*

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. With enthusiasm!
C: **Thanks be to God! And we will!**