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As we enter the month of August, let us make this a season of praise. Life often presents us with changing circumstances. Some of us are celebrating God's blessings, while others are carrying heavy burdens. Yet Psalm 8 reminds us that our praise is not determined by our circumstances but by the unchanging character of God. David begins and ends this psalm with the same joyful declaration: "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" No matter what season we find ourselves in, David gives us three reasons why every believer can continually praise the Lord.

First, we can praise God because He has made Himself known to us. David writes, "How majestic is Your name in all the earth, who displays Your splendor above the heavens" (Ps. 8:1). God has not hidden Himself from His creation. Everywhere we look, His majesty is on display. The beauty of the sunrise, the vastness of the night sky, the changing seasons, and the intricate design of life all testify to the greatness of our Creator. We

do not have to search endlessly for evidence of God because His creation continually declares, "Here I am." Every day we are surrounded by reminders of His wisdom, power, and glory. Our response should be heartfelt praise to the One whose majesty fills the earth.

Second, we can praise God because He has made Himself relatable to us. David marvels, "What is man that You remember him, and the son of man that You care for him?" (Ps. 8:4). The God who created galaxies also knows each of us personally. He is not distant or indifferent. From the very beginning, God created mankind to enjoy fellowship with Him. He desires that we know Him, walk with Him, and experience His love. Through Jesus Christ, that relationship has been fully restored, allowing us to approach God with confidence as His beloved children. What an incredible privilege that the infinite Creator chooses to care personally for each one of us. This truth alone gives us reason to praise Him every day.

Finally, we can praise God because He has given a purpose to us. David writes, "You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet" (Ps. 8:6). God has not only created us for relationship; He has also created us for responsibility. He has entrusted us with the privilege of representing Him in the world and participating in His work. Whether serving our families, our church, our workplace, or our community, every act of faithful obedience becomes an opportunity to glorify God. Our lives have eternal significance because God has graciously invited us to join Him in accomplishing His purposes.

This August, let us cultivate hearts of praise. Let us praise God because He has made Himself known through His majestic creation, because He has drawn near to us in loving relationship, and because He has given us the incredible privilege of serving His kingdom. No matter what this month brings, these truths remain unchanged and forever worthy of our worship.

Blessings, Pastor Kurt

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Joe Tombleson	1st
Shiloh Sarvis	3rd
Pam East	5th
Jonathan Lee	7th
Halle Sarvis	11th
Amber Kennedy	18th
Michael Farris	20th
Debbie Blanchette	22nd
Brenda Rivet	23rd
Tracy Armistead	26th

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Loyce Anderson 13th





**5th Sunday
Potluck**

August 30

**Bring your favorite
covered dish!**



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Boy, it's really hot outside!
The good news is the choir
room is nice and cool!
Come join in the fun every
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
for choir practice!



FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, August 8

12 to 2 p.m.



A GREAT PLACE TO BE

9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS	
Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Tuesday	
Women's Bible Study	11 a.m.
Wednesday	
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.

PRAYER



**AMERICA'S
ONLY HOPE**

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

YOU



**CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**