

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, ONE OF THE DEEPEST DESIRES of our hearts is to be more like Him. It's a lifelong process, of course, not fully completed until we see Him face to face, but Romans 8:29 verifies that becoming like Him should be our goal. The apostle Paul wrote that God actually predestined His followers "to be conformed to the image of his Son."

What does conforming to the image of Jesus look like? When Jesus was on earth, He was loving, kind, compassionate and humble. But He also discerned hypocrisy and pride in the hearts of the Pharisees, and was quick to point it out. His life was the epitome of self-sacrifice. In Matthew 8:20 He explained to a would-be disciple, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." He gave up His own comfort to meet the needs of others. And then He humbly submitted to an unjust trial and was crucified. The physical suffering was inordinate; bearing the sins of the world while forsaken by His heavenly Father, beyond human comprehension!

About 700 years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Micah proclaimed the word of the Lord to the people of Jerusalem and Samaria: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8). These are the same precepts Jesus taught in Matthew 5:3-9 in His sermon on the mount.

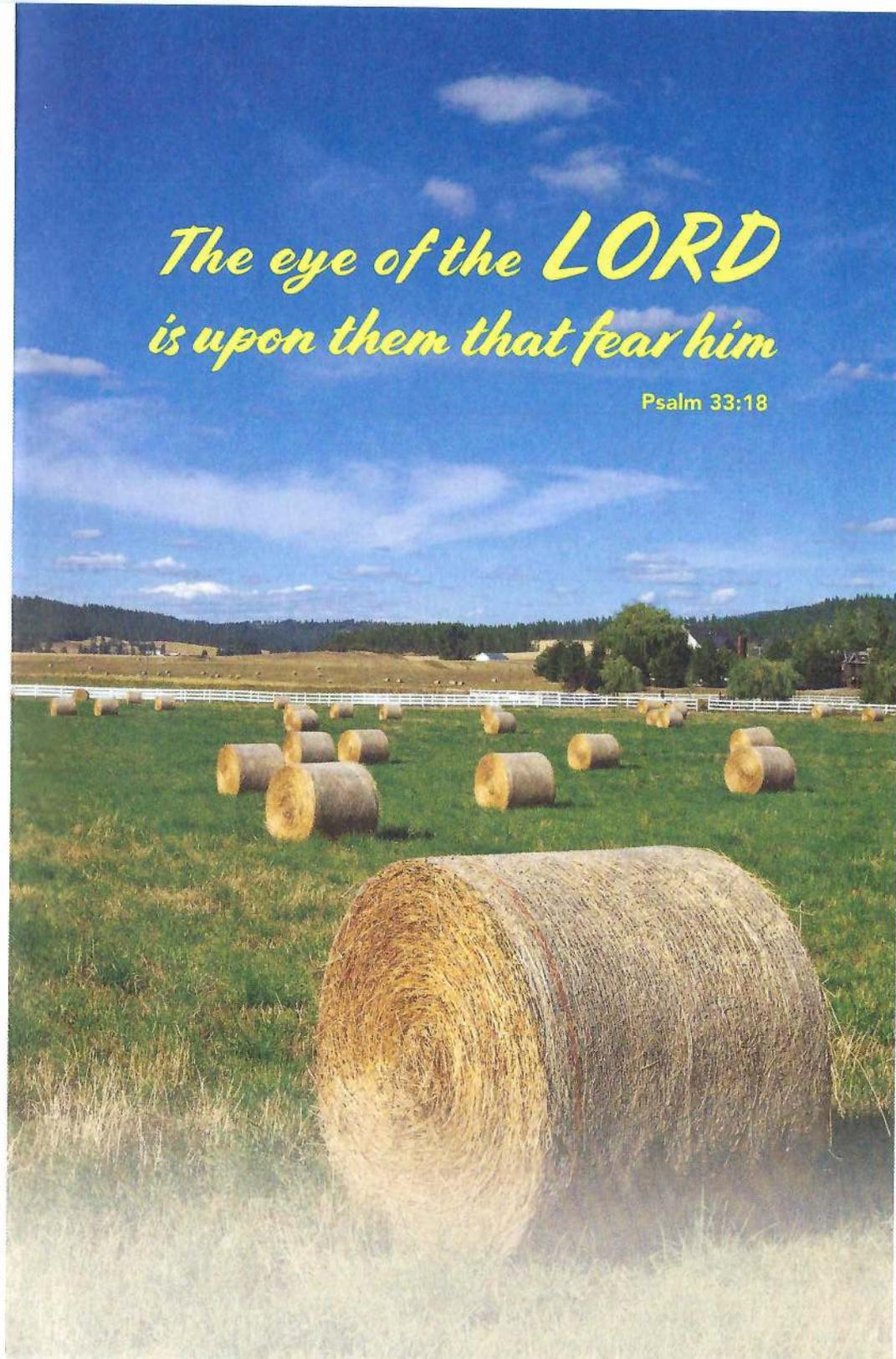
"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God . . . made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

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*The eye of the LORD  
is upon them that fear him*

Psalm 33:18



# Covenant Church

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**Call to Worship**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Invocation**

*Ron Marks*

**Sing Unto the Lord**

Hymn # 502 In My Heart There Rings a Melody

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Ron Marks*

**Recognition of Guests**

**Mission Moment**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Worship in Song**

Hymn # 503 Since Jesus Came into My Heart

**Offertory Prayer**

*Michelle Miller*

**Offertory**

*Rose Morgan*

**Special Music**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Sermon:**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Hymn of Benediction**

#638 I need Thee Every Hour

*Pastor Don Mauldin*  
*352-262-5349*

## *Covenant News*

Covenant's ministry for August is the Food4Kids Backpack Program. Thousands of area students depend upon free lunch programs for the majority of their meals. On weekends and holidays when school isn't in session, these kids often go hungry - and they return to class too undernourished to focus on learning. Food4Kids sends these students home with food to help them bridge that gap, be it a standard weekend or the long summer break. Because when hunger ends, learning begins.

### Think About It

Tomorrow's forecast: God reigns and the Son shines!

*Faith is Not Blind, Faith is your sight set On Jesus!*

*God wants full custody not just a weekend visit!*

Adam blamed Eve. Then Eve blamed the snake. Then the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.

**FORBIDDEN FRUITS CREATE MANY JAMS.**