

The Trumpet of the Lord

There's nothing quite like the loud, clear notes of a trumpet to stir one's soul, whether in joy or in sorrow. A trumpet can liven the steps of a marching band in a parade, yet a bugle mournfully playing taps at a military funeral may move us to tears.

The first trumpets mentioned in the Bible were actually rams' horns called shofars. But we read in Numbers 10:2 that God instructed Moses to make two silver trumpets, followed by instructions for their use as signals to summon the leaders of the Israelites to receive instructions related to their trek through the wilderness. Celebrations, sacrifices, processions and worship also included the sounding of shofars or trumpets.

There were trumpets blown at Mount Sinai before God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, when the Israelites marched around Jericho and the walls fell down, and when Gideon and 300 men defeated more than 100,000 Midianites. In Psalm 98:6 we are urged to praise the Lord with trumpets.

The trumpet has a long history, but it has an even longer, more glorious future, expressed in a hymn by James M. Black: "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair; When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). When the roll is called up yonder, will you be there?

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PRAISE HIM

with the

SOUND of the TRUMPET

Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16th Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

January 29, 2023

Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #492 At Calvary

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ron Marks

Worship in Song

Hymn # 583 You Are My All in All

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sermon:

Reverend Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

Shine, Shine, Shine!

Covenant News



Valentines Banquet

February 12, 2023

*Bring a friend for food, fun, and
fellowship.*

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for January has been Family Promise. Since 1998, Family Promise of Gainesville has provided families experiencing homelessness with compassionate care that includes shelter, case management, education, housing, meals and transportation until they can transition to a home of their own.

We are also stocking up Pine Grove and Newberry Highschool. Let's start the new year off by supplying the young and old with what they need.

*Our ministry for February is the Gainesville Community Ministry. Their mission is **with God's help, seeks to provide compassionate emergency care for those persons who cannot help themselves. We further seek to provide, through education and support, the kind of assistance that will encourage those who can be helped to end a cycle of poverty and despair.** They specifically offer support with food, clothing, medical care, some financial support, and education.*