

*God "is before all things, and by him all things consist"
Colossians 1:17*

The concept of eternity is difficult for us to grasp as humans, since we think in linear time, and even linear time is hard to grasp. So how can we possibly understand eternity?

One vivid and helpful way of looking at it is to think of our physical life right now as a ruler. Imagine then placing the ruler in a puddle of water. The puddle touches all stages of our linear life simultaneously and extends forward and backwards beyond the linear part represented by the ruler. We live our lives on earth in the linear timeframe—the ruler—and eventually pass on to eternity as we become part of the puddle extending beyond the ruler.

Our goal as Christians in this life is to become more Christ-like and thereby glorify God to the greatest extent we can in all we do. For some of us, this takes the shape of raising our children in the faith or preaching the gospel. For others, it means doing our accounting the best we can or perhaps raising crops or cattle according to God's calling on our lives. For others it means working in the policy world to glorify God by trying to ensure that our society is grounded in biblical values. All of these matter because He who created us did so for an express purpose—to glorify Him.

Eternity is a tough concept, but the Bible makes clear to us that God is eternal, with no beginning and no end, and when we believe in Him we can trust Him for eternal life. In John 10:28–29, Jesus said, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish . . . and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

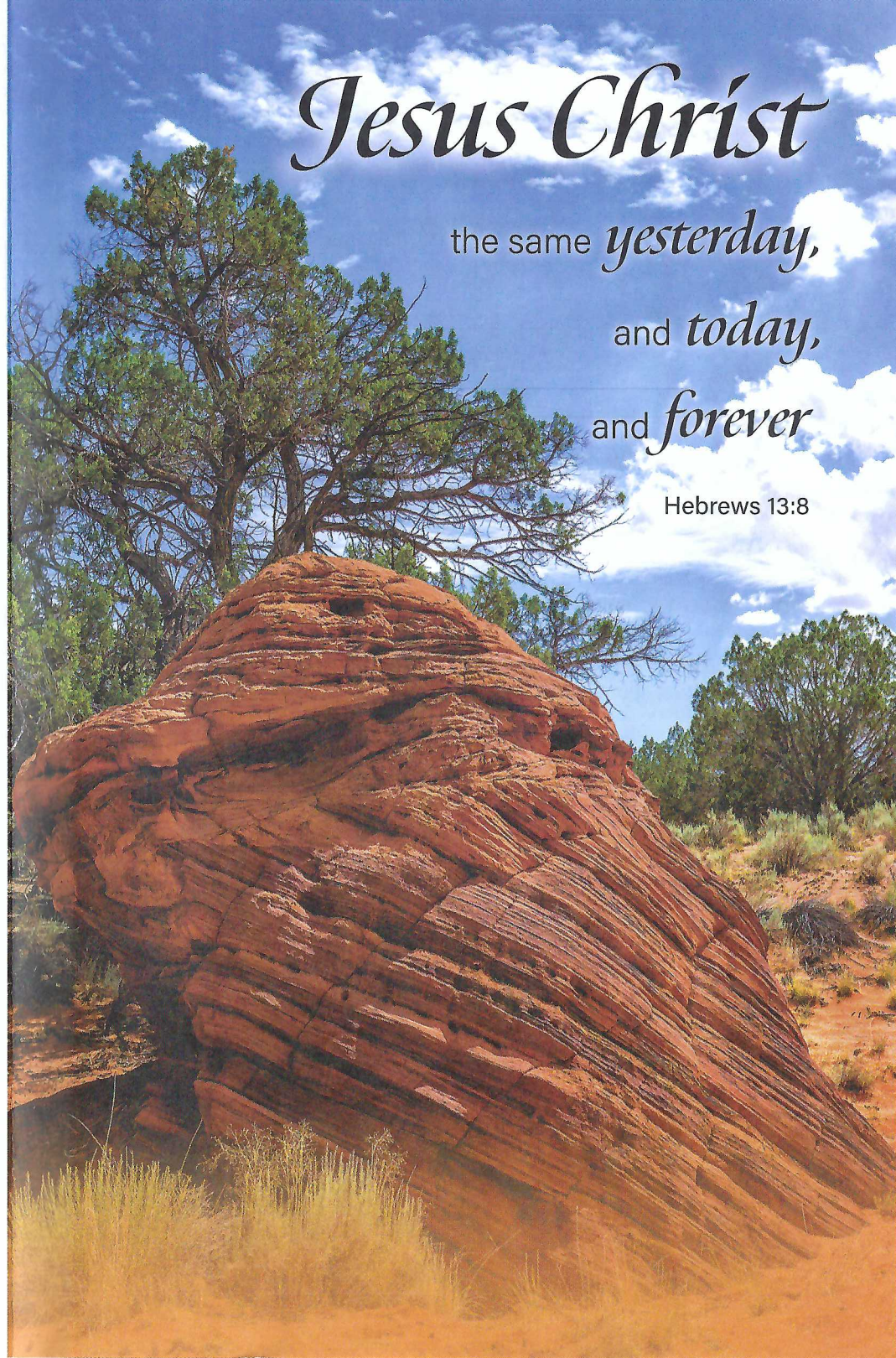
Adapted from a North Dakota Family Alliance email update

Jesus Christ

the same *yesterday*,
and *today*,
and *forever*

Hebrews 13:8

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Call to Worship

Invocation

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 56 To God be the Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 493 Glory to His Name

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Special Music

Sermon:

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #580 Through It All

Shine, Shine, Shine!

Reading

Pastor Don Mauldin

Craig Alexander

Rose Morgan

Pastor Don Mauldin

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for March is the St. Francis House. Their mission is empowering families with children to achieve permanent and stable self-sufficiency by providing case management; nutritious meals; and educational, health and career resources; in a safe and secure environment.



Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour next Saturday night.

Covenant News

YAH Meeting March 12th at Covenant Church