UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland
- Ora Barrett (rehab from hip surgery)

Communion Preparation

April - Rowell

Birthday / Anniversary

Lennon Joiner - 27th

WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

The Spirit of Liberalism Class // 8:30 am Job Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Galatians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

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Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell

Scripture Reading - Luke 8:11 - 15

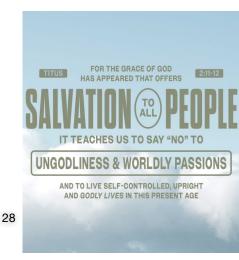
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 9:19 - 28

Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



SERMON NOTES

What Is In Our Hands?

By Mike Riley

Zookeepers who must handle snakes, tell us that an individual should never grab one by its tail because it can coil around in a split second and sink its fangs into a hand. The correct method is to control it by its head so it can't bite.

In contrast, picking up a snake by its tail is exactly what God told Moses to do (Exodus 4:1-5). As one who must have encountered snakes in the Midian desert, Moses knew this was unwise.

We ask, "What was God trying to teach Moses?" God not only wanted him to realize His power, but to also be willing to be used as His messenger to Pharoah (Exodus 4:21-23). There was little difference between throwing the rod to the ground and taking the snake by its tail. Both were acts of obedience to the Lord. The lesson was that God had the ability to use whatever means He wanted in order to validate His message to the people through Moses.

Today, what is in our hands? In a sense, our spiritual lives are in our hands because we choose whether we'll squander the hours, days, weeks, months, and years in our own pursuits or if we'll live an obedient life that's useful to Almighty God (Joshua 24:14-15; cf. Joshua 24:31).

If we will obediently do what He asks (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9; cf. James 1:21-25), the Lord will mightily accomplish His will in us and through us.

Bible Challenges

By Mike Riley

God's Book — the Bible, presents to us the following challenges:

That it be proclaimed (2 Timothy 4:2).

That it be heard (John 5:25; John 6:45).

That it be understood (Ephesians 3:3-4; Ephesians 5:17.

That it be believed (Romans 10:9-10.

That it be received with a view toward obedience (Acts 2:41; Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 1:22).

That it be lived – Philippians 2:12.

That it be defended (Philippians 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:12).

That it be read reverently as God's word (Hebrews 4:12).

That it be read slowly to savor the richness of its message (Psalms 19:9-10).

That it be read impartially for God is no respecter of persons (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 10:34-35).

That it be read inquiringly because it produces saving faith (Romans 10:17; Acts 17:11).

That it be read and obeyed promptly because it demands complete submission – 2 Corinthians 6:2; Acts 18:8; Romans 1:5).

That it be read to be followed faithfully in order to receive its glorious rewards (1 Timothy 4:11-16; Revelation 22:14).

To behold the revealed Son of God (Acts 17:3).

To ponder the power it contains (Romans 1:16).

To meet the conditions of pardon it specifies (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:36-38).

To weigh the soul it evaluates (Matthew 16:26).

To shun the sin it exposes (John 15:22; James 1:15).

To resist the devil it has unmasked (James 4:7).

To cherish the pardon it assures (Hebrews 10:22).

To make the sacrifice it enjoins (Romans 12:1-2).

To complete the pilgrimage it has enjoined (2 Timothy 4:5-8; Hebrews 12:1-4).