UPCOMING

 April 7th - Pot-Luck Meal and Graduation Celebration for Camden Cooper following worship service.

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 - 23rd

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 - Dwight Callens

Scripture Reading - Proverbs 3:13 - 20

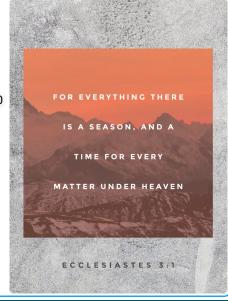
Lead Singing - Mark Potts

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper

Scripture Reading - Luke 22:19 - 22

Closing Prayer - Don Potts



SERMON NOTES

God Knows Our Name!

By Mike Riley

There are folks in our world who believe that God is a non-caring God — a nebulous God who is completely detached from His creation and created beings. As Christians, it's comforting to know that the God we serve knows our name and is personally concerned about our welfare and wellbeing (John 10:14-NKJV; cf. 1 Corinthians 8:3-NKJV; Gal. 4:9-NKJV; 2 Timothy 2:19-NKJV; 1 Peter 5:7-NKJV).

Let us look at the following examples to illustrate the fact that our God takes a personal interest in each one of His followers:

Before his name is changed to Abraham, God calls to Abram out of a vision saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram" (Genesis 15:1-NKJV).

When Abraham is about to offer his only son Isaac upon the alter, the angel of the Lord calls to him out of heaven saying, "Abraham, Abraham" (Genesis 22:11-NKJV).

The angel of the Lord speaks directly to Jacob saying, "Jacob" (Genesis 31:11-NKJV), and in a vision saying, "Jacob, Jacob" (Genesis 46:2-NKJV).

Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-2-NKJV). As Moses goes to investigate why the burning bush is not consumed, God calls to him from out of the bush saying, "Moses, Moses" (Exodus 3:3-4-NKJV).

Young Samuel being fast asleep, when he repeatedly hears the Lord's voice say, "Samuel" (1 Samuel 3:4,6,8,10-NKJV).

Saul hears the voice of the Lord say, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4-NKJV).

All of the above verses consistently affirm that God does indeed know His children by name. He is very much aware of our problems, our attitudes, our motives, our works (whether good or evil), and our sins. Since this is the case, we should rejoice that our God is a loving, long-suffering, merciful, and forgiving God, who is personally interested in each one of us.

Let's give praise, glory, and honor to His name this day and every day! (Psalm 30:10-12-NKJV; Psalm 42:11-NKJV; Psalm 150:1,2,6-NKJV).

Going Through The School Of Hard Knocks

By Mike Riley

In the marvelous musical comedy entitled "Annie," the opening scene portrays Annie in an orphanage where girls are forced to clean and scrub in the middle of the night. Expressing their feelings of helplessness, they sing these words:

"It's the hard-knock life for us. No one cares for you a smidge when you're in an orphanage. It's the hard-knock life."

When we talk about going through "the school of hard knocks," we're referring to the difficult experiences in life that have instructed us. Although it's part of human nature to avoid pain, as Christians, we can learn and grow from painful and difficult circumstances.

The Psalmist wisely said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes" (Psalm 119:71). His difficult experience was the slander of his good name (Psalm 119:69-70). Yet even in this difficult time, the Psalmist realized that his circumstances could teach him to value the Word of God.

Whatever problems we are facing today, let's hand them over to the Lord in prayer (1 Peter 5:6-7; 1 John 5:14-15; cf. Psalm 37:5; Psalm 55:22). Then meditate on the Scriptures (Psalm 1:1-3; cf. Psalm 119:1-2), thanking God for the life lessons we are about to learn (Psalm 136:1).

The Lord of heaven and earth is sovereign — yes, even over "the school of hard knocks."