

## UPCOMING

### Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Rick Carlberg

### Communion Preparation

August - Rowell  
September -  
October -

### Birthday / Anniversary

Donald Montgomery - 4th  
Jill Carlberg - 14th  
Scott Williams - 28th  
Chuck and Sonja Rowell - 11th

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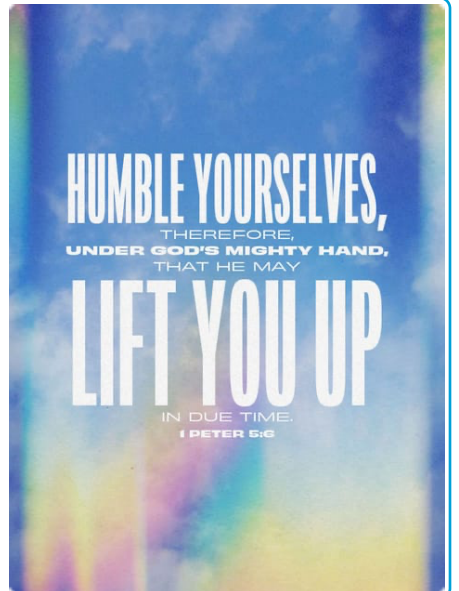
# WELCOME

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

### Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell  
Scripture Reading - Hebrews 6:4 - 6  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery  
Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson  
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29  
Closing Prayer - Michael Mundt



### SUNDAY

Psalms Bible Class //  
9:30 am  
Worship Service //  
10:30 am

### WEDNESDAY

Ephesians Bible Class //  
7:00 pm

### NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# SERMON NOTES

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## Running The Race Of Life Every Day

By Mike Riley

Winning a long distance race doesn't always belong to the swiftest runner, but to the runner with the most stamina. To gain stamina, a runner must discipline himself, not only by running every day, but by running up steep and challenging hills.

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul uses running as an illustration of his own discipline as a Christian in the race of life. He ran to win an eternal crown, and he encouraged others to do the same.

The word "temperate" in 1 Corinthians 9:25, carries with it the idea of rigid self-control practiced by athletes who train to win the coveted gold medal.

As we run the Christian race, i.e., "the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1), are we running with a hit-or-miss spiritual regimen, or with purpose and discipline born out of a desire to please God? (John 8:29; cf. John 4:34; John 5:30; John 6:38).

The key to any good runner, whether physical or spiritual, is to run every single day, building up the stamina it takes in order to win the race, and to ultimately gain the victory crown (2 Timothy 4:7-8; Revelation 2:10).

## Putting Jesus In The Driver's Seat

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a stressed-out woman who was tailgating a man as they drove on a busy boulevard. When he slowed to a stop at a yellow light, the woman hit the horn, began cussing, screaming, and angrily gesturing in frustration. As she continued raving and ranting, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a police officer who ordered her to exit the car with her hands up. He took her to the police station and placed her in a holding cell.

Later, the officer returned and said, "I'm sorry, Ma'am. This has all been a big mistake. When I pulled up behind you, I noticed your 'What Would Jesus Do?' license plate holder and your 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker. I assumed the car was stolen!"

The point of the above story is that Satan doesn't care so much if you're a Christian as long as you don't act like one. If he can get you to live by his lifestyle, he can damage and disarm you every time and dishonor the name of Christ in the process (cf. 2 Timothy 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:14).

Instead, Jesus calls His followers to be the "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13) and to let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16).

If we'll put Jesus in the driver's seat of our lives, we can better demonstrate God's love and concern toward all people (Gal. 6:10; Titus 3:8), avoiding any frustration.