UPCOMING

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Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland
- Ora Barrett
- Scott Williams

Communion Preparation

July - Potts August - Montgomery September -

Birthday / Anniversary

Donald Montgomery - 4th Jill Carlberg - 14th Scott Williams - 28th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell

Scripture Reading - Matthew 7:21 - 27

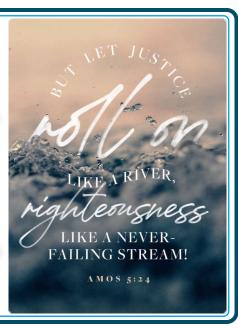
Lead Singing - Mark Potts

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - David Cradic

Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:45-50

Closing Prayer - James Johnson



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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

SUNDAY

Study of Hymns Class // 8:30 am Isaiah Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (1 Corinthians) // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

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Are We Prepared For Our Destined Appointments?

By Mike Riley

In Medieval times, a king would often have a jester to entertain him and to cheer him up when he was sad or troubled. The jester would tell funny stories, perform tricks, and do almost anything to amuse and distract the king in his difficult moments. The jester was called the king's "fool."

As the story goes, a certain king enjoyed his jester's performances very much, making him laugh so easily. One day, the king handed the royal scepter to the jester and said, "If you ever find a fool greater than yourself, give this scepter to him." After a while, the king grew deathly ill. Feeling very melancholy, the king called for the jester, hoping that he could make him feel better.

When the jester arrived the king said, "Ah, jester, I fear that I am about to depart upon a long journey." "Have you known about this journey for long?" the jester inquired. "Well, yes I have" the king replied. The jester then asked, Have you prepared for this journey?" "No," the king replied, "I'm afraid I have not." Then, handing the royal scepter to the king, the jester said: "Then this belongs to you – for you are a greater fool than I."

Wise are those who prepare for appointments that they know they must keep. Two such appointments that each and every one of us must keep are death (unless the Lord comes first) and the judgment to come. The Hebrew writer tells us, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Have we prepared ourselves for these appointments?

Because of His great love, God sent His Son Jesus into the world that through Him we might be prepared for these unavoidable and destined appointments. The Hebrew writer tells us, "So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:28). On the cross, Jesus bore the sins of the world upon Himself, and paid the price for our sins (1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:6; Acts 20:28).

We may receive the benefits of His sacrificial death by faith (Romans 10:17; cf. Hebrews 11:6), repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confession (Romans 10:9-10), baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and then "walking in the light as He is in the light" through a life of obedience to God's will (1 John 1:7; Matthew 7:21).

To those who have obeyed the Gospel and "eagerly wait for Him, He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation" (Hebrews 9:28). No remedy remains, however, if we die in our sins and enter eternity without God. If Christ is not our sinbearer, we will bear our own sins in judgment. Knowing all of these things, let's ask ourselves, "Are we prepared for our destined appointments?"