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



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

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

WEDNESDAY

Philippians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

The Rest Of The Message

By Mike Riley

The British people were anxiously awaiting the news of the outcome of the Battle of Waterloo on June 18,1815. Their only means of communication was a system of signals. One of the signal stations was on the tower of Winchester Cathedral.

Late in the day, it flashed the signal: "Wellington Defeated...." Unfortunately, the fog had become so dense that only a part of the message could be made out as it was being relayed. Immediately, gloom settled heavily over the English countryside.

Imagine then the joy that must have ensued whenever the fog finally lifted and they received the rest of the message, "Wellington Defeated The Enemy."

When our Lord was crucified, His disciples were so overcome by despair, that they saw but one meaning to the sad event – "Christ Defeated." All hope was gone; Christ was dead.

But praise God, three days later, the rest of the message came through loud and clear, "Christ Defeated The Devil." Victory was achieved! What great news! What great joy!

Through death and the resurrection, Christ conquered the grave, and by His ascending (Acts 1:9-11), He made possible our ascension to heaven as well (Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:20; Revelation 1:5).

Hallelujah to God! (Revelation 19:1).

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55,57 KJV).

Would We Leave A Vacancy?

By Mike Riley

There was once a retail store clerk by the name of Fred, who not only was extremely rude to the store's customers, but lazy as well. On several occasions, his boss was about to fire him. But he didn't follow through because of his concern for Fred's wife and children, who would suffer from his dismissal.

One day a regular customer stopped in and noticed that Fred wasn't there. He asked the manager about him and was told that he had taken another job. The customer asked, "Are you planning to replace him?" The manager replied, "No, it isn't necessary. Fred didn't leave a vacancy."

The store clerk's work was of such poor quality that the business was better off without him. That should never be true of any employee, especially a Christian.

The apostle Paul told servants to be obedient to their masters "with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men" (Ephesians 6:7).

God expected Christian servants in Paul's day to work diligently for their masters, and we too should give our employers an honest day's work. It's the right thing to do, and it strengthens our influence for Christ (cf. Matthew 5:14-16).

One good way to test the value of our work, is to ask ourselves this question: If I left my job, would it leave a vacancy?