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## Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Connie Montgomery
- Emily Linton
- Andy Duncan (Liver transplant)
- Wayne Rigdon
- Lynn Nichols
- Sadie Hodge (cancer)
- Beth Dyer (cancer)

## Communion Preparation

2026 preparation list is in foyer

August -

September -

October -

## Birthday / Anniversary

Donald Montgomery - 4th

Jill Carlberg - 14th

Will Parker - 30th

Chuck & Sonja Rowell - 11th

Corey & Calista Murphy - 18th

## Men to Serve

Announcements - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 3:18 - 20

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians  
11:23 - 29

Closing Prayer - Dwight Callens



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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

Bible Study //

9:30 am

Worship Service //

10:30 am

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study //

7:00 pm

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# SERMON NOTES

## A Look At Longsuffering In The New Testament

By Mike Riley

In a recent KFOX news report, a Missouri teenager is accused of stabbing a man with an ice pick in a dispute over a parking spot. She allegedly stabbed the man half a dozen times with a five inch ice pick because he took a parking space the teenager wanted.

Folks, she was in definite need of the characteristic or quality called “longsuffering.”

In the original Greek language, the term “longsuffering” means:

“to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles; to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others; to be mild and slow in avenging; to be longsuffering, slow to anger, slow to punish.”

To make the term easier to understand, just turn the word around, and you will get “suffer long” (1 Corinthians 13:4-KJV; cf. Proverbs 10:12-NKJV; 1 Peter 4:8-NKJV). We need to put up with or “suffer long” the idiosyncrasies of others (we all have them!).

To put it another way, we need to patiently forbear with the shortcomings, slights, insults, and injuries of others, without seeking to retaliate or take revenge on an individual.

This quality is one of the characteristics described in Gal. 5:22-NKJV as being one of the “fruits” of the Spirit, and a necessary quality for all Christians to acquire.

As the Lord is “longsuffering” regarding the salvation of all mankind (1 Peter 3:20-NKJV; 2 Peter 3:9-NKJV; 2 Peter 3:15-NKJV; cf. Romans 2:4-NKJV), should we not be just as “longsuffering” toward our fellowman? (cf. Colossians 3:12-13-NKJV; 1 Peter 2:23-NKJV; Isaiah 53:7-NKJV).

## The Retrospective View And Patience

By Mike Riley

In today’s “modern” culture, we find people wanting to do things very quickly. Where our ancestors took many months — even years to cross this country, we can now drive across it in just a few days, and fly

across in just a few hours. Foods that once required hours to prepare, can now be cooked in just a few minutes, thanks to the inventor of the microwave oven.

Sometimes, we hear members of the church being critical of its leaders for being slow in instituting change or taking action. However, when it comes to decisions regarding the spiritual direction of the church, slowness is not such a bad thing.

From our perspective, God moves pretty slowly on important matters. For example, He waited thousands of years to send Jesus into the world, doing so only “when the fullness of the time had come” (Gal. 4:4).

To some folks, God seems slow about bringing the world to an end, but there is a reason and purpose for His apparent slowness, and mankind benefits from it (2 Peter 3:8-9; cf. Romans 2:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:1-4).

God ordained elders to lead and guide each local congregation (cf. Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:5). With age and experience, we generally learn to be slower in drawing conclusions, waiting until we have all the evidence. In contrast, when we are younger, we are usually impatient and in a hurry — so much so, that we don’t always “think” before we act or speak. The results being, jumping to conclusions, and sometimes, jumping to “contusions” (bruising someone’s character and integrity — see No. 2).

We need to remember the hasty decision made by young King Rehoboam, to reject the wise advice of his older counselors for that of his young companions, which resulted in a divided kingdom (2 Chronicles 10).

The wise man, Solomon, reminds us in Proverbs 29:20:

“Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

Although the wheels of progress may seem to turn slowly at times in the sphere of church leadership and congregational change, the retrospective view will almost always be found to have been a blessing rather than a curse (Luke 17:32; cf. Genesis 19:26; Luke 9:62). Among other virtues, there’s great value in the virtue called “patience” (2 Peter 1:5-11 KJV).