### **UPCOMING**

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### **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

#### Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell

Scripture Reading - Daniel 5:22 - 31

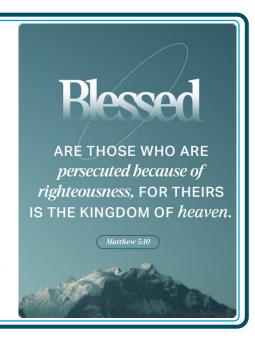
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - Mark 14:17 - 25

Closing Prayer - Michael Mundt



# 08 / 25 / 2024

# 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**

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#### Let's Not Bury Our Heads In The Sand!

By Mike Riley

Contrary to common belief, the ostrich does not bury its head in the sand to ignore danger. An ostrich can run at speeds of 40 miles per hour or more. Their kick is powerful, and they peck aggressively with their beak. As the largest and fastest bird in the world, it doesn't need to bury its head.

We usually think of the phrase, "Burying your head in the sand," as being descriptive of someone who wants to ignore his shortcomings or those of others. The prophet Nathan did not allow King David to forget his sins of adultery and murder (2 Samuel 12:1-14). It took a brave man to confront a king about his errors. Yet Nathan was obedient to God and wise in his approach.

The apostle Paul urged the early church to confront sin. He said, "If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). We are to confront our brothers and sisters in Christ about their sin with the view of restoring them to fellowship with God. We must also recognize that we are not immune to the same temptations.

Of course, we shouldn't go looking for sin in the lives of other Christians, but neither should we bury our head in the sand when sin needs to be confronted.

Heavenly Father, help us live today With thoughtfulness in what we say, Confronting wrong with truth and fact, Expressing gentleness and tact. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### We Must Lose To Gain!

By Mike Riley

On my grandfather's farm was a field he sowed by hand. He would strap on a canvas contraption similar to a kangaroo pouch, fill it with seed, and go out to sow. He would cast seed everywhere.

When a farmer sows seed in his field, it looks like he's throwing the seed away. It seems to be lost, but it isn't really gone. In due time he gets it back with much more than he started out with.

When we give ourselves to Christ, it may seem to the world as if we're throwing our life away. But the Lord tells us that it is only as we lose our lives in Him that we find true life (Matthew 10:39).

Jesus teaches us to measure our lives by losses rather than gains, by sacrifices rather than self-preservation, by time spent for others rather than time lavished upon ourselves, by love poured out rather than love poured in.

It's an eternal principle of life: God blesses those who give of their lives and resources (2 Corinthians 9:6). If we give out the truth of God's word to others, He'll give us more to give away. If we give of our time, and we'll have more time to give. If we set no limit on our love, we'll have more love for others than before.

The Proverb writer tells us, "There is one who scatters, yet increases more" (Proverbs 11:24). It's one of the oldest paradoxes in the world, but it works. The British poet, William Wordsworth (1770-1850), also stated a great truth regarding our giving:

We lose what on ourselves we spend; We have as treasure without end Whatever, Lord, to You we lend, Who givest all.

The bottom line is: When we are selfish, we lose; when we give to God by helping others in need, we gain (Matthew 25:31-46).