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Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

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

Communion Preparation

2026 preparation list is in foyer

August - Potts

September - Carlberg

October - Rowell

Birthday / Anniversary

Donald Montgomery - 4th

Jill Carlberg - 14th

Will Parker - 30th

Chuck & Sonja Rowell - 11th

Corey & Calista Murphy - 18th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Shay Cooper

Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:5

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - John 19:1 - 11

Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg

PROVERBS

16:9

The heart of man plans his way,
but the **LORD** establishes his

STEPS



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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

The truth of the whole matter is this. Through our sins, we placed ourselves at enmity with God. And God, in all of his righteous might, had every right to take vengeance on us. However, He did not do this. He chose to give us a way whereby we could be reconciled to Him. This He did through His Son, Jesus. What we could not do for ourselves, God did for us through his Son while we were His enemies. Romans 5:6-10 states, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified

by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

Those who are our enemies deserve our mercy and love, not because they are our enemies, but because we were once God's enemy and that is how God looked upon us in such a state. To treat them otherwise, is to invite the same judgment that we mete out upon them upon ourselves (Matthew 7:1). The greatest test of the Christian may be how we treat our enemies, but the same test is ultimately how God will judge us as well. Dear Christian, "Love your enemies."

Meekness Is Not Weakness

By Mike Riley

Most people consider meekness to be weakness. In a world dominated by the strong — ruthless dictators, callous drug traffickers, and powerful corporate leaders — no one wants to be classified as the "wimp" everyone takes advantage of. But is that the biblical concept of meekness?

When Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek" (Matthew 5:5), He was not advocating a spineless acceptance of life or a doormat mentality. He was telling His followers to be submissive to God — willing to put their strength under His control.

Let's illustrate this truth by an example:

There is a wonderful cooperation between a powerful horse and its rider. An animal of tremendous size and strength, seven or eight times the weight of a man, submits itself to its master's control. A horse may race, leap, turn, prance, or stand motionless at the rider's slightest command.

Folks, that's strength under perfect control — and that defines the biblical concept of Christian meekness.

When we willingly place ourselves under the control of God, we are following the example of Jesus Himself while He lived on this earth. He submitted His power to the Father's will (John 5:30; John 6:38; Hebrews 10:9).

Yes, there is great strength in meekness. It's the power of God's word working through us, when we willingly yield to His will (Romans 1:16; Matthew 7:21; Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 13:21; 1 Peter 5:10).

"Avenge Not Yourself"

By Mike Riley

Enemies come in all different shapes and sizes. There are physical enemies who seek to take our lives. There are enemies in the business world who would destroy our way of earning a living. There are enemies within families when close bonds have been severed due to a "falling out." And, there are spiritual enemies who teach a different doctrine or a changed gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). As Christians, it's a guarantee that we will have enemies (John 15:20). Perhaps the greatest test of a Christian within the New Testament is not how he treats his friends, but how he treats his enemies.

As humans, when we are wronged, we tend to want to lash out in response to that wrong and defend ourselves. Usually in pursuing such a course of action, we demand only what is "equitable" for ourselves in relationship to the harm that has been done to us. Vengeance is the demanding attitude that what was done to me ought to also be done to my enemy. Christians, however, are directed not to harbor such thoughts in their sanctified minds. Romans 12:19-21 says, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Our Lord Jesus gave us the quintessential example of this very attitude through his life. His enemies were all of the enemies listed above rolled up into one: physical, financial, familial, and spiritual. How our Lord acted toward his enemies should spur us toward the same behavior. He is our example, our pattern. Peter writes, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (1 Peter 2:21-23). When pursued by our enemies, how do we respond? Do we avenge ourselves or do we "give place unto wrath?" Do we revile or revile not? Do we threaten or threaten not? Do we seek to render our own verdict, or do we commit ourselves to the righteous judge? Do we try to overcome evil with evil or do we overcome evil with good?

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