#### **UPCOMING**

 No Wednesday night bible class on December 25

#### **Prayer List**

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
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## Communion Preparation

December - 2025 preparation list is in foyer

### Birthday / Anniversary

Connie Montgomery - 3rd Rick Carlberg - 7th Crimson Rowell - 31st Dwight & Sandra Callens - 23rd

### Men to Serve

Announcements - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - Joshua 1:1-9

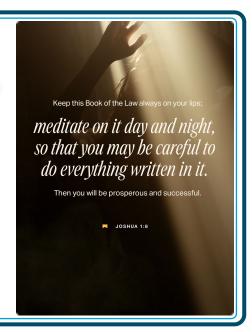
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper

Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20 - 29

Closing Prayer - James Johnson



## 12 / 15 / 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

1 Thessalonians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

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#### **SERMON NOTES**

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#### Life has a way

By Mike Riley

There's a lot to be said regarding life, both negative and positive. For one thing, life on this planet is not easy, for we live in a harsh and cruel environment, where many times life is not held in high esteem by our fellow man. Plus the fact that there are many obstacles and challenges along life's way, many of which are not pleasant to endure (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Thus, using the inspired Scriptures as a guide, the following are some of my observations regarding life:

Life has a way of telling us that we are not as smart as we think we are (Ecclesiastes 2:1-23; Luke 12:13-21; cf. Psalm 39:6).

Life has a way of humbling us in order to bring us closer to God (2 Chronicles 33:1-13; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; cf. Psalm 119:67-71; Luke 15:11-24; Hebrews 12:5-11).

Life has a way of motivating us to set proper priorities (2 Kings 20:1-6; cf. Matthew 6:33).

Life has a way of causing us to inwardly reflect on our life (Luke 15:11-17; cf. 2 Corinthians 13:5).

Life has a way of eventually working out all circumstances for our benefit if we are faithful to the Lord (Genesis 50:14-22; Esther 3-9; Acts 16:16-34; cf. Romans 8:28).

Life has a way of telling us that a godly lifestyle is the best lifestyle (contrast Deuteronomy 6:24-25; Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 Timothy 6:5-6, with Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Life has a way of teaching us that victory does not always belong to the swift, but to those who are steadfast (1 Corinthians 15:58; cf. Colossians 2:5; Hebrews 3:6,14).

Life has a way of making proper distribution of God's blessings (Acts 2:41-45; Acts 4:31-35; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; cf. Malachi 3:8-13).

Life has a way of teaching us that there is a Supreme Being, and He is in complete control (Daniel 4-5; cf. Acts 17:24-26; Romans 1:16-20; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3).

Life has a way of motivating us to seek eternal things (1 Corinthians 15:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16,32-40; cf. Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 12:1-2).

Life has a way.

#### **God's Perfect Peace**

By Mike Riley

The problems of life can indeed be taxing on us — physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Yet, as we learn to trust in the Father's care (1 Peter 5:7), we can have the peace that not only surpasses all understanding, but also overcomes our anxiety (Philippians 4:6). We can be at rest, for we are in God's hands.

Sacred song writer Edward H. Bickersteth, beautifully summarized the wonderful peace Christians have in Christ with these descriptive words: "Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin: The blood of Jesus whispers peace within."

How marvelous a thought that when we keep our minds focused on spiritual things, God will keep our minds at peace (Colossians 3:1-4; cf. John 14:27; Ephesians 2:13-19).