### UPCOMING

### Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

Renee Cumberland

#### Communion Preparation

December - Carlberg 2024 Preparation Sign-Up Sheet is in Foyer

### Birthday / Anniversary

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

Study of Hymns Class // 8:30 am Isaiah Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

# WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

# Men to Serve

Announcements - Shay Cooper

Scripture Reading - 2 Timothy 3:1 - 7

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - Luke 22:13 - 22

Closing Prayer - Dwight Callens

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 2 Timothy 4:3-4

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# **SERMON NOTES**

### The Urgency of Preaching

#### By Mike Riley

Once a preacher was invited to address the inmates of a large prison. The warden showed him around, and they came to the chapel. It was a large auditorium seating fifteen hundred. The preacher noticed that two seats on the front row were draped in black. The warden said, "The two men who will occupy those seats tomorrow are under sentence of death. On Monday they go to the electric chair!" The minister asked, "Will this be the last service they will ever attend?" "Yes it is," came the reply. "Your sermon will be the last one they will ever hear." The preacher went home, took out the sermon he had prepared, reviewed it, and tore it up. "This sermon is of no use," he said. "It does not meet the need." Then falling on his knees he prayed, "Oh, God, give me a message for those two men who will be sitting in those draped chairs." What would you have done? What sermon would you have preached?

#### **Those In Draped Chairs**

Every time a preacher preaches and teaches God's Word, there are people present who are sitting in draped chairs! Many are they that are lost in sin and cannot find their way to the Lord and salvation. The whole world is a searching, desperate world of indecision and the church needs to feel this urgency both at home and abroad. We must teach at home, and we must take part in preaching God's Word throughout the world. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

#### Ways To Proclaim The Gospel

The following are suggestions as to what we can do to proclaim the saving gospel of Christ:

- 1) Invite someone to worship with you.
- 2) Give a friend a Gospel tract or tape.
- 3) Encourage the church to be involved in mission work.
- 4) Invite someone to study with you.
- 5) Enroll your neighbors in a Bible correspondence course.
- 6) Open your home for a group Bible study.
- 7) Pray for the lost by name.
- 8) Strive to put on the "real spirit" of Christ.
- 9) Subscribe to a gospel paper, read it, then pass it on to a friend.

#### Conclusion

Christ said in John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest". Let us as followers of Christ, "Lift up our eyes, look on the fields, and see the urgency of preaching the saving message of Christ!" (2 Timothy 4:2).