# **UPCOMING**

 No 8:30 class next Sunday February 18

### **Prayer List**

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland
- Ora Barrett (rehab from hip surgery)
- Randy Rives

# Communion Preparation

February - Carlberg March - open April - Rowell

#### Birthday / Anniversary

BJ Cradic - 2nd Alyssa Thrash - 2nd Decker McKenzie - 22nd Shay Cooper - 28th

Rick and Jill Carlberg - 14th

## Men to Serve

Announcements - Shay Cooper

Scripture Reading - Psalm 46

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:38 - 44

Closing Prayer - Larry Montgomery



# W E L C O M E

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

The Spirit of Liberalism Class // 8:30 am Job Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

# WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

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#### **SERMON NOTES**

# A Career Or A Calling?

By Mike Riley

Most of us either have had or now have a career. We are engaged in some area for which we see ourselves best suited to make a living. Usually, our career makes it possible for us to take care of our family obligations and provide a certain standard of living.

Many folks have careers, but do we have a calling? A calling usually involves a clear sense of fulfilling a mission God has given us to do. Our calling is to follow the leadership of God by walking in His will (Matthew 7:21; 1 John 1:7).

The secret of real fulfillment in our lives, is to have a career and a calling. Someone might say, "Well, that's fine if you're a preacher. But what about me?" We need to understand that God has given us an opportunity to make a difference in the world. In fact, God wants to change the world by using us (Acts 17:6). He wants us to see our job, our business, and our profession as an extension of His kingdom work in this world.

The sense that our career can be a calling, shouldn't surprise us. Slaves who became Christians were counseled to be the best employees possible (Ephesians 6:5-8).

Brethren and friends, above paycheck or promotion, let's do something that blesses the world (Matthew 5:14-16). Let our routine tasks reflect the character and excellence heaven is building into our life. Understand that our secular work is inseparable from our spiritual work — when our faith cleanses and consecrates our workplace to God, we have found a calling larger than our career (Acts 18:1-5).

How will we change the world this week? By merging our diligence with the destiny God has planned for us.

#### **Who Packed Your Parachute?**

By Mike Riley

When I visited The Fellowship Room website today, I was fascinated by the above titled story of Charles Plumb, who was a U.S. Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

The man who packed Mr. Plumb's parachute the day he fell into enemy hands, was a simple sailor, but played an integral part in saving Mr. Plumb's life. Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know. Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?"

As we go through life, we need to recognize the people who have selflessly helped us along life's way, without any thought of repayment — those folks who have encouraged us through life's trials and difficulties.

As we go through this coming week, let us recognize people who pack our parachutes! I am indeed thankful for the folks who have packed and are still packing mine!