## **UPCOMING**

## **Prayer List**

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Scott Williams

## Communion **Preparation**

2025 preparation list is in foyer

## Birthday / Anniversary

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

Rick and Jill Carlberg - 14th

### Men to Serve

**Announcements - Dwight Callens** 

Scripture Reading - Genesis 11:1 - 9

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - David Cradic

Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:11 -

Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper



#### 02/23/2025

# 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**

### WEDNESDAY

Psalms Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

Singing Night // 7:00 pm

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### **SERMON NOTES**

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#### Secular vs. Spiritual

By Doy Moyer

When we make a hard divide in our minds between the secular and the spiritual, it is almost certain that the secular will ultimately win out. This has been happening in our culture for many years, and the evidence should be plain enough. For example:

In science, God is not typically allowed into the discussion. Faith is considered to be at odds with reason and evidence. This is justified by many because science is only about explaining the natural. While that is true, Christians cannot afford to think that because something is "natural," that means God is not necessary. Without God, there is no nature.

In education generally, religion has little footing anymore. There are exceptions, but typically a teacher students religiously. God bless those teachers who still hold out their faith in the midst of an increasingly difficult For Christians, Christ is life situation.

with no allowance for religious or biblical influence. The no "establishment of religion" clause is made to mean that religion needs to stay out of the government rather than that the government needs to stay out Constitution) is turned on its head so that the state takes precedence and attempts to control the church.

In culture generally, those who believe in God are often considered to be of

lower status intellectually and influentially. The broad culture is secular. As Schaeffer put it, nature has swallowed up grace.

Christians cannot afford to buy into these hard dichotomies. This is why we try to call attention to the underlying problems that we face — worldview issues that drive the thinking that we must somehow separate the secular from spiritual so much that the spiritual loses its preeminent place in our own thoughts. Christians often follow the lead of the culture, and this has devastating consequences.

This is what doctrines like deism do. This is what modernism and postmodernism do. This is what scientism does. God's role in our lives is downplayed.

We often worry about modern-day Pharisaism, but the effects of modernwould not be allowed to try to influence day Sadduceeism are just as destructive. We end up knowing neither Scripture nor the power of God.

(Philippians 1:21; Colossians 3:4). In government, laws are often made There are no decisions made apart from Him. There is no education apart from Him. There is no earthly citizenry apart from Him. There is no recreation without Him. Never is there a time when we divorce the Lord from our thinking. Rather, all we do, we do to of religion. The added "separation of His glory and in His name (Colossians church and state" concept (not in the 3:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 10:5).

> If that sounds too fanatical to us, we are doing discipleship wrong and have allowed nature to swallow up grace in our own lives.