

UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

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

2025 preparation list is in foyer

Birthday / Anniversary

Ora Barrett - 9th
Auburn Rowell - 18th

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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

Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell

Scripture Reading - 1 John 4:17 - 21

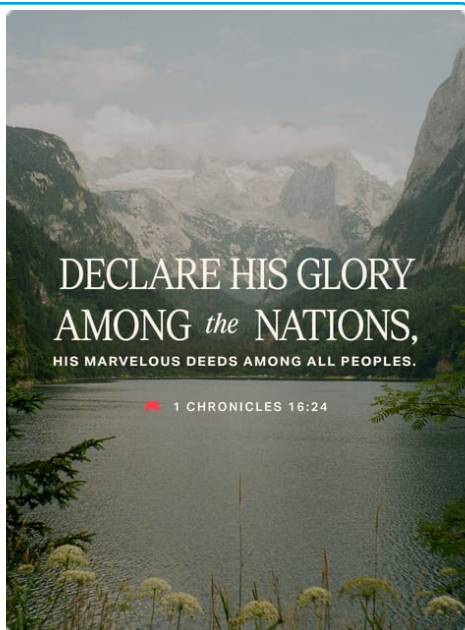
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20 - 29

Closing Prayer - Larry Montgomery



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

“Yield Not To Temptation”

By Mike Riley

The story relating to our title, “Yield Not To Temptation,” is told of a poverty-stricken mother with five children, who was on her way to a pawn shop, with hopes of getting a loan of \$60 for her TV set. Then something very unusual happened – an armored truck filled with sacks of money suddenly drove past her, its rear door flew open, and a bag dropped out. The mother stopped and picked up the sack – inside was a total of \$160,000 in cash!

A battle suddenly raged in her soul. She thought, “All of this money would pay all my bills and provide for the needs of my children.” But then she thought, “This money is not mine to keep.”

After several hours of struggling with her moral convictions, she called the police and turned in the money. Her sense of doing the right thing won her a great victory over the temptation to keep that which wasn’t hers to keep (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13).

The call of “Yield Not To Temptation” was very real to her. Each of us will be tested.

How strong is our ethical fiber? Would it break down if we were faced with an enticing chance to do something wrong as the mother was in the above story? As we recall from Scripture, Adam, Eve, and Jesus were attacked by Satan on three fronts: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). Adam and Eve succumbed to the serpent’s solicitation (Genesis 3:1-6) while Jesus did not (Matthew 4:1-11). We should heed the charge, “Yield Not To Temptation.”

Brethren, no matter what evil or temptation is pressuring us to do wrong, let’s follow Jesus’ example and do what’s right (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6; Hebrews 4:14-15; Hebrews 10:23-24). We’ll be richly rewarded for doing so (1 Timothy 6:17-19; cf. Matthew 6:19-20).

Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you
Some other to win;
Fight manfully onward,
Dark passions subdue,
Look ever to Jesus:
He’ll carry you thru.
Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you thru. —H.R. Palmer

Weary, But Faithful!

By Kevin Cauley

The Lord’s stinging rebuke to His people through the prophet Malachi was, “I have no pleasure in you” (Malachi 1:10). God was angry with their careless, shoddy methods of worship. The animals they brought for sacrifice were not acceptable to Him because they were not the best of the herds and flocks. Instead, they offered stolen, lame, and sick animals (Malachi 1:13).

While we may not be showing this degree of contempt toward God, sometimes we are too casual in our worship. My wife made this observation about herself: “When I shop for simple things like soap or butter, I hardly think about it. But when I’m looking for a blouse to match a skirt, I shop very carefully. I go from store to store until I find exactly what I’m looking for.” Then she added thoughtfully, “I should pay that same close attention when I am worshipping God. But sometimes I approach Him as casually as if I were shopping for a box of Kleenex.”

During worship services, we may fail to give God our full attention. We rush in late. Our thoughts wander. We need to discipline our minds so that we are not focusing on yesterday’s cares or tomorrow’s responsibilities. At the heart of worship is worship from the heart. When we worship the Lord with all our heart, He will be pleased with us (John 4:23-24).