

UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

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

December -
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 - Dwight Callens
Scripture Reading - Colossians 3:1 - 6
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper
Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper
Scripture Reading - Luke 22:13 - 22
Closing Prayer - James Johnson



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

Let’s Help Others, Expecting Nothing In Return

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “In the Bible, where does it say that we are to help others and expect nothing in return?”

Our Lord said, “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men” (Luke 6:35 NASB). In Gal. 6:9-10, Paul continues the above principle of our Lord when he states, “And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

A companion scripture to Gal. 6:10 is Proverbs 3:27 which states, “Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.” We are not to refuse exhibiting mercy and kindness to others when it is in our power to do it.

The extent of God’s mercy and kindness toward us will be dependent upon our extending mercy and kindness toward others (James 2:13; cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:15).

In Acts 10:38 we read, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good...” Jesus went about doing good to others, and as His servants, we must follow His example (1 John 2:6). In Romans 12:18-21, we learn that acts of kindness and benevolence can change people’s hearts (cf. Proverbs 25:21-22).

Brethren, our demonstration of love toward people might result in their obedience to the gospel of Christ. The “coals” referred to in Romans 12:20, are pains of shame which kind treatment will produce. We have an Old Testament example of this happening in 1 Samuel 24:16-19.

“...Slay Them Before Me”

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “Could someone please explain Luke 19:27 to me? I don’t believe I’ve ever heard this verse expounded upon at all.”

The text reads, “But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.”

The “enemies” Christ refers to in this verse are those mentioned in Luke 19:14. The “wicked servant” in Luke 19:22 represents those rebellious Jews who did not accept Christ (the nobleman – Luke 19:12; cf. Acts 13:44-51) as the long awaited Messiah (or king). As a result of their rebellious and hostile attitude toward Jesus, they must now experience the day of accounting and retribution when final judgment will be meted out to them, i.e. “slay them before me” (Luke 19:27).

As there was a day of accounting for these ten servants of the nobleman who “received the kingdom” (cf. Luke 19:12; Luke 19:15; Hebrews 12:28; 1 Corinthians 15:22-25), there will also be a day of accounting for Christians as well when we as stewards of the blessings and responsibilities God has given us will all give an account of how we used those blessings and fulfilled those responsibilities (Luke 19:15; Gal. 6:5) cf. Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12; Revelation 22:12).

Let us not be found wanting when that day of accounting occurs (Matthew 25:31-46).