UPCOMING

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Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland
- Ora Barrett
- Margie Wooldridge (rehab from hip surgery)

Communion Preparation

May - Callens June - Rowell

Birthday / Anniversary

Sandra Callens - 17th
James Johnson - 19th
Larry and Connie Montgomery - 20th
Tristan and Auburn Rowell - 23rd
Shay and Robbie Cooper - 31st

Men to Serve

Announcements - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - Philippians 2:5-11

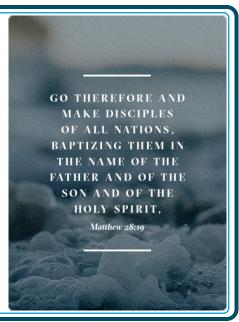
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper

Scripture Reading - Luke 22:14-22

Closing Prayer - Don Potts



05/19/2024 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

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

WEDNESDAY

Ephesians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

"And The Prisoners Were Listening To Them"

By Mike Riley

When Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into an "inner prison" (Acts 16:19-24), they were not despondent. In fact, they were joyful — so much so that they "were praying and singing hymns unto God" (Acts 16:25 ASV).

As they were praising God, the Scripture states, "and the prisoners were listening to them" (Acts 16:25 ASV).

Brother Burton Coffman comments on verse 25:

"This is one of the most thrilling things ever recorded of the apostolic missionaries and has inspired many a sermon and printed article on "Songs at Midnight." The bleeding, suffering apostles uttering their prayers and singing the praises of God under circumstances such as they were in was something which must indeed have amazed and enthralled the other prisoners."

The apostle Paul in Colossians 3:16, reminds us to:

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Not only were Paul and Silas offering sweet praise to God with prayers and singing, they were also ministering to their fellow prisoners, teaching and admonishing them with words of spiritual encouragement.

Brethren and friends, in whatever circumstance or situation we find ourselves, let us cultivate an attitude of praise like Paul and Silas.

Whether it is through song or conversation, let our joy in the Lord reverberate to others, encouraging them to render obedience to the Lord (Acts 16:26-34).

For we never know who might be listening to us.

Calling Sin By Any Other Name

By Mike Riley

In Genesis 39:7 and Genesis 39:10, we find Joseph in a difficult position of being seduced by Potiphar's wife. How tantalizing this woman's offers must have been to a young man like Joseph.

But because of his reverence and faithfulness to God, Joseph flatly resisted her advances (Genesis 39:8-9). His moral convictions obviously stemmed from his clear view of sin, because he responded to her by saying, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9).

Today, it is popular to call sin by more acceptable societal euphemisms. However, calling sin by any other name, will only weaken our resistance and trivialize sin's harmfulness to us.

To Joseph, sin was not "an error of judgment" — not a mere "slip of the tongue" — not an "indiscretion" — not a "moment of weakness." Joseph saw sin for what it really is — a heinous offense against the Lord — and he did not play down the gravity of the offense.

Unlike man's faulty and fickle standards, God's moral standards are absolute. It is only when we see sin as something abhorrent to the Lord, will we be motivated to make right moral judgments.

Calling sin by a more "soothing" name, will change neither its offensiveness to God nor its cost to us (1 John 3:4; cf. Isaiah 59:1-4; Romans 6:1-2; Romans 6:23).