UPCOMING

Holiday fellowship meal,
 Friday December 1 @ 6 pm

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

Renee Cumberland

Communion Preparation

November - Potts December - Carlberg

Birthday / Anniversary

Laila McKenzie - 5th Cindy Littrell - 14th Marilyn Potts - 15th Ryan Joiner - 26th Margie Wooldridge - 30th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Dwight Callens

Scripture Reading - Matthew 15:3 - 9

Lead Singing - Mark Potts

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29

Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



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

Study of Hymns Class // 8:30 am Isaiah Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

Is Our Faith A Counterfeit Reality?

By Mike Riley

When people see a photograph or video today, they often ask, "Is it real?" A home computer can manipulate images to create a picture of an event that never happened. Images can be inserted into or removed from photographs. A video can be doctored to make it appear that a person was caught committing a crime or performing an act of heroism. The camera may not lie, but the computer can.

Centuries before such modern technology, the apostle Paul warned Timothy about counterfeit reality in the church. He said that in the last days people would be self-absorbed, "having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:5). He repeatedly emphasized the need to live a godly life, warning that "evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13).

Paul charged Timothy to "continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of" (2 Timothy 3:14). True godliness honors and obeys God while its counterfeit seeks pleasure and personal gain. One pleases the Lord; the other gratifies natural desire. Both are identified by their actions. Our Lord said, "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit" (Matthew 7:18 – NKJV).

When people hear us say we are Christians, they may wonder if our faith is real or counterfeit. Our actions will answer their question (Matthew 7:20 – NLT). Let our life reflect the example our Lord left us in word and in deed (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6; cf. Acts 10:38).

"Help Us To Be Encouragers, Lord"

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a little 6-year-old girl who was beginning her first ice-skating lessons. Her grandparents were in attendance to give her encouragement. As she skated around the ice rink, she took quite a few falls. But her instructor was always right there to pick her up and encourage her. Other skaters stopped to tell her she was doing well. Her mom and dad were watching from the sidelines, cheering her on. The little girl had plenty of patient instruction and support, so whenever she fell on the ice, she immediately got right back up and kept on trying.

Brethren, all Christians need this kind of instruction and encouragement, do we not? But especially do we need to further instruct and encourage new converts in Christ (note Barnabas as a great encourager of Saul in Acts 9:23-31).

As new babes in Christ set aside old habits and learn new ways of thinking and acting through a study of the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV), they may frequently stumble and fall. It's at this point that we who are more mature in the faith, gently pick them up, instructing and encouraging them in their Christian walk (Gal. 6:1-2; cf. Romans 15:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14).

New converts to Christ don't need someone pointing critical fingers at them or making pious pronouncements of judgment.

Lord, as Your followers, please help us to be encouragers like Barnabas, remembering Paul's words that we too are subject to weaknesses and to falling. Help us to bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters in Christ, in Jesus' name, Amen!