

UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

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

Communion Preparation

October - Potts
November -

Birthday / Anniversary

Patrick Ford - 1st
Bowen Stephens - 4th
David Cradic - 6th
Gerri Thrash - 13th
Don Potts - 22nd
Sonja Rowell - 23rd
Karen Thrash - 29th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Dwight Callens

Scripture Reading - John 20:24 - 29

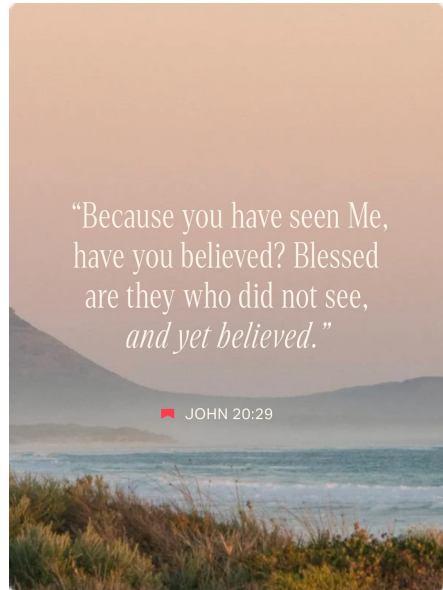
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper

Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:1 - 10

Closing Prayer - James Johnson



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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

SUNDAY

Psalms Bible Class //

9:30 am

Worship Service //

10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Colossians Bible Class //

7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

Worship Strategy

By Mike Riley

Bulletin article by Mike Riley focusing on our attention or lack thereof on the matter of worship. There is a great need for focus in the worship of God. Hence the need for a worship strategy.

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).

“The Sum Of Thy Word Is Truth”

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “I’ve been reading from the American Standard Version of 1901. Would you please comment on Psalm 119:160 ASV, focusing on the word ‘sum’?”

In Psalm 119:160 ASV, the text states:

“The sum of thy word is truth; And every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth for ever.”

The New King James Version renders the beginning of this verse as:

“The entirety of Your word is truth” (Psalm 119:160)

The transliterated Hebrew word “rosh” is frequently used in the Bible as it pertains to the “sum” or “total” elements of a people (it can be used in other ways, depending upon the context). For example, referring to Israel, it denotes the “sum” or totality of the congregation of Israel (cf. Exodus 30:12 ASV; Numbers 1:2 ASV; Numbers 26:2 ASV). Since the congregation was made up of individuals, each individual being a part of the whole or the “sum” or the “total” number of the congregation.

Thus, what the Psalmist is affirming in Psalm 119:160 ASV, is that God’s word is true in all of its individual parts. This confirms what our Lord said of the inspired Word:

“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’” (Matthew 4:4 – Emphasis mine),

And what the inspired writer, Paul told Timothy in the beginning of 2 Timothy 3:16:

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God ,,,,,” (Emphasis mine).

Thus, when we study any portion of the God-inspired text, we must include the “sum” or totality of the Scriptures (see Number 9) in order to come to a logical, harmonious, and trustworthy conclusion as to the correct meaning of the text under study. Any study falling short of this criteria will result in a faulty conclusion.