UPCOMING

 Pot-luck meal next Sunday October 22

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland
- Scott Williams

Communion Preparation

October - Callens November -December -

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 - Larry Montgomery Scripture Reading - Matthew 6:1 - 4 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20-29 Closing Prayer - Don Potts

Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (2 Corinthians) // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

Much Needed Attributes — Mercy And Compassion

By Mike Riley

According to the dictionary, mercy is defined as "compassion shown to an offender," or "a blessing resulting from divine favor or compassion," or "compassion shown to victims of misfortune."

God is our example for mercy because Jesus said, "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Regarding mercy and compassion, Paul quotes God saying to Moses:

"I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion" (Romans 9:15; cf. Exodus 33:19).

There's no question that having the attribute of mercy is a wonderful thing to demonstrate (Luke 18:9-14).

"And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: [10] Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. [11] The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. [12] I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. [13] And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. [14] I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

In the first century, if the Roman army wanted to demonstrate mercy to an opposing foe, they would run up a white flag. This meant that if the city would surrender, all who surrendered would be spared — an expression of mercy. If they rejected the ultimatum to surrender, they ran up a black flag. This meant they would execute all men by the sword.

We can thank our heavenly Father that He is flying the white flag for mankind! (2 Peter 3:9; cf. Romans 2:4; 1 Timothy 2:1-4).

But, our heavenly Father isn't content to just show mercy — He also demonstrates compassion as well. Someone has aptly said, "Compassion is mercy with a heart in it." Thus, the Creator of the universe is calling on mankind to demonstrate both mercy and compassion.

Since man has received both mercy and compassion from our merciful and compassionate God in the form of Jesus (Romans 5:1-11), we should be motivated to bow our knees in thanksgiving to Him as an expression of our gratitude for being so favorably remembered (Hebrews 2:7-18).