

## UPCOMING

### Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

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

### Communion Preparation

October - Potts  
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

10 / 20 / 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

### Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell

Scripture Reading - 1 John 5:14 - 15

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:11 - 20

Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



### 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

## Anticipating The Glorious Reunion With Our Lord

By Mike Riley

One of my favorite writers of sacred songs, Fanny Crosby, has been called “The Songbird in the Dark.” Though blinded in infancy, she wrote approximately 8,000 hymns that inspirationally envision our future reunion with Christ. Early in her life, Fanny had a dream in which she saw the panorama of a glorious heaven, and many of her songs reflect that theme.

When Zacharias praised God in anticipation of the Messiah (Luke 1:67-80), he also looked forward to a spiritual sunrise. Citing Malachi 4:2, he proclaimed:

“Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1:78-79; cf. John 1:9; 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:16).

According to the inspired Scriptures, that Messiah came to earth, died for our sins, rose again, ascended, and promised to return for us (Romans 5:8; Matthew 28:6; 1 Corinthians 15:20; Acts 1:9; John 14:1-3).

Do we feel surrounded by dark and confusing circumstances? We can still lift our praise to God for the bright future we will one day share with His Son. The words of Fanny Crosby’s beloved hymn “Blessed Assurance” encourages us as we anticipate this glorious reunion with our Lord.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long. —F. J. Crosby

## It’s The Things On The Inside That Matter

By Mike Riley

Shopping for a good watermelon is difficult because no matter how good it looks on the outside, it’s hard to tell what it’s really like on the inside. We can tap it, thump it and squeeze it, only to take it home and discover that the inside is not edible.

On one occasion when Jesus’ disciples did not wash their hands before eating, the Pharisees became extremely irritated because it violated one of their man-made traditions (Mark 7:1-8). Jesus immediately challenged them by saying:

“All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition” (Mark 7:9).

He went so far as to call them “hypocrites” (Mark 7:6) and explained that what comes from the inside of an individual is what “defiles” him, not the other way around (Mark 7:14-23).

If we’re not careful, we can become so absorbed with looking good on the outside, that we forget what really counts. In fact, when we get to the place where we think “we’ve arrived,” we may become proud of ourselves and judgmental toward others. Harboring bitterness, clinging to critical attitudes, and thinking too highly of ourselves are the kind of defiling things that make us guilty of Jesus’ charge of being a “hypocrite.”

The point is this: It’s the things on the inside of our heart — our thoughts and attitudes that really matter to the Lord (cf. 2 Corinthians 10:5; John 4:23-24).