

## UPCOMING

### Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
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### Communion Preparation

October - Potts  
November - Rowell  
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 / 27 / 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 - Shay Cooper  
Scripture Reading - Luke 15:1 - 7  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens  
Assist on Lord's Table - David Cradic  
Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:21 - 26  
Closing Prayer - James Johnson



### 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

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## The Sovereignty Of God

By Mike Riley

Several years ago, I remember a religious sign that was erected with only two words printed in bold black letters which read:

“Try God.”

It wasn’t too long before someone had scribbled below it this question:

“On what charge?”

If we think that’s funny, let’s consider the man in California a few years back, who actually tried to sue God for a storm that had caused him to suffer uninsured loss. The judge threw the case out of court saying the sheriff’s office was unable to bring the defendant to court.

Similarly, many folks have tried to call God into question for one thing or another. Many play the game of “Whys.” “Why did God make me like this?” (Romans 9:20; cf. Isaiah 45:9). “Why do you show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble?” (Habakkuk 1:3). “Why would a good God allow good folks to suffer at the hands of evil men?” (Job 24:1-17).

Like the California man, the maddening thing to these folks, is that they can’t get God into the courtroom.

The concept of the sovereignty of God, is a hard lesson for mankind to learn (Jeremiah 32:17 – NKJV; Jeremiah 32:26-27; cf. Genesis 18:14). God moves and acts on His own authority (Daniel 4:8-25).

He does what He pleases when He pleases, and He refuses to stoop to the curiosity of mortal men (Hebrews 2:6; cf. Psalms 8:4; Job 7:17-21). He will not explain nor apologize for His actions, and He will not be brought up on our charges (Daniel 4:35; Romans 11:33-35).

Rest assured, God is still on the throne and is still working things out for our good (Psalm 45:6-7; Hebrews 1:1-8; Romans 8:28), even if we don’t understand all the brush strokes going onto the Canvas of life’s portrait. Therefore, let us trust ourselves to a God who knows and understands the whole picture (Psalm 37:3-5; Proverbs 3:5-6).

## Let’s Use Visible Reminders

By Mike Riley

There is a growing number of health-conscious folks who are discovering that wearing a pedometer helps them increase their level of daily exercise. This step-counting device is both a recorder and a motivator for them. Knowing how many steps they take per outing, encourages them to walk more.

One woman’s goal was ten thousand steps a day. To accomplish her goal, she began parking farther away from her workplace, walking up the stairs instead of taking the elevator, and doing more active tasks around her office. Her visible pedometer reminded her of her daily need to produce a healthy lifestyle change.

Visible reminders have a place in our Christian walk as well. When God instructed the Israelites to keep His commands in their hearts (Deuteronomy 6:6, He also told them to make visible reminders of His Word:

“You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:8-9).

The purpose was not for mere physical decoration but for spiritual deliverance:

“Beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage” (Deuteronomy 6:12).

Writing the words of Scripture on a sticky note, a memory card, or a calendar can turn our focus toward the Lord throughout the day. These visible reminders will encourage our steps of obedience to Him (Romans 6:17).

Let’s memorize a verse of Scripture as we go to work this week by writing it on a card, taping it where it is visible, and meditating on that verse during the day. Habitually placing verses of Scripture into our subconscious mind will produce not only an increase in Bible knowledge (Deuteronomy 6:6; Proverbs 2:1-6; Proverbs 4:20-21), but will keep us from sin and sinful habits (Psalm 119:11; Psalm 119:98; cf. Psalm 37:31; Psalm 40:8; Hebrews 5:14).

Singing the words of Scripture-based psalms, hymns of praise, and spiritual songs while commuting to work, will also help us in keeping the holy Scriptures fresh in our mind (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19).