

UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Rick Carlberg

Communion Preparation

August - Rowell
September -
October -

Birthday / Anniversary

Camden Cooper - 1st
Dwight Callens - 9th
Bostyn Rowell - 10th
Aubri Cooper - 15th

09 / 01 / 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 - Hebrews 11:24 - 26

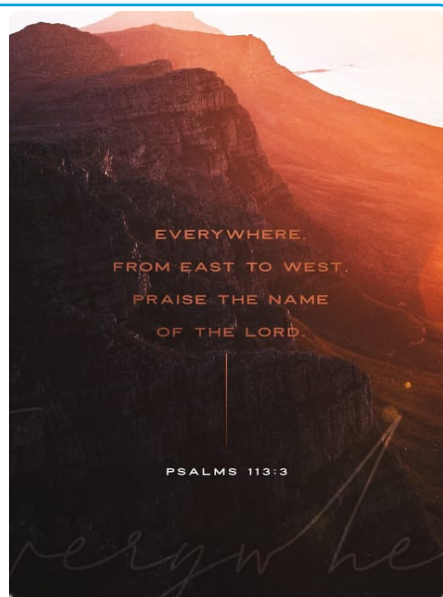
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens

Assist on Lord's Table - David Cradic

Scripture Reading - Luke 22:14 - 22

Closing Prayer - James Johnson



SUNDAY

Psalms Bible Class //

9:30 am

Worship Service //

10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Philippians Bible Class //

7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

Help From Unexpected Sources

By Mike Riley

In 1803, Thomas Jefferson commissioned Lewis and Clark to lead an expedition across an unexplored America to the Pacific coast. But, it might have failed without help from unexpected sources. The expedition was called "Corps of Discovery" and it lived up to its name. It cataloged 300 new species, identified nearly 50 Indian tribes, and traversed terrain that had never been seen by Europeans.

They were joined along the way by a French fur trader and his wife Sacajawea. They soon found her to be invaluable as an interpreter and guide.

During the trip, Sacajawea was reunited with her family. Her older brother had become the tribe's chief, and he helped them acquire horses and a map of the uncharted West. Without Sacajawea's and her brother's unexpected help, the expedition may not have succeeded.

The Bible tells of an expedition that also received help from unexpected sources (Joshua 2:1-14). The Israelites had sent spies into Jericho, a city in the land promised to them. Rahab agreed to ensure their escape in exchange for her family's protection when Jericho fell. In this way the sovereign God of grace used her to prepare the way for a victory in Israel's conquest and settlement of the Promised Land.

Are we in the middle of a challenge? Let's remember that God can provide help from unexpected sources.

Cheerfulness Is Contagious –

Be Of Good Cheer, Even in the Darkest Hours!

By Mike Riley

Have you ever noticed how folks who are cheerful and have a cheerful countenance, usually influence the people they come in contact with to be cheerful as well? After all, cheerfulness is contagious! Folks who are able to accept things as they are and are always able to see their blessings in the darkest hours, are people of good cheer.

If you think about it, what else can you do in the face of things that cannot be altered? If we count our great blessings from our Heavenly Father, we will realize that they will always outweigh the tragedies and disappointments of life (James 1:17).

A positive, cheerful outlook on life is critical to being a true disciple (cf. Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12). There is entirely too much defeatism in the world without Christians contributing to it. Realize that we are children of the King (Gal. 3:26), and as such, are to be conquerors (Romans 8:37).

Let's think positively — we can do it! Let's talk positively around our brethren — it can be done. Do you deny that cheerfulness is contagious? Let's act positively by picking ourselves up when we fall, and trying again. Let's never resign ourselves to failure. Our blessed King has "overcome the world" (John 16:33), and we can as well (1 John 5:4).

The apostle Paul tells us to, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). But we are not able to rejoice, if we do not see the reasons for rejoicing. And, if we do not see those reasons, we will not have the right kind of fellowship with God.

Because we are blessed so abundantly in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3), let's be of good cheer, and when we see our brethren discouraged and troubled, let's lift up their hands and strengthen the weakened knees (Hebrews 12:12 KJV).

Remember, cheerfulness is contagious!