

UPCOMING

- Fellowship Meal, Sunday September 29 following morning worship

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

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

Communion Preparation

September - Potts
October -
November -

Birthday / Anniversary

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

09 / 15 / 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 - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - Matthew 11:15 - 19

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper

Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20 - 29

Closing Prayer - James Johnson

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the

Renewing OF
your Mind

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

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

Let's Help Others, Expecting Nothing In Return

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, "In the Bible, where does it say that we are to help others and expect nothing in return?"

Our Lord said, "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men" (Luke 6:35 NASB). In Gal. 6:9-10, Paul continues the above principle of our Lord when he states, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

A companion scripture to Gal. 6:10 is Proverbs 3:27 which states, "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." We are not to refuse exhibiting mercy and kindness to others when it is in our power to do it.

The extent of God's mercy and kindness toward us will be dependent upon our extending mercy and kindness toward others (James 2:13; cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:15).

In Acts 10:38 we read, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good..." Jesus went about doing good to others, and as His servants, we must follow His example (1 John 2:6). In Romans 12:18-21, we learn that acts of kindness and benevolence can change people's hearts (cf. Proverbs 25:21-22).

Brethren, our demonstration of love toward people might result in their obedience to the gospel of Christ. The "coals" referred to in Romans 12:20, are pains of shame which kind treatment will produce. We have an Old Testament example of this happening in 1 Samuel 24:16-19.

Let's Not Be Late!

By Mike Riley

In the Lord's church, there are members who are seemingly always late for services. Some of them barely arrive in time to partake of the Lord's Supper. Their late arrival is comparable to a flock of geese, complete with the flurry of wings and constant "honking" (talking). There is much confusion and disorder with them rushing around to find a seat, talking to fellow members, grabbing a song book, etc.

To address the problem of some members being late, elders have tried moving the time for services back by thirty minutes, but to no avail. The same members will still be late. Brethren, habitual tardiness is a symptom of an attitude of mind that says, (1) "We do not consider the appointed time for services to be very serious – our interests and what we do are more important"; and (2) "We do not respect the Person with whom we have an appointed time. We have such little regard for Him that we do not mind wasting His time as He waits for us. Can we imagine someone being late for an appointment with an important government dignitary? How much more so for our Heavenly Father!

Each of us understands the importance of being on time in secular affairs. In fact, our jobs demand it. Stores operate within a time frame of certain work hours. Schools require students to be on time for classes. Scripture also addresses the need to be prepared and on time. In the parable of the 10 virgins, the wise virgins were prepared for the coming of the bride groom, but when the foolish went to get oil for their lamps and returned, the door was closed because they were too late (Matthew 25:1-13).

Of course, there are always unavoidable circumstances that can delay us, such as getting caught in traffic or having to wait for a never-ending train, etc. But there is no justification for "doing our own thing" – not planning or preparing, or just being plain too lazy to get up and around. We need not just be "on time" – we need to be early to services so that we might properly prepare our minds for engaging in worship to our Heavenly Father.

There is an appointment for which none of us will be late – "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment ..." (Hebrews 9:27). If we are habitually late to our spiritual appointments here on earth, we may hear a voice saying, "It's too late for you."