

UPCOMING

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 / 08 / 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 - Dwight Callens

Scripture Reading - 2 Thessalonians
2:6 - 10

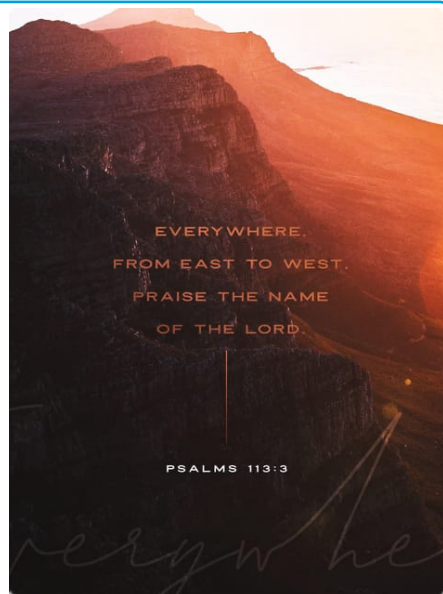
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry
Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians
11:23 - 29

Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper



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

Bearing The Marks Of Jesus

By Mike Riley

A body was stoned and left, in all appearances, as dead on the outskirts of the city of Lystra (Acts 14:19). Shortly before this event, this man had been exalted and proclaimed as a god, but he refused the worship of the inhabitants (Acts 14:14). Paul and Barnabas vigorously restrained the people from unwanted and undeserved adoration as gods. Instead of accepting exaltation as a god, they had directed the people to the one true God, “who left not himself without witness” (Acts 14:15-17).

Along with the angered Jews of Iconium, the Jews whom Paul had enraged at Antioch, made it their duty to travel some 130 miles to stir up the people of Lystra. They did not consider Paul and Barnabas being chased from their own cities as sufficient punishment, but wanted Paul adequately “marked” for preaching about Jesus. Later, Paul describes his scars as, “for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus,” (Galatians 6:17).

Paul’s experience was not unlike another Man who endured the pain of the cross, and despised the shame, but looked beyond the suffering of the cross that men might be reconciled to God (Hebrews 12:1-2; Romans 5:8-10; Ephesians 2:13-16; Colossians 1:20-22).

Jesus’ body bore the marks of the nails in his hands and feet and a Roman sword in his pierced side. The reason that Paul called the scars he bore the “marks of Jesus” was because they were identifiable with the righteous cause of Jesus. He had shared in some small way the same kind of suffering that Jesus had endured (cf. Mark 10:38-39; Mark 13:9; Matthew 10:17-18).

There are some folks who go looking for suffering. They seem to think that when they are obnoxious, rude and arrogant, and then suffer because of their own wrong doing, they must be blessed of heaven (cf. 1 Peter 4:15; Matthew 5:10-12). But whatever marks they bear are not the “marks of Jesus.”

Suffering for the sake of suffering may comfort the masochist, but it has no value beyond the salving of a perverted conscience. Seeking suffering is like spilling water to quench a thirst.

Brethren, if we are righteous, suffering will come (2 Timothy 3:12). However, in whatever form that suffering occurs, let’s not be terrified by the enemy. Rather, let us wear the “marks of Jesus” as a proud soldier displays his medals. The scars considered as shameful by the world, should in reality, be considered as evidences of courage by the Christian (1 Peter 4:13-19).

“...Slay Them Before Me”

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “Could someone please explain Luke 19:27 to me? I don’t believe I’ve ever heard this verse expounded upon at all.”

The text reads, “But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.”

The “enemies” Christ refers to in this verse are those mentioned in Luke 19:14. The “wicked servant” in Luke 19:22 represents those rebellious Jews who did not accept Christ (the nobleman – Luke 19:12; cf. Acts 13:44-51) as the long awaited Messiah (or king). As a result of their rebellious and hostile attitude toward Jesus, they must now experience the day of accounting and retribution when final judgment will be meted out to them, i.e. “slay them before me” (Luke 19:27).

As there was a day of accounting for these ten servants of the nobleman who “received the kingdom” (cf. Luke 19:12; Luke 19:15; Hebrews 12:28; 1 Corinthians 15:22-25), there will also be a day of accounting for Christians as well when we as stewards of the blessings and responsibilities God has given us will all give an account of how we used those blessings and fulfilled those responsibilities (Luke 19:15; Gal. 6:5) cf. Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12; Revelation 22:12).

Let us not be found wanting when that day of accounting occurs (Matthew 25:31-46).