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Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland, Sadie Hodge, Beth Dyer, Spencer Dickerson (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Connie Montgomery
- Emily Linton
- Andy Duncan (Liver transplant)

2026 preparation list is in foyer
September - Carlberg
October - Cooper
November - Rowell

Camden Cooper - 1st
Betty Lewis - 4th
Rain Murphy - 5th
Dwight Callens - 9th
Bostyn Rowell - 10th
Beverly Isaacs - 14th
Aubri Cooper - 15th
John Isaacs - 18th
John & Crystalyn Tidwell - 25th

Announcements - Dwight Callens

Scripture Reading - Galatians 5:1,13

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

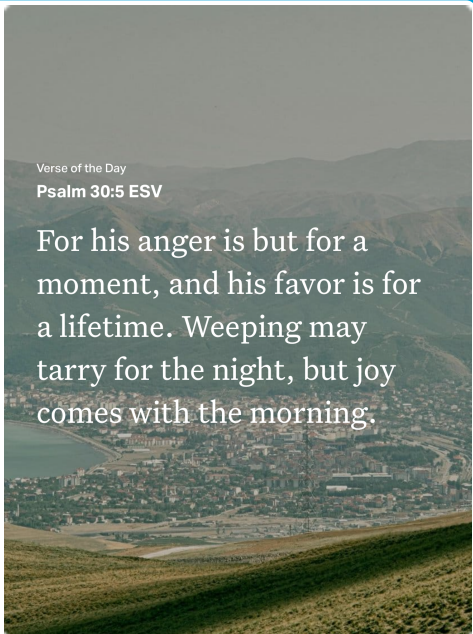
Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - John 19:20 - 30

Closing Prayer - Steve Mabry

Verse of the Day
Psalm 30:5 ESV

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.



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

Bible Study // 9:30 am
Worship Service // 10:30 am

Bible Study //
7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

True Freedom From Sin

By Mike Riley

A little over two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops rode into Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 and read General Order Number 3:

“The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.”

Because Texas had been under Confederate control, the slaves did not know of their freedom from slavery. For the first time, slaves in Texas finally learned that they were free. Some were shocked and many others celebrated the momentous event. June 19 soon became known as “Juneteenth.”

Nearly twenty-five years after the Christian’s “Emancipation Proclamation” through the Lord’s sacrifice on the cross, Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome. Some of them still did not understand what it meant to be free from sin’s bondage. They thought they could go on sinning because they were under grace (Romans 6:1 – NKJV; Romans 6:15), so Paul reminded them of their status in Jesus by appealing to a familiar fact: Whatever we submit to becomes our master (John 8:34; Romans 6:16). When we commit sin, we immediately become a slave to sin.

Our only other option is to become a slave of righteousness (Romans 6:18). Salvation actually means a change of bondage (i.e., “bond-servant” – Colossians 1:7 NASB; Colossians 4:7 NASB) . We once served sin, but are now committed to living a righteous life because of the true freedom that Jesus provides (Romans 6:15-23).

True Freedom And God

By Mike Riley

When members of the Second Continental Congress signed the remarkable document known as the Declaration of Independence, they plainly declared their belief in God. They realized that the sweeping freedoms they were proposing, could only work in a responsible society where the Creator of the universe is acknowledged.

Thomas Jefferson was distressed by the sin he saw in the society of his day. So much so, that he wrote, “I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever” (source).

Just think, if Jefferson “trembled” then, he would more than likely have a violent seizure if he saw our immoral society today.

America has been greatly blessed because it was founded on biblical principles. But we are gradually losing our God-given freedoms, because our society no longer want to include God in their everyday lives and living (Romans 1:21-25).

With a growing refusal to acknowledge Him, it’s no wonder violent crime in the United States has dramatically risen during the past fifty or so years.

True freedom can never be enjoyed by a people or a nation who desire to forget God (Psalms 9:17).

Dear reader, let us pray daily for our great nation and recommit ourselves to living as God would have us live (Proverbs 14:34).