

TIME OF SERVICES	
Sunday:	
Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	
Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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1 Peter 2:7

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Through Many Tribulations

When the had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God (Acts 14:21,22).

Entering God’s kingdom was the ultimate goal. Being strong followers of Christ would be necessary. Remaining constant in the faith was a **must**. Enduring difficulties along the way was to be expected.

A life of devotion to God then (as now) was not always smooth sailing. Heartache, pain, suffering, sacrifice, are involved as we journey to our heavenly home. But whatever we must go through in this life to receive eternal life, heaven will surely be worth it all!

May we determine to faithfully to serve God no matter the cost. By His love, mercy and grace, let us readily navigate through the tribulations in order to enter His kingdom. *-David McPherson*

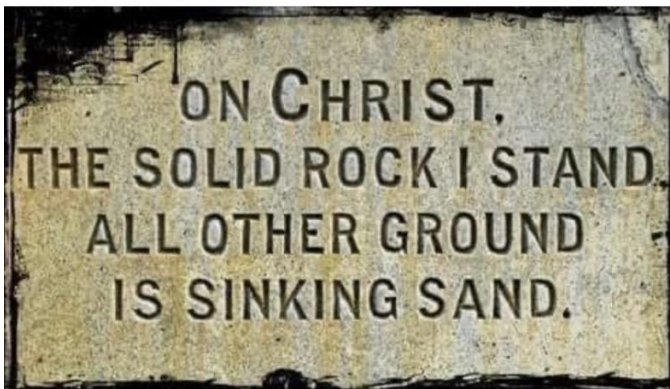
Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted, counts.

The Grace of Golgotha

Jesus suffered the agony and humiliation of public execution at “a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull” (Mt 27:33). The religious leaders had labeled Him as an enemy of Moses. The civil government, by consenting to the crucifixion, had labeled Him an enemy of Rome. After the nails were driven through His flesh and He had been raised high above the crowd, Jesus pleaded, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Lk 23:34).

If Jesus of Nazareth had been an imposer, the crucifixion would surely have exposed that fact. The agony of the cross revealed His true character and grace. Instead of retaliating He appealed to His Father to pardon His murderers. The execution, which His enemies had hoped would end His influence, became the very means by which He draws people unto Himself even today (Jn 12:32).

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus preached a sermon in which He had said, “...Pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” (Mt 5:44). Through the cross, we can see that those were not empty words. The message He preached on that mountain in Galilee, He practiced on Mt Calvary. If our Lord could forgive His persecutors in the very midst of His agony, can we be excused for bearing grudges and bitterness over the small abuses which come our way?



News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **David Ledgerwood** had successful heart surgery and is on the road to recovery. ... **Nola Christenberry** has been dealing with flu-like symptoms... **Lavonne Cox** is still dealing with pain from a fall recently... We're still praying for **Austin Shiflet's Aunt Ruth** in Springfield MO. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor... We were glad to see **The Pickens'** out after a bout with Covid. **Almon** and **Belva Williams** have also been battling Covid off... **Pat Spencer's** cancer has spread and they are changing her chemo... **Betty Shrable** has been in the hospital in Paragould but plans to enter a nursing home this week... **Amy Cooper's** cousin, **Shelly Vanderslice** continues to undergoing chemo ... Remember **Mary Hamilton**, a member at New Haven, who is very sick... **Virginia Bishop** is still recovering from knee surgery.. Continue to pray for **Jonnas Harding**, a friend of **Lavada Crisler** ... Remember to pray for **Chloe Humblet** who is away from home for some extended treatment **Shut-ins:** **Rhea Vines** (at Roger's house)... **Gail Brooks** 423 Lawrence Hall, Walnut Ridge... **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village, ... **Shirley Coots**, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Jean Evans** at home... **Betty Shrable**- Pray for these!

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from **John Mundy** on **Facebook & YouTube**, 8 am., or you can catch it throughout the day.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

March 3-8 – Steele MO – different speakers (John Muindy on March 3)

April 7-12 – StoneRidge! – Tack Chumley

MARCH BIRTHDAYS. 12th – Brenden Camp; 14th – Austin Shiflett; 15th – Sharon Horton; 17th – Ezra Thetford, Macy Wilson; 28th – Jack Ladyman;

When the Israelites left Egyptian slavery, it not only changed their status, it changed time. The New Year from then on would be marked for them by the Exodus.

When Jesus came, much of humankind decided His entrance into the world should also change time. Hence, A.D. in Latin means "Year of our Lord." Jesus came so we could have our own Exodus from the slavery of sin.

Have you been freed?

