

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: **111**
Contribution: \$ 3554.00
Weekly Budget: \$ **2820.00**

Thought for The Day

"The virtue of a man ought to be measured not by his extraordinary exertions, but by his every day conduct."

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MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Larry Jenson
Songs: Marty Wingo
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Delbert Leavens

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Dale Schwartz
Songs: Marty Wingo
Sermon: SONG SERVICE
Closing Prayer: Bill Burnside

COMMUNION

Tim Simmons Mike Weber
Troy Wheeler Kaden Simmons

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Standing for Right

Paul M. Tucker

Standing for the right is very demanding of us. It is not easy. It may be very inconvenient. It may even lead to loneliness. On the mountain peak of spiritual experience it is lonely, we may even find ourselves all alone.

"At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the embattled Apostle Paul, speaking possibly of his defense before the Roman court (II Timothy 4:16). He had no defensive legal counsel, there was no crowd of the faithful packing the courtroom to encourage him or plead his case. As a man, he stood alone. *"Not withstanding the Lord stood with me,"* he wrote. There he stood in a hostile court with no comforting presence of sympathizers. But the Lord was there.

It takes courage to stand for the right alone; Noah built the ark alone. Neighbors likely smirked at the simpleton, Noah, and they perished in the flood.

Abraham wandered and worshipped as a lonely

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

Elders

Delbert Leavens
Wayne Vowell
Ted Wheeler

Minister

Ted Wheeler

Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am
Worship-I 11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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Cut It Down And Forget It!

W. T. Allison

The Civil War left a tragic aftermath of bitterness, hatred, and resentment in America. The wounds inflicted by the war were deep and painful. The anger continued long after the guns fell silent. Many could not forget or forgive others. The war continued long after Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Virginia.

One man who refused to participate in or condone this terrible bitterness was General Robert E. Lee. In word and deed, Lee urged reconciliation between the North and South. He knew that the war was over and that the future of the nation demanded a new attitude for a new day. To the day of his death the *"Gray Knight"* was never heard to speak an unkind word about those who had formerly been his enemies. On one occasion, a lady in Virginia, where Lee lived after the war, showed him the scarred remains of a tree in her yard. The limbs had been shot by the Federal artillery during a raid. Thinking the General would share her outrage, she waited for him to comment. Finally, Lee said, *"Cut it down, my dear, and forget it."* Good advice for us as well!

1. Past slights, hurts, and wrongs. Brooding over injuries received at the hands of others will poison life. Forgive and forget. *"Cut it down and forget it!"*
2. Past losses, defeats, and failures. Regrets can chain us to the past. No defeat need to be final. No failure has to be permanent! Dwelling on past defeats can blind us to the opportunities for present victories. *"Let the tree fall!"*
3. Past sorrows, griefs, and heartaches. There is a time to mourn, but there is a time to live again, a time when we must see the hope and promise of better days ahead.
4. Past mistakes, transgressions, and sins. There is a power greater than sin. It is the power of Christ to forgive sin. Remorse over sin can turn to rejoicing over salvation.

In the words of Lee: *"Cut it down and forget it."*

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leader of his family. Sodomite neighbors gave no credence to his righteous example. They followed the fashionable popular crowd into folly and flames. Lust and peer pressure led them to fiery destruction.

Daniel prayed alone, Elijah sacrificed alone, Jeremiah wept alone. Jesus died on the cross alone, except for the company of two thieves.

The higher one climbs up the mountains of spiritual achievement, the more rarified the atmosphere and the crowd, and the more lonely one becomes., but the Lord stands by His own, with an invisible but powerful presence.

What we need in the church are Men and women, young and old, who have the courage and the conviction to stand for the right (alone if necessary), at the cost of fame, fortune, and friends. We need congregations under the leadership of elders who will lead the congregation into the right, even if it means isolation from other congregations departing from the faith.

Powerful pressure of popular pride challenges us. Sins of all sorts are glamorized, glitterized and glorified to appeal to fleshly folly, False doctrine, fancy fables, and changing alternative worship styles are made appealing to the worldly minded. But the Lord stands by His own. With His help, we shall stand, and the wreath of victory will be ours.

Remember in Prayer

KERRY KEATHLEY
JANET WEBER
DORIS WHITE
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
PATRICA SMITH
FRANK SMALL
IVA & LEM TURNER
PATRICIA FORD
JEANETTE THOMPSON
TED WHEELER

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Jan. 28: Song Service
- ✓ Feb. 4: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Feb. 25: Song Service

Sermon:

Do You Really Love God
2 Corinthians 13:5-6

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

MY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WANTS TO
KNOW IF THEY MAY BE EXCUSED FROM THE
PREACHING SERVICE FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR...

