## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Welcome by: Daniel Balch/Opening Prayer by: Walden David*
*Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch*

#453 Love Lifted Me
#450 Give Me the Bible

*Scripture Reading by: Parker Balch*
#324 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed
*Communion Devotional by: Don Taylor*
***Lord's Supper and Contribution***

#452 Standing on the Promises
***Sermon: by Daniel Balch***

#947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling
#611 Heavenly Sunlight
*Closing Prayer by: Gus Tristan*

***Tonight is our***
***3rd Sunday Evening***
***Singing***

***Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth***

**Sunday**: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 5:00pm — Worship
**Wednesday**: 6:30pm — Bible Study Classes

Sept. 18, 2022

# *"Stand Firm in…Liberty"*

Galatians 5:1

### Facing Each Day

Because we are unsure of the events of tomorrow, worrying about them will do us little good.

Many Christians struggle with worry. Individuals worry about things that happened yesterday, things that may happen tomorrow. In each instance, their anxiety is fruitless. Rather than worrying about past actions or words, we might seek to make right our wrongs and trust God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9). Instead of worrying about the things happening around us currently, we should resolve to control what we can and trust God to do the rest. When tempted to worry about the future, we should remember the words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" ( Matthew 6:34 NKJV). Let's notice three important lessons from this verse.

*Christians out not to worry.* Three times in the Sermon on the Mounts, Jesus told His listeners, "Do not worry" (Matthew 6:25, 28, 34). If Scripture said nothing more about the subject, this would be enough. Worrying about the past prevents us from pressing "forward to those things which are ahead (Philippians 3:13). Worrying about the present hinders us from using our abilities to meet momentary challenges. Worrying about the future distracts us from the God who knows just what we need (Matthew6:32). Wendell Winkler put it well: "Yesterday is buried and tomorrow is unborn. So, live nobly today. In fact, the best way to prepare for tomorrow is to fulfill the duties of today." Do not worry!

*Christians do not know what tomorrow will bring.* James made this point when he wrote, "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will to to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:13-14). Because we are unsure of the events of tomorrow, worrying about them will do us a little good. Instead of fretting about what will happen in the future, we ought to focus on what we can control. At the same time we must return our cares and burdens over to God in prayers. As Paul commanded, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

# Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

## Our Sick

**Bubba Pearson** had a triple bypass Friday.

**Bryant Perkins** is recovering from covid.

## Continued Prayers
## (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Tina Garcia, Oscar Cantu, Caitlin Smith, Virginia Cole, Ka'Leisha Jones, Linda Frank, Ken Coleman, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Susan McCain, Gary Nielsen, Russell Godby, Howard Duhon

## Shut Ins
## (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Catherine Parker, Peggy McIntosh, Lois Watts, Willo Dean Ellis

## Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Montepuez, Mozambique , Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

## Upcoming Activities

**Elders, Minister** meeting, Monday, Sept. 19th at 5:30 p.m. this week.

We will have a meal on Wednesday, Sept. 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the family life center.

## Door Knocking

We will be going Door Knocking on Saturday, Oct. 8th. If you are interested in helping with this please see one the Elders or Bryant Perkins.

| Elders | Deacons | Minister |
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| Ken Coleman | Zach Arthur | Bryant Perkins |
| Bobby Rader | Daniel Balch | |
| Don Taylor | Danny Balch | |
| Robert Ward | Walden David | |
| | Gus Tristan | |


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*Christians must recognize the challenges of today are sufficient.* Whether you are worrying because of grief, a physical illness, an addiction or about getting back upon your feet, you must stop. Worry will not solve your problems. Today is the day you must face and address. It is all you have. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. Nevertheless, today is here. Its challenges truly are difficult, but thankfully, the mercy of our God is sufficient. Jeremiah reminded us of this truth when he declared that God's "compassions fail not. They are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). As you seek to face each new day without worry, remember the words of Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Chad Ramsey, February 2020, Gospel Advocate
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