

VISITORS

The presence of Jesus in the gathering of His people is the sweetest blessing we enjoy when we meet. We pray that you will find peace, comfort, and power for living today.

A visitor's card is provided in the book rack, to give us a record of your visit.

SUNDAY		ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	33
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	21
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	15
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1178.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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Recognizing and Overcoming Temptation

By Brian Mitchell

Is it possible to recognize temptation and overcome it before it overcomes us? The answer is yes, but there are some important principles we must understand. A man was on a diet and he was struggling. He had to go downtown and as he started out, he remembered that his route would take him by his favorite doughnut shop. As he got closer, he thought that a cup of coffee would hit the spot; what could that hurt right? Then he remembered his diet and that's when he prayed; "Lord, if You want me to stop for a doughnut and coffee, let there be a parking place right in front of the shop."

"Sure enough, I found a parking place right in front—on my seventh time around the block!" He didn't really want the Lord's help in overcoming temptation, he wanted permission. As Robert Orben once said, "Most people want to be delivered from temptation, but many would still like it to keep in touch" (*Reader's Digest* [8/86], p. 35). If one really wants to overcome the temptation to sin the first place to start is to make sure that you are not part of the problem. You must make sure that you are not the one that is placing the enticement in your path.

As we consider the subject of temptation, especially as it relates to sin, we must second come to understand that temptation is inevitable. James says, "blessed is the man who endures temptation" and "let no one say when he is tempted" (Jm..1:12-13). James leaves no question that temptation's assault will come for us all. Just as he does in dealing with trials in general, James here says, "When tempted..." not "If tempted." Just like death and taxes, trials and temptations are inevitable in this life. We will never be without temptation in life even though the more we mature in our faith the less common they may be.

And thus the second key to overcoming temptation is the acknowledgment that we are all susceptible to it. Remember Peter—"Lord, even if I must die, I will never deny you." What did he do—he denied Jesus 3 times. The Apostle Paul warns the Corinthians to "let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor.10:12). Peter thought he could stand up under any temptation to deny Jesus and thus because he did not think he could fall, he did. No one is above the powers of

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“...The Churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

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temptation and it is our acknowledgment of that fact that actually makes them easier to overcome.

The third key to overcoming temptation is to realize and acknowledge their true source. According to James, “each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed” (Jm.1:14). James teaches us that it is our own sinful desires that lay the groundwork for temptation. James does not here mention the role of the devil in man’s temptations. That is not to say that the enemy does not play a role in temptation but that James wants us to realize and acknowledge our role in them.

Temptation requires two essential parts—desire + temptation. While someone or something may place an enticement to sin in our path, if there is no desire there is no temptation. If you take someone who has never done drugs in their life and has no desire to do so and place a pound of cocaine in front of them there would be no temptation because there is no desire. And so the point is simple, the 3rd key to overcoming temptation is to rid ourselves of our sinful desires by bringing all of our desires into line with God’s will for our lives.

Temptations to sin affect us all but that does not excuse our sins. Why? Because the Bible says that with God’s help we can both recognize and overcome any temptation that comes our way (1 Cor.10:13).

Bulletin Gold

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN
HEAR GOD'S WORD
 Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17
BELIEVE IN JESUS
 Jn. 8:24
REPENT OF SINS
 Lk. 13:3; 2 Cor. 7:10
CONFESS JESUS' NAME
 Mt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10;
 Mt. 16:15-16
BE BAPTIZED
 Mk. 16:15-16; Mt. 28:18-19; Acts 2:38, 41; Acts 22:16;
 Rom. 6:3-4
LIVE FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH
 Mt. 10:22; Rev. 2:10

The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:
 Bible Reading Marathon
Images of the Master
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.

Birthday's in January

Jamie Garner	6 th
Libby Hobbs	6 th
Jesse Hobbs	12 th
Carolyn Bowling	22 nd
Marselle Eversole	23 rd



	Opportunities to Serve	
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today John Bowling Willie Gore Albert Sturdivant *Jim Hobbs Tom Walsh Lynn Means Lynn Means Rick Massey John Bowling Devotion/Singing Hannah Garner	01/13/19 Lee Shepherd Dick Phillips Jim Hobbs *Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Tom Walsh Tom Walsh Rick Massey Lee Shepherd Jim Hobbs Carolyn Bowling

The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under .

Please remember to pray for the sick, lonely, and especially anyone outside Christ.

Health
 Buddy Stephenson Damon Hicks

Traveling
 Lockey Family

General
 Theresa Althaus

Deaths
 Anna Perra Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

James 5:16
 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.



The Ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are studying "Why am I here-A Purpose Driven Life". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

Just Some Humor

“Bob, why don’t you play golf with John anymore?,” asked a friend.
 “Would you play golf with a guy who moved the ball with his foot when you weren’t watching?” Bob asked.
 “Well, no,” admitted the friend.
 “Neither will John,” replied Bob.
 A poor man is better than a liar. – Proverbs 19:22