

Order of Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship

Song: #96 I Stand in Awe

Song: #359 I Love the Lord

The Lord's Supper

Song: #126 The Lord My Shepherd
Is

Offering

Offering Song: #781 Thank you,
Lord

Song: #745 Humble Yourself

Scripture Reading
I Peter 5:5-11

Sermon

“The Benefit of An Adversary”

Song: #523 I Know the Lord Will
Find a Way for Me

Prayer Requests

Song: #4 To God Be the Glory

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday Evening Class: “A Study of Proverbs” with Archie R. Green

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: “Life in the Holy Spirit” Pamphlet by Dr. Michael A. Brown.

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	118	Sunday Morning Bible Study	75
Sunday Evening Worship	37	Wed. Morning Bible Study	13
Wed. Evening Bible Study	61	Contribution Average 2024	N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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Be sober,
be vigilant;
because your
adversary the
devil walks about
like a roaring lion,
seeking whom he
may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

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We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

“Someone To Devour”

There is a lot we do not understand about Satan. What is his origin? What motivates him to tempt? How does he work, practically and specifically? Based on the verse above, the only essential thing we need to know about him is that he is an “adversary”, an enemy. Jesus called him a “liar.” Never confuse that truth!

Fortunately, we are not left in the dark about how to resist him. “But resist the devil, firm in your faith” (1 Peter 5:9) is what Peter recommends after his haunting description of Satan in the previous verse. The very fact that God asks us to “resist” means that He believes we are capable of it – but not alone! To conquer the devil I must accept that my many failures are evidence enough of my personal inadequacy in fighting him off. Rather, I should lean more heavily on God if I want to conquer the enemy. “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you...” (James 4:7ff).

Seeking Someone

It is easy to read this phrase out of Peter’s epistle and apply it somewhat impersonally. We might view the devil as a fairly indiscriminate predator, or a vague threat – we acknowledge that Satan is hunting tonight, but hope the odds are in our favor that he is not hunting “me”. Yet the Christian needs to be reminded that anybody/everybody is on the menu for tonight – including me! Interestingly, the first epistle that Peter wrote was not written to unbelievers, but to Christians (1 Peter 1:1-3). I think we dismiss the threat of Satan a bit because we think he is preoccupied interacting with a lost world. The “whole world lies in the powers of the evil one” (1 John 5:19), after all. Like any good hunter, though, the devil is not worried about the prey that is already in the bag – the souls he has already deceived. He is moving on to new targets, fresh blood. He wants you.

To Devour

Satan means to devour us, to swallow up and utterly destroy. Notice that he is not looking for allies or assistants. There is no compromising with him or seeking a better deal. No, it is your annihilation that the devil seeks. But this can come in many forms, as the parable of the sower teaches (Matthew 13:18ff) – some are devoured through cares and worries of the world, others because of a lack of meaningful understanding or superficiality, and others are devoured simply because truth never sank in. Many Christians give up because of discouragement over other people’s sin, as well. They become bitter when others fall away, or because of repeated rejections in personal evangelism. Whatever the case, be on guard against the one who means us harm and actively seek after God.

- Ryan Goodwin

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Lucena Johnson 4/2, J.T. & Burnetta Fears 4/8, Jeff & Jackie Holmes 4/11, Mikey & Jackie Rollins 4/30,

Church Family New

Congregational Meeting—A congregational meeting will be held today, Sunday, April 7th, following the morning worship service.

Monthly Family Potluck—Following Bible Classes, please plan to stay for our Family Potluck today. In place of evening services, a devotion will be held after the potluck.

Craft Day Luncheon—On Monday, April 8th, at noon, Crafters will meet at Second Street Restaurant. All are invited! See Pat Little for more information.

Young at Heart Event—Enjoy lunch at YROC Coastal Bar and on April 11th at 11:30 am, followed by a tour of Brent & Becky’s Tulip Garden. To carpool, please meet at the church parking lot at 10:30 am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the fellowship room bulletin board. Contact Miley Walker with questions.

Men’s Bible Study—There will be a Men’s Bible Study on April 12th at 6 pm at the home of Chris Gary.

Ladies’ Bible Class—The ladies will meet in the fellowship room on Saturday, April 13th, at 10 p.m. for their Ladies’ Bible Class.

Ladies’ Devotional—There will be a Ladies’ Devotional at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 16th. Please see Tes Martin for more details.

The Virtuous Woman Conference—Join us on April 20th, from 10 am to 2pm for this exciting day for women. See Angela Boykin for more information.

Neighborhood Evangelism—Help us reach the surrounding neighborhoods on Saturday, April 20th, at 11:30 am. See Chris Gary for more info.

Young at Heart Potluck—There will be a Young at Heart Potluck on Sunday, April 21st, following Bible Classes.

Work Day—Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 11, at 8:00 am to assist with interior, and exterior repairs and maintenance of the church building and grounds. Contact Michael Bronsberg at 757-503-0089, or Howard Moffitt at 757-912-4453 with any questions.

Outreach—Cambridge Crossing Assisted Living needs volunteers for Bible study, singing, and prayer on May 2nd, at 2 pm, and each following first Saturday of the month. Please see Chris Gary for more details.

Volunteers Needed—We are looking for volunteers on May 30-31 to assist Linden Collins with her move into a new apartment. If you can help, please get in touch with Tom Little.

Happy Birthday

Vera Harris 4/10, Shelia Graves 4/13, Sabrina Logan 4/16, Bob Martin 4/19, George Johnson 4/21, Jerry Fields 4/24, Lynne McMullen 4/29, Scott Turner 4/29

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Steve Davis - recovering from surgery
Connie Williamson - recovering from surgery
Jennifer Christol - health
Jenna Tiefenback - health
Jerry Munn - health
Catalina Laverde - finances
Levi Abbott - health
Anthony Ricks - undergoing treatment
Ken Moran - health
K.P. Pressey - health

Long Term Concerns:

The Boisseau Family - health
M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Lena Stone - health
Margaret Rose - health
Regina Clark - MS
India Johnson - health
Cheryl Brown - health
Abbott Family

Shut-ins

Regina Clark
Adassa Duncan

Family & Friends:

The Knight’s son, Chad - health
Linda & Shawn Butterfield - health
Lena Stone & Connie Williamson’s brother, Wally - health
Joyce & Bobbie Logan - health
The Landrom’s friend, Sharon Mackert and neighbor, **Mr. Hall** - health
Cara Patrick’s brother, Celsus Patrick & father - health
Kay Himes’ friend, Sigrid Polson-Randolph – health
Peggy Boarman’s son-in-law, Jim Bristow - current situation