

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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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES
CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY.
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED
OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT
JOINED A DENOMINATION.**

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where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone
1 Peter 2:7



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Take Heed Lest Ye Fall”

Of any real life event that seemed perfect for dramatizing, the sinking of the luxury cruiser R.M.S. Titanic in 1912 rated among the best. There’s the tragic and still not completely resolved sequence of errors that led to the impact with the iceberg, and the delay of nearby ships to come to the rescue. The arrogance of the builders, and society in general to proclaim the ship *unsinkable* – and thus not have enough lifeboats for everyone – was certainly a dramatic element. Then, the sinking, itself. Taking several hours to finally disappear under the icy cold North Atlantic waters, where 1500 people perished. You can’t match that for a tragic ending, especially considering this was her maiden voyage. It’s hard to find a real life event of people arrogantly thinking it was impossible to fail – except in the Bible.

Folks have also made that mistake in real life events in the moral and spiritual realm. 1 Corinthians 10, from which our title is taken, is filled with events that happened to Israel and was applied to the Corinthians. Paul said “their bodies were scattered in the wilderness” (v. 5). This happened because of their idolatry, sexual immorality, and complaining. In one day, 23,000 fell (v. 8). We’re told twice that these things are examples that we should not imitate (vs 6,11) and they are given as (warnings!) to us. Then, appears the warning: “Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (vs 10). They had just been rescued from an “inescapable” situation when Moses parted the Red Sea. They had been provided for abundantly – and they treated it lightly. Paul gives the solution (v 13): “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” He didn’t promise this course would always be easy, but He did promise that it would always be there. *-db*

A Child's Words

A little girl with shining eyes, Her little face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it is almost time for Bible Class. Let's go!

They teach us there of Jesus' love, Of how He died for all,
Upon the cruel cross to save, Those who on Him will call."

"Oh, no." said Daddy, "Not today, I've worked hard all the week.
And I must have one day of rest. I'm going to the creek

For there I can relax and rest, And fishing's fine they say,
So run along, Don't bother me, We'll go to church, some day."

Months and years have passed away, But Daddy hears the plea
no more.

"Let's go to Bible class"; Those childhood days are o're.

And now that Daddy's growing old, When life is almost through,
He finds the time to go to church, But what does daughter do?

She says, "Oh, Daddy not today, I stayed up all last night,
And I've just got to have some sleep, Besides, I look a fright."

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand, To brush away the tears.
As again he hears the pleading voice, Distinctly through the
years.

He sees a small girl's shining face, Upturned with eyes aglow,
As she says, "It's time for Bible class, Please Daddy, won't you
go?" -*Author Unknown*

***Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full
of the overcoming of it. -Helen Keller***

THE SICK. Continue to remember **Kim McCann**, the daughter of **Almon** and **Belva Williams**, and sister to **DeAnne Mundy**, who is seriously ill in Indianapolis. **Joyce Riley** is still dealing with a case of Remember all of these... **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village... **Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

October 2-7 – STONERIDGE – John Mundy!!!

Oct. 21-23 – Raymore, MO – Dick Blackford

Why?

Why is there a trend in our culture to want to be "unchurched"? Why do our children too often refuse to obey Jesus and instead leave all traces of religion behind when they leave home? Could it be that we criticize the church and especially its leaders? When parents harshly scrutinize faithful leaders within the church and then refuse to put Jesus and His people first in their hearts and lives, what perspective is formed in the minds of our children and others about the church?

Likewise, what do unbelievers think when Christians put down or speak with disdain against fellow believers? How we talk about the church will affect how we treat one another and whether we remain faithful to Jesus. Join us tonight at 8 PM eastern as we seek to keep our heads on straight. -*Terry Benton*



***A pessimist is one who feels bad
when he feels good for fear he'll
feel worse when he feels better.***

***It isn't difficult to make a
mountain out of a mole hill. Just
add a little dirt.***



If every member were just like you, would we need to build more seats or close the doors?

