

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

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Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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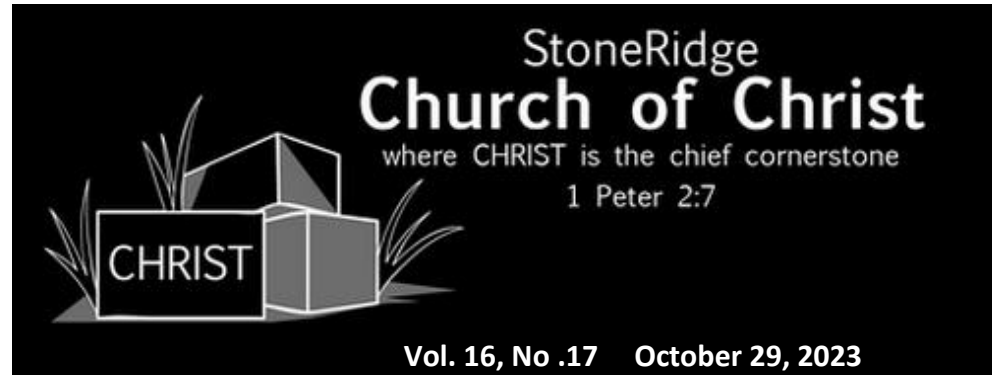
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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY,
MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS
ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS
COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE
NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.**



It's Futile To Oppose The Will Of God

A few weeks ago I had to pinch-hit for Teddy's Sunday morning class while he was sick. We studied the title of this article, based on Psalm 139, but didn't get to finish with applications. Here are some examples.

1. PHARAOH SOUGHT TO OPPRESS GOD'S PEOPLE IN EGYPT, yet God raised up a savior for the people right under his nose in his own household, whom Pharaoh himself educated for 40 years! (Ex 1 & 2; Heb 11:23-29). It was futile for him to oppose God.
2. THE "SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS" reflected the might and powerful Herod's futile attempt to slay Jesus before God was ready to offer him (Mt 2:1-18). It was futile.
3. DAVID DID EVIL AND TRIED TO COVER IT UP (2 Sam 11.12). God sent Nathan. You can read David's prayer of contrition in Ps 51. God didn't want David's sacrifice, He wanted his heart. God doesn't just want us to be right in worship and baptism. He wants our hearts.
4. JONAH ATTEMPTED TO OPPOSE THE WILL OF GOD. God sent the whale to change his mind.
5. WHEN JESUS SPOKE TO SAUL OF TARSUS ON THE ROAD, He said *"it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks"* (Acts 26:14). He was saying it is futile to oppose the will of God.
6. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PAID LARGE SUMS to buy and burn up all the Bibles, but it simply provided money to print an even greater number. It seems like providence that God allowed the invention of the printing press at just the right time.



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. Psalms offers admonition to the wicked and comfort to the righteous. And it tells us we can only oppose God for so long.

Have you been opposing the will of God? What will it take to convince you that it's futile? Remember Pharaoh, Herod, David, Jonah, Saul, the Roman Catholic Church, etc. Will the names of you and me need to be added to that list? *-db*

One Thing Remains

" the leaves soon will start to change
But one thing remains the same
Christ's love that always saves
So many souls because of the son he gave
When our hearts are hurting for we shall pray
He listens when I start to say
Knowing through him I am strong
And that I always will belong
He has created in me a fresh start
Beginning with him in my heart" - *Autumn Lamkin*

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **Debbie Spencer** will have to have back surgery in Little Rock. The date is not set yet...**Susan Pickens** is still under the doctor's care for her detached retina. **Sherry Horton** had another back injection and needs complete rest... **Gracelyn Lands** will have surgery on 12/6...**Virginia Bishop** will have knee surgery on 11/9... ...**Ruby Vanhooose** (Virginia's mom) is now under hospice care... ... **Corey Ladyman** had foot surgery and has a large wound ...**Sherry Horton** had another back injection and is to have an MRI...**Holly Kortan's** surgery is pending... **Ellie Beth Pierce** (Paul's & Melissa's granddaughter) is still under doctor's care...**Chloe Humblet** will be away for awhile receive some specialized treatment **Shut-ins: Rhea Vines** (at Roger's house)...**Gail Brooks** room 423 Lawrence Hall, Walnut Ridge... **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village ...**Shirley Coots**, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Bob** and **Jean Evans** at home...**Betty Shrable** at home. Pray for these!

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Oct 29-Nov 1 -Northside – Greg Gwin

GROUP MEETINGS. The meeting for **Group 2** has been changed to Nov 18, 5:30 at the Christenberry's.

Keep your face toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you.

Even though the battle was the Lord's, David still had to sling the stone.

Dad, do you want to bless your family, lead them in prayer at your next meal? You will grow a foot taller in their eyes. It's time to be the spiritual leader God meant for you to be. Do you agree?

Many people insist on "clean air" for the body but promote "pollution" for the soul!

For you numbered the stars
Creating and making us who we are
You know the next step before we take
Guiding us through the decisions we make
Help remind me where my help comes from
Looking up to you above
Knowing I'd be lost without you
I wouldn't make it through. - **Autumn Lamkin**

Psalms 121:1,2 - I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

