



Sunday, March 17, 2024

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**WELCOME!** If you are visiting today, you are our honored guest, and we welcome you to our services. Open your Bible and join us!

**Sunday:**

- 10:00 am - Sunday school / adult classes
- 11:00 am - Sunday morning service
- 12:00 pm - Potluck
- 1:00 pm - Sunday afternoon service

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Area wide events (see flyers on the bulletin board in the lobby).
- March 29-30 – Lads to Leaders competition in Louisville.

**Today's prayer requests**

- R.L. Moore – recovering from (2) surgeries, will need to see an oncologist.
- Theresa Plumley – will have a CT Scan of her lungs.
- Wife of Carl Sparrow – has a very likely diagnosis of cancer.
- Renee Parsley – was readmitted to the hospital last week, but is doing better.
- Sherry Damron – recovering from vascular procedures and possible kidney cancer.

**Standing prayer requests**

- Eugene Boyd – Matt's employee – cancer
- Donna Levi – Cara's mother – Alzheimer's
- Joey Caudill – Brenda Jenkins nephew – blood cancer
- Bobby Varney – in Hospice care
- Lamar Tackett – Kathy Varney's brother – cancer
- Stacey Cassady – Jody's sister – loss of her daughter, Sydney
- Janet Bowman – Don's mother – early stages of dementia
- Payton Metcalf – Don's great-nephew battling cancer
- Helen Thompson – Matt's grandmother – stomach cancer
- Gene Thompson – home recovering from his tractor accident.
- Kaity Soucy – needs cancer treatment after her pregnancy.
- Christy Hawkins – has Stage 4 lung cancer, but doctors are optimistic.
- Cara Moore – cervical cancer and is facing surgery.
- Olivia Dean – Shawna's mother, recuperating from health issues.

**Following Jesus:**

*"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:" – 1 Peter 2:21*

God wants us to copy Christ and reproduce his character in our lives.

"Follow" means to follow after, follow close upon. The implication is that we are to comply closely with the life of Christ. We should put our lives in conjunction with Christ. God wants us to go the same way as Jesus (Mk. 8:34; 9:38; 10:21). We should make our lives happen along with his, to accompany him along the journey. The implication is that we are to follow Christ wholly or to devote ourselves to him. God wants us to give Jesus our whole heart. God wants us to take the same road as Jesus. He wants us to follow closely upon his path.

"Steps" means tracks. We are to follow the tracks of Christ. Our behavior should be the same as his. Let us imitate him. We do not do as others do; we do as he does. The New Testament uses the word "steps" of Abraham's faith (Rom. 4:12) and for carrying on the work of the Gospel (2 Cor. 12:18). We are to take the same road as Christ of applying the truth of unjust suffering to experience.

Note that this passage does not say "follow in his steps." It merely says, "follow his steps."

God wants us to go in the same direction he went (Heb. 12:1-4). We get our signals from him. He sets the example for us to follow (Ro. 15:3).

If we do something wrong at work, how do we react? Is there any difference in the way we respond from the way those who do not know Christ? If our reaction is different from theirs, they will sit up and take notice. We have something that they do not have. This has a great influence on non-Christians. However, this is precisely where we fail before our wives, husbands, children, parents, and business associates.

\*\* Verse-by-verse commentary.com \*\*

Sun. Morning	Mar-17-2024
Song Leading	G_Plumley
Opening Prayer	A_Butt
Reading	E_Anderson
Preside	R_Pierce
Assist1	K_McAtee
Assist2	B_Jude
Speaker	K_McAtee
Announcements	C_Mickey
Closing Prayer	J_Anderson
Nursery	Shelley/Malory
Sun. Afternoon	Mar-17-2024
Song Leading	D_Bowman
Opening Prayer	B_Mickey
Preside	K_McAtee
Speaker	B_Jude
Closing Prayer	A_Butt
Wed. Evening	Mar-20-2024
Song Leading	B_Jude
Speaker	E_Anderson
Announcements	R_Hamblin
Closing Prayer	J_Anderson
	Mar-23-2024
Sat. Evening Preparation	Anderson

