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**Assembly Times**

*Sundays*  
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
*Wednesdays*  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard  
Of Sound Doctrine***

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**Know Your Bible: Answers**

1. A roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)
2. Lake of fire and brimstone (Rev. 20:10)
3. Lies (John 8:44)
4. Murder (John 8:44)
5. Peter (Luke 22:31)

**This Week's Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: John Van Baale  
Announcements: John Franks  
Encouragement Talk: Brad Smith  
Opening Prayer: Tyler Blazek  
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson  
1 Timothy 2:9-15  
Song Leader: Arturo Orozco  
Table Talk: Jacob McAdams  
Contribution: Robert McCorkle  
Helper: Kyle Crain  
Fruit of Vine: Harper Flores  
Helper: Eddie Bowen  
Helper: Jonathan Lovell  
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Ramsey

**Sunday Afternoons**

Feb 11 Nothing  
Feb 18 POSTPONED: Singing At Nursing  
Home with Donald Hejl.  
Feb 25 Parent Planned Youth Devotional  
Mar 3 3PM Devotionals

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: Harper Flores  
Speaker: Jacob McAdams



# Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist  
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”  
Ephesians 6:13

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## From Within

God works in saving man from the inside out. It is the implanted word that is able to save our souls (James 1:21). Before the outward confession of “Jesus as Lord”, you must first believe the preached word “in thy heart” (Romans 10:8-10). Jesus characterized God’s growing and expanding kingdom as likened “unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened” (Matthew 13:33).

While government focuses upon changing our outward circumstances for the better, God focuses His attention on changing our hearts for the better. One can live in righteousness as a Christian while being physically enslaved, poor, and hungry (cf. I Peter 2:18-20, 2 Corinthians 11:27). The single focus of the heart, beaming with trust and commitment unto the Lord, empowers one to endure the difficult outward circumstances ( Ephesians 6:5-8, Philippians 4:11-13).

All that defiles man begins from within. Jesus says, “For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, covetings, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, and evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: all these things proceed from within, and defile the man” (Mark 7:21-22). The scribes and Pharisees looked on the outside as “whited sepulchres” but Jesus knew that within they were filled with “uncleanness”, “hypocrisy” and “iniquity” (Matthew 23:27-28). They appear before men as righteous, but in reality they are not, because of the corruption that is being allowed to work within.

Grasping eternal life begins within man. Jesus offered the Samaritan woman living water. He said, “but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life” (John 4:14). When man receives good news of salvation in Christ, it rises within him as a bubbling fountain unto everlasting life. It is satisfying and everlasting for he will never thirst again. Are you at peace with God from within ? Are

you satisfied with what Christ offers you in life? The water of life Jesus offers you should produce peace and satisfaction within you.

The Kingdom of God is within you. This is the point of contrast between kingdoms of this world and the spiritual kingdom over which Christ rules. Jesus said, "...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, 'Lo, here! or, There!' For lo, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20-21). "Without observation" does not mean we can never determine where God's kingdom is, but it emphasizes that the kingdom or rule of God works from within. Paul writes, "and let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body and be ye thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

What is taking place within you today? Are you harboring evil thoughts while appearing righteous before men? Are you anxious and fearful of tomorrow? Allow God's word to take root in your heart. Be convicted with its truths and submit your heart to the rule of Christ in your life. Let Jesus' gift of the water of life satisfy you with faith and everlasting life. Then, the evil thoughts, anxiety and fear will not be able to take root and distract you from serving the Lord. Outward living begins from within.

By Jerry Fite

***"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19)***

***You can't do this when you are not here...***

## ***Know Your Bible***

### **The Devil**

1. What animal does Peter compare Satan to?
2. What is the final place for Satan, according to the New Testament?
3. What is Satan the father of?
4. According to the gospel of John, Satan was from the very beginning both a liar and a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What disciple was told that Satan wanted to sift him like wheat?

*Answers On Back*

### **Sunday Sermon**

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



## **Straighten It Up!**

Charles Willis

"How's that?" I asked. "A little more to the right," she replied. "How about now?" I asked for the ump-teenth time. "Just a nudge back to the left, dear."

Like most men, I just love hanging pictures! If my wife is home, it cannot be done alone. It requires another set of eyes that can stand back and see the finished result. The one holding the picture (me) is too close to be able to tell if it is level. When I take it upon myself to hang something when no one is around, I have been known to drive two or three nails before I am satisfied. It is tiresome to keep stepping back to view the result. In this matter I believe it IS best to have another set of eyes. Just don't tell my wife.

It has also been my experience that it is helpful to have good Christian friends who can serve as another set of eyes. It may be a spouse, but it doesn't have to be. As we are progressing through life we sometimes "hang things crooked" and a good friend, one who is concerned about our spiritual well-being, can stand back from our life and in a loving manner tell us to "straighten it up." We know the Bible tells us when we are on the "straight and narrow" (Matt. 7:13-14), but sometimes we do not realize the path we are on in our own life. I am thankful there are other Christians in my life who I believe will tell me when I need help.

Let us guard our own soul that we not be led into sin. Let us watch for the souls of others that we might be able to help them as well. *"Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins"* (James 5:20). We need to offer that help to others, and when the need is pointed out in our own life, we need to "straighten it up"!

***"When an archer misses the mark, he turns and looks for the fault within himself. Failure to hit the bulls-eye is never the fault of the target. To improve your aim - improve yourself." (Gilbert Arland)***



***"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).***

**The definition of "sinned" is "to miss the mark" (Strong's Dictionary Greek word G264).**