

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

January 22, 2023

*Sunday Morning:*

**Call to Worship:**

Psalm 56: 8-13

Dwight Mullett

**Song Leader:**

Ralph Brown

**First Prayer:**

Dennis Blanton

**Presentation/Lord's Table**

Dwight Mullett

**Servers:**

Austin Miller \*\*Barry Phillips

**Speaker:**

Johnny Felker

**Prayer & Announcements:**

Barry Cary

**Usher:**

Walter Culbreth

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*Sunday Evening:*

**Call to Worship:**

Psalm 3

Austin Miller

**Song Leader:**

Mark Claypool

**First Prayer:**

Doug Driver

**Speaker:**

Johnny Felker

**Lord's Table:**

Dwight Mullett

**Prayer and Announcements:**

Larry Miller

**Usher:**

Walter Culbreth

**Prayer List and Announcements**

**Jeanette Aldridge** is doing well, staying inside.

**Janett King** had a good week overall. She was happy to tell me a local church of Christ congregation has started holding services at 3:00 PM once a month for the residents, and they are hoping to get other congregations to participate to have services every week.

**Deborah Grigsby** is doing OK. She was able to visit Mike a couple times this past week. His health remains about the same.

**Fred Duggin** has several tests scheduled this week. He remains stable. Elaine will be seeing a dentist this week to get a crown.

**Betty Travis** is about the same. Pam said the nursing home advised them to call in hospice, while Betty is begging to go home. This is not possible because she is too weak.

**Betty Dennis** said her eye is stable at this time. Her cough is mostly gone.

**Carter Holsonback**, the great-grandson of Doug and Linda Driver, has been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. Doctors feel it can be managed with medication and diet.

**\*\*Let us continue to Remember in Prayer\*\***

Janett King, Chelsea Gilliam (friend of Betty Copley), Paige Toxey, Keith Barclay (friend of Betty Copley), Susie Martell & Allison Barton, Dalton Gregory, and Esther Carrera, co-worker of Dwight Mullett.

**Birthdays:**

22nd: Paul Culbreth

ELDERS: Johnny Felker & Doug Driver

DEACONS: Ralph Brown & Mark Claypool

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*"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"  
Heb. 10:24*

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## Greatest Fear

Nathan Peeler

Everyone is afraid of something. Fears range from the common, such as fear of flying or heights, to the less common alektorophobia (fear of chickens) and globophobia (fear of balloons).

I know that many peoples' main phobias are public speaking and death. According to most surveys taken, people fear public speaking more than death! This led one comedian to say, "This means that if you go to a funeral you would rather be in the casket than giving the eulogy!" I definitely understand people's fear of public speaking and it is not fun to get in front of an audience and speak to them about any subject. After you do it more and more it gets a little easier, but after 7 years of occasional preaching and 8 years of full-time preaching, I will tell you the fear never fully goes away.

However, not everyone will have to experience the fear, sweaty palms, and nauseous feeling which come with standing up to speak to an audience, but all will have to face the fear of death because all will die. There is an element of fear to death because we are plunging into the unknown. We don't know what will happen to us after we die or the order of events which we will go through; we just know we will. A tremendous fear and no way to avoid it, this fear must be faced.

The Bible reminds us that death is certain and we will all face it:

**Ecclesiastes 2:16b:** "And how the wise man and the fool alike die"

**Ecclesiastes 3:2a:** "A time to give birth and a time to die..."

**"Your lovingkindness, Oh Lord, extends to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies." Psalm 36: 5**

## Preacher's Pen points

# Fear Fighters

*God has given His word to help us fight life's fears.*

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The fear of i\_\_\_\_\_

(Isaiah 41:10; see also 2 Cor. 3:5-6; Phil. 4:13)

The fear of f\_\_\_\_\_

(1 Chronicles 28:20; see also Mt. 28:19-20)

The fear of d\_\_\_\_\_

(Deuteronomy 20:3-4; see also Eph. 6:10; 1 Jn. 5:4)

The fear of d\_\_\_\_\_

(Hebrews 13:5-6; see also Mt. 6:25; Phil. 4:19)

The fear of unfulfilled h\_\_\_\_\_

(Isaiah 35:4; see also Jer. 30:10; Is. 43:1; 54:4)

The fear of d\_\_\_\_\_

(Genesis 15:1; 26:24; Ps. 27:1)

The fear of p\_\_\_\_\_

(2 Timothy 1:7-8; 1 Pet. 3:14-15; )

The fear of d\_\_\_\_\_ itself

(Hebrews 2:14-15) ; Ps. 23:4; Jn. 14:1-3; Rev. 1:17-18)

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)*

These Scriptures will unlock your faith and destroy the giants of fear that rise within you. Memorize them! Repeat them! Stand on them! Use these “fear-fighters” to become a fearless fighter for the Lord. Let us say with the psalmist, *“The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.” (Psalms 118:6)*

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**Ecclesiastes 6:6:** “Even if the other man lives a thousand years twice and does not enjoy good things—do not all go to one place?”

**Ecclesiastes 9:5a:** “For the living know they will die...” Hebrews 9:27: “And inasmuch as it is appointed for me to die once and after this comes judgment...”

But how do we as Christians face our fear of death? When it comes time for us or a loved one to pass on from this life then how should we respond?

### • We are going to be with the Lord

While we don't know the sequence of events we should take comfort in the fact that if we are a child of God, we are going to be with the Lord. No matter if you are alive when the Lord returns or you have already passed on, Paul tells us in the final day “we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Jesus tells us He is preparing a place for us so that He may “come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:3).

### • Where we are going is far better than where we are

When we look at this world, we see sin, pain, sickness, disappointment, and agony. We get increasingly frustrated at life on so many levels and yet for some strange reason we want to remain here. We are going to a place where none of these things exist (Revelation 21:4)! Paul realized the persecutions he experienced were nothing in comparison to what was waiting for him (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)! Nothing was better for Paul than the thought of going to be with Christ (Philippians 1:23).

### • We can have confidence in afterlife

Lastly, we can have confidence life after death because it was promised to us by God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2). God always keeps His promises and for that we can rejoice! God's plan of eternal life was from long ages ago because He has always wanted the creation made in His image to share an eternity with Him!

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