

Stay Strong in the Lord

by Travis Robertson Indio church of Christ Indio, CA

“If all your friends jumped off a cliff ... would you jump too?” How many times did your mom ask you this question growing up? I know my mom asked me a LOT. I soon learned to come up with better reasons for what I wanted to do than, “All my friends are doing it!” But you have to admit, Mom’s logic is sound. Just because a lot of other people do something, it doesn’t make it a good idea. When we see others make mistakes, we should learn from them rather than saying, “I want to go, too!”

In 1 Corinthians 10, Paul points out to the Corinthian church that the evil which befell Israel was given as an example so Christians could learn from Israel’s mistakes. Verse 6 of that chapter says, “Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.” In this chapter we also read about how God delivered Israel from Egypt and how most of the Israelites rebelled and displeased God. We read about the sins they committed and the destruction they suffered as a result. After all of that, Paul says in verse 12, “Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”

Through the sacrifice of Christ, we have been delivered from sin, and now we are to live righteously (Romans 6:17-18). We must be careful not to get arrogant in our salvation and fall into sin like Israel did. The good news is that God won’t let us be tempted more than we can handle. God doesn’t make rules that are impossible to keep. He always provides a way for us to escape sin and do the right thing (1 Corinthians 10:13). One of the best ways I have found to escape sin is to do a good work for Christ in lieu of the evil with which I am tempted. You remember the saying, “Idle hands are the devil’s workshop.” We should take a few minutes each day to ask God to help us recognize temptation and find those avenues to escape sin. We won’t be able to overcome temptation if we don’t see it coming, and we won’t be able to take the escape route if we don’t know what it looks like or where to look for it. Jesus when teaching the disciples to pray and giving us an example prayed, “lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil” (Matthew 6:13).

The ancient nation of Israel has provided us with an example of how even God’s people can slip into sin and fall away. The question is, will we learn from that example and avoid their mistakes, or will we blindly follow them and jump off a cliff to our destruction?

NEWSLETTER

May 07, 2023

Mark Dailey, evangelist
(716) 754-2752

minister@lasallechurchofchrist.org

Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Sunday Bible Class | 10:00 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 11:00 AM |

La Salle
church of Christ

We Meet At

1121 N. Military Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Phone (716) 283-1214

Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

This bulletin can also
be found on our website.

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God’s Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Roger Mapes Roger is improving. Let's pray for him as he continues to recover.

Marge Reed Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Jessica Alcorn Let's keep her in our prayers.

Louella Hopkins is dealing with kidney issues due to diabetes. The plan for now is to deal with it through medication and diet changes.

Michael & Hope Rice Let's pray for them as they strive to walk with Christ. Hope is also asking for prayers for her health and also her mother's and for things her mother is dealing with.

Jeffrey & Vicki Elder Let's pray for Jeffrey as a Christian man as he does political work. Let's pray for Vicki as she continues to deal with the loss of her son a few years ago.

Seth Alcorn was in a vehicle accident the evening of April 27. He had a concussion. Let's pray things are better.

Samantha Mellott was in the hospital recently with another foot infection but was released to go home on Friday 4/21.

Johnny Martinez, brother of Carlos Martinez, suffered a stroke Thursday night. He remains in serious condition in a medically induced coma.

Dan Callari, from Amherst congregation, is dealing with some health issues.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Cheryl Moore-Johns (lifelong friend of Bev McArthur) She had shoulder surgery recently. She is thankful for our prayers.

Peter, husband of Denise Garlitz' niece, has colon cancer and is awaiting surgery.

Lauren, Denis Garlitz' granddaughter, passed out at school again recently.

Lamont, Louella Hopkins' brother, is doing well with the cancer treatments at Roswell.

Kassandra DiRosa, Louella Hopkin's granddaughter, had gall bladder surgery recently.

Miranda, Louella Hopkins' granddaughter, is expecting and is due in July. She is Type-1 diabetic and is having problems with her sugar and blood pressure. She is wearing monitors. She has pre-eclampsia and gestational hypertension. There is an 80% chance she will deliver by cesarean.

Lisa, Richard Wheeler's sister, was admitted to N.F.M.M.C. Apr. 5 with very high blood sugar and bacteria infection. Let's pray for her as well as her brother Richard and her mother Sharon.

Cheryl, Bruce Brink's future mother in law is facing hip replacement surgery.

Mary Lou, Bruce Brink's aunt, is experiencing memory loss issues. Tests have been done but a cause has not been determined yet.

Friends of Bruce Brink are in need of prayers as they deal with cancer and grief.

John, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, recently had a biopsy and is anxiously awaiting the results.

Patricia Cassick, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, is waiting on biopsy results.

Randy Heller, a friend of Diane Mellott, is in ICU at the V.A. Hospital dealing with respiratory issues.

Laverne, and **Tracey**, Wilma Patterson's daughters, are both home and continue to heal and grow stronger.

Glen Mueller He has been able to recently on occasion leave the health care facility to attend services and also recently preach. He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

May 07 Main Street church of Christ (Buffalo)
Homecoming worship service. See posting.

May 08-10 Main Street church of Christ (Buffalo)
Gospel Meeting. See posting.

May 14 Mother's Day

May 21 Men's Business Meeting

May 29 Memorial Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,013.00

Attendance Last Sunday 42

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes
are posted in the back.



ATTENTION LADIES

Jean Cameron would like to have a quick meeting with the ladies after services today.

Attention Men

We encourage the men who participate in the service to use the microphone so as to be heard. Examples of participating in the service include the Lord's table which includes talking and praying. Please speak loud enough and please don't mumble. Another example is opening and closing prayer. Sometimes this is done from the pew. Please speak up so as to be heard by everyone. The same is true for reading scripture. Thank you for your cooperation.

A Sympathizing Savior

by Jay Launius Maud church of Christ Maud, Texas
(Hebrews 4:14-16)

As the old hymn begins, "The Great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus." There's no doubt when William Hunter penned the lyrics to "The Great Physician", that he had the following passage in mind.

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

It has been said that sympathy is one of the most important emotions because from it comes understanding, help, and support to those in need. Sympathy is certainly easier to extend when we ourselves have firsthand knowledge of the situation. Hebrews 4:15 explains that Jesus Christ, our High Priest, can sympathize with us when we are faced with temptation. Not only does He have knowledge of those challenges, but has empathy, having experienced all temptation Himself. With such an inclusive statement, we have to conclude that Jesus faced temptation from all aspects of the world. Yes, that means Jesus was tempted to be dishonest, immoral, and to neglect His service to God. As a young boy, He resisted the temptation to disobey His parents, as a teenager He turned down opportunities to run with the crowd into mischief. As He grew into adulthood, He was tempted to be lazy, break His promises and follow popular culture. He faced it all yet without sin. Jesus was the human that the Lord God created us all to be, but because sin entered the world long ago, we're unable to live up to that faultless design and that is why we need a sympathizing Savior.