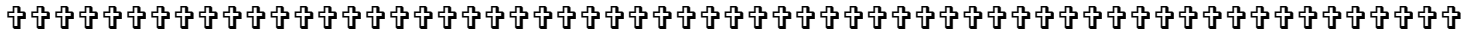




Beginning Sunday Morning, November 7th, we will begin a new series entitled **“The Mystery of Godliness”**.

This will be our Christmas Series focusing upon the life of Jesus as set forth in a single verse, 1 Timothy 3:16.

We will be continuing our series from the Book of Revelations on Sunday Evening and Wednesday Evening, focusing on the key players of the book, not just the individual prophecies.



Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. 1 Timothy 4:1



The English word apostasy is made up of two Greek words: “away from” and “stand.” So it means to move away from a place where you previously stood (to depart). Biblically, it means to fall away from the beliefs one once held. The apostle Paul made clear that the return of Christ will be preceded by a “falling away” (an apostasy) from the true faith (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

Early in 2021, the Gallup research organization found that, for the first time since the late 1930s, fewer than half of Americans belong to a house of worship (of any kind). And for many years, the fast-rising religious demographic in the country has been the “Nones”—those who answer “None” when asked about their religious affiliation. These facts don’t necessarily signal apostasy within the Christian Church, but one of the purposes of the Church is to keep Christians grounded in “the apostles’ teaching” (Acts 2:42, NIV).

Apostasy doesn’t happen overnight. Be on guard in your life for slow, subtle signs of weakness in your faith. Keeping the faith is a daily charge empowered by prayer, Scripture, and worship.

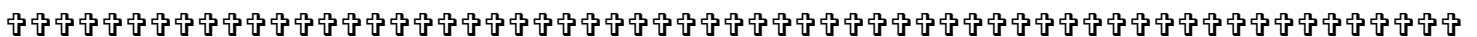
Some of the Bible’s greatest warnings can only be uncovered through careful study. In reading the letters of Paul, we find the name Demas three times. When Paul was first imprisoned in Rome under house arrest (Acts 28:30), he wrote to the Colossians, saying, “Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you” (Colossians 4:14). He also wrote this to Philemon: “Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers” (Philemon 1:23-24).

But just a few years later, when Paul was facing his second Roman imprisonment under far worse circumstances, Demas was nowhere to be found. In his final letter, Paul wrote, “Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world” (2 Timothy 4:10). What happened to Demas? Where did he go? No one knows. He is never mentioned again. Standing between Demas and Paul, with the world all before him, Luke chose for Paul while Demas chose for the world. Then Demas disappears, and Luke’s memory lives in perennial honor

This will become a sign of the Last Days—as more and more apparent Christians fall away. Let’s guard ourselves and our hearts closely. Keep courage, and stay close to the Lord. Be a disciple, not a Demas.



<i>Let us be Faithful Stewards.</i>		
Financial Report thru October 24, 2021		
	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>
Yearly	\$220,887.86	\$ 192,767.34
Weekly	\$ 4,247.84	\$ 4,482.96 (Wkly Avg.)
<i>A Giving Church is a Living Church!</i>		



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Art Handy 11/4, Diana Solomon 11/18, Jayden Eason 11/20, Gary Bentley 11/24, Julia Fields 11/28

Looking Ahead...
Chapel’s Christmas Banquet
December 4th, Saturday Evening