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Bertharine Burton, Ruby Harrison, Willie Nelson (Shadescrest)

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AM -NEIL MYERS

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**MIDWEEK SERVICES THIS WEEK WILL BE TUESDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM**

**THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES DECEMBER 25**

**READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- ACTS 15-17; MON- 18-20; TUES- 21-23; WED-24-26; THUR- ROMANS 1-3; FRI- 4-7; SAT-8-10; SUN- 11-13**

**ANNIVERSARY:**

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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"OVERCOMING TEMPTATION"

Greg Neill

All people are tempted by something. Some people are tempted by almost everything. Some have only few things that tempt them. Even Jesus was tempted (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15).

Some temptations are harmless such as being tempted to grab a warm fresh baked cookie from a platter, knowing they are being made for someone else. Other temptations carry much more serious consequences such as giving into the lust of the flesh (1 John 2:15-17). God has made it very clear those that follow Him are not helpless in regard to temptations. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, Paul through inspiration provides the keys to overcoming temptation.

Paul makes it very clear that temptation is a common phenomenon. God's greatest servants, including His Son dealt with temptation. Temptation is not sin. Temptation has been described as the process of dealing with the choices of good and evil. As Christians mature, the avenues of temptation will come in different forms.

Paul further states that God's faithfulness is a key to overcoming temptation. The Bible teaches that God is not the source of temptation (James 1:13). God provides man with choices (Genesis 2:16-17). However, man is drawn into temptation by his desires (James 1:14). God will not allow any man to be tempted beyond his ability to overcome temptation. Temptations may be intense, but God's love for man is immense (1 John 3:1).

In this verse, Paul teaches that there is always an avenue of escape available to those that desire to walk with God. Many times those being tempted do not seek the way of escape or do not take advantage of the way of escape. The best method for finding the way of escape is to stay close to the Lord (James 4:8). There are several things Christians can do to overcome temptation. First, we should recognize the reality of our personal temptations (1 Corinthians 10:12, Galatians 6:1-2). Therefore, we must always examine ourselves.

Second, we should request help when facing temptation (Hebrews 2:18). Prayer is a great tool for dealing with temptation (Hebrews 4:16). Seeking godly advice provides safety from temptation (Proverbs 11:4). Having godly relationships can help us deal with being tempted (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). Third, we should remove ourselves from tempting situations by taking away the opportunities to be tempted (Proverbs 4:14-15, Matthew 5:29-30). At times the best way of escape is to stay off the path. Fourth, we should run from temptations that are severe. Joseph ran away (Genesis 39:13). Jesus retreated from certain situations (John 6:15). There is no shame in running from evil (1 Corinthians 10:14, 2 Timothy 2:22).

Most importantly we must rely on God's strength to help us deal with temptation (Philippians 4:13)!

**FORGET THE BAG**

**By Dalton Key**

The owner of a small country store was once appointed postmaster. But a

full six months later, not one piece of mail had left the office. When the postal authorities came from Washington to investigate, the postmaster explained, “It’s simple. The bag ain’t full yet!”

How many of us are neglecting to do the good we know we should do, waiting until circumstances are absolutely perfect, until “the bag gets full?” Some of us can’t come to worship services. And why? The weather is too hot; or too cold. We haven’t been feeling well. We barely find energy to work all week, play all weekend, and attend whatever ball games we can find. Or we are feeling too well to spend a beautiful Sunday indoors in worship services. The church members are too cold and unfriendly; or they are so friendly we can’t get away from the building as quickly as we would like. The folks who go to worship are hypocrites who are not sincere in their religion; or they are a bunch of fanatics who take their religion too seriously.

We may as well admit it. For many of us, with excuses as lame as these, our bag will never get full – it has too many holes! One lady said she couldn’t come to worship services because she lived too close to the building to drive, but too far away to walk. Don’t laugh. After all, one excuse is as good as another.

Why not forget the excuses – forget “the bag” – and be with the saints in worship services this Sunday? Take another look at Hebrews 10:25. And then read the next verse, verse 26. Attendance is serious business.