

“Joyfully Living Under the Sovereignty of God” (Part 2)
Luke 8:26-39

*“The Scriptures teach us that **God reigns** and has absolute control over all things. We don’t live a second longer than God wills and we won’t die a second earlier than God wills. God ruling over all things is meant to give us stability, strength, courage, and boldness as we go through life.”*
(Proverbs 16:33; Amos 3:6; Psalm 115:3)

*“**Providence is** God’s all governing, all pervasive, purposeful sovereignty over all things.”*

Unbelief is more dangerous to us than natural disasters, sickness, or satanic power. Unbelief ultimately has eternal consequences and, in Christ, can keep us from eternal reward and enjoyment of God and the peace of God in this life.

- The strategies of Satan: *Unbelief in the Word, Power, Grace, Love, and Goodness of God.*
 - *“For by Him (Jesus) **all things** were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible....**all things** were created through Him and for Him....and in Him **all things** hold together.”*
(Colossians 1:16-17)
 - *“He (Satan) was **a murderer** from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is **no truth in him**. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for **he is a liar and the father of lies**.”* (John 8:44; cf. 2 Timothy 2:26)
 - *“We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies **in the power** of the evil one....In their case the god of this world has **blinded the minds of unbelievers**, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”* (1 John 5:19; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
 - *“And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your hand. **Only** against him do not stretch out your hand’....And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, he is in your hand; **only** spare his life.’”* (Job 1:12; 2:6)
 - *“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. **And when you have turned again**, strengthen your brothers”* (Luke 22:31-32). *“So **to keep me from becoming conceited** because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, **a messenger of Satan** to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited”* (2 Corinthians 12:7).
 - *“As for you, **you meant evil against me**, but **God meant it for good**, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.”* (Genesis 50:20)
 - *“And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”* (Revelation 20:10)

“Satan enslaves people in two ways. Misery and suffering leading to people doubting God’s goodness or through pleasure and prosperity leading people to reject their daily desperate need for God in their lives.”
(John Piper)

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery — Matt Boswell Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor — Matt Boswell
Closing Song: He Will Hold Me Fast —Norton Hall Band
Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Account Balance: \$35,624.60 July Balance: \$35,418.88	Weekly Budget: \$3,460
Total Giving: August 4	\$5,065.00
Total Giving: August 11	\$3,145.00
Total Giving: August 18	\$1,885.00
Total Giving: August 25	\$4,276.00

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September we are collecting monetary donations for the Christian Union Co-op. This is the general fund out of which the denomination aids individual churches within the denomination, as well as paying for repairs and upkeep of the State Home Office. The money we are collecting will go directly towards repairs that need to be done to the grounds and to the kitchen. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Christian Union.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be THIS Tuesday, September 3rd, from 7-8pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour of prayer!

★**LEGACY THEOLOGY PRACTICUM:** One week from tomorrow, on September 9th we begin our Practicum and we are offering "Basic Greek" and "God and Revelation" for our first course. This will be from September 9th through November 25th. "Basic Greek" will be from 6-7pm and "God and Revelation" will be from 7-9pm each Monday. If interested in any of these Courses, please let Elder Richard or Elder Zach know so we can prepare a Syllabus for you for the Course.

★**CITIZENS CONCERT:** Christina is arranging a group trip to see Citizens in Columbus on Sunday, September 15th. Online tickets are \$18 a person. Please let Christina know if you are interested in going so she can arrange carpooling. (740)755-6512

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, September 8th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!