

# Those To Serve

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Morning Worship

### Announcements

George Thomas

### Song Leader

Ed Hanson

### Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

### Preside

Steve Phillips

### Assist

George Thomas

### Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

## Evening Worship

### Opening Prayer

George Thomas

### Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

### Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

## Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>

### Song Leader

Zac Hall

### Invitation

George Thomas

## Building And Communion for The Week of June 15<sup>th</sup>

Kema Flowers

## Lawn And Ground for The Week of June 15<sup>th</sup>

George Thomas

## The Park Street Proclaimer

### Those Fighting Cancer

Drew Shinn, Leanna Shafer, and Megan Sanders.

### Prayer List

Tina Thomas, Barabra Hook, Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Tonya Scaggs, Michael Colbert, Sandra Rowel, Wayne Stilwell and Ed Jones.

### Shut - In

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

### Upcoming Events

Men's Meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>

Ladies Class June 14<sup>th</sup>

Singing June 18<sup>th</sup>

VBS June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Questions and Answers June 29<sup>th</sup>

Fellowship Meal June 29<sup>th</sup>

### Rejoice

We rejoice with our new sister in Christ as Madison Orth was baptized yesterday!

### Passage to Ponder: Psalm 103:8

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

### Sunday Sermons

Am – Guest Speaker Russ Earl

Pm – Guest Speaker David Long

### Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Guest Speaker Russ Earl

Wednesday Night – Isaiah



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

**Preacher: Zac Hall**

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**Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17

Believe – John 8:24

Repent – Acts 17:30

Confess – Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

## Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to [olathecoc@gmail.com](mailto:olathecoc@gmail.com)

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

# What Has Happened to Common Sense?

Tom Wacaster

After more than five decades of preaching and interacting with people from varied backgrounds and religious beliefs, I have come to the conclusion that once a person is determined to believe in something there is little you can do to change their mind. It seems that the more bizarre a belief, the more people are willing to embrace it. If you doubt that, take a close look at the tenants of Mormonism and the astonishing number of people who have embraced that false theory of religion. The belief that God was once a human like us, and that we, through some kind of spiritual progression can someday be like God, is just one example of the doctrine of Joseph Smith. Yet there are millions who subscribe to that theory, along with baptism for the dead, eternal marriages, and modern-day revelation., all a part of their bazar system of religion.

I'll say it again, when someone is determined to believe in something, no matter how strange that belief might be, there is little you can do to change their mind. Did you know that there are thousands who subscribe to the belief that this world is flat? Really! They belong to the "*International Flat Earth Research Society of America.*" It was founded by an Englishman named Samuel Shenton in 1956, and later led by an American named Charles Johnson, based in Lancaster, California. After Johnson's death in 2001 it seems to have dropped off the radar until a self-proclaimed successor, Daniel Shenton revitalized the society. It is assumed that he took the name Shenton in memory of the original founder, but this new leader is a man claiming to live in Hong Kong. While he was still alive, Charles Johnson, the president of the organization during the later part of the last century, said this: "I've been a flat-earther all my life. When I saw the globe in school, I didn't accept it. To me it was illogical." In spite of overwhelming evidence that the earth is round, there are evidently some who refuse to accept the evidence and live a life in belief of a lie and a deception.

The Bible calls for men to use sound reasoning when seeking divine truth. We are to "prove all things, hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21-22). We are to be able to "give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear" (1 Pet. 3:15). God called on Israel of old, "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18). Luke tells us that when Paul "reasoned of righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment to come" (Acts 24:25), that his sound logic was so convincing that "Felix was terrified, and answered, Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me" (Acts 24:25b).

*Logophobia* is the fear and/or rejection of the role of valid reasoning in arriving at truth. Terry Hightower has pointed out that "religious liberals and legalists have been known to criticize logic even to the point of referring to syllogisms as 'silly-gisms.' The fact remains that a good dose of logic is just what such ignorant individuals need, because logic is the study of the principles which determine whether inferences are justified or unjustified." When men reject logic and good-old common sense, they find themselves in quite a predicament. Lord Halifax is credited with having said, "Nothing has an uglier look to us than reason, when it is not on our side."

Most people engage the mind when it comes to secular matters, and draw certain conclusions based upon sound principles of logic. They may not realize they are using logic, but they do so just the same. When we exercise the mind so as to reason properly, we are exercising prudence. Now there is word that we don't hear much in today's vernacular. The "Free Dictionary online" defines prudence as: "Careful or wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment or common sense." Jesus once called for His disciples to humble themselves and become as little children. I have no doubt that two of the character traits our Lord encouraged us to pursue was that of being forgiving and teachable. But children also have a knack at using simple common sense in doing the things they are really interested in. Solomon tells his son to "understand prudence" (Pro. 8:5). He also tells us, "Smite a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence" (Pro. 19:25). Paul tells us that God gave us His Son to redeem us "according to the riches of his grace, which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence" (Eph. 1:8).

Thomas Edison is credited with having said, "The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are: Hard work, stick-to-itiveness, and common sense." Someone once suggested that common sense is the same thing as wisdom. If not the same, at least they are first cousins. Even the renowned atheist Robert Owens was aware of the importance of common sense when he wrote, "It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense." It seems to me that the further our nation gets away from God the more it loses the ability to exercise plain old common sense. Does it seem that way to you