

Guarding Against Temptation

By Mike Riley

On July 25, 1911, a circus stuntman named Bobby Leach went over Niagara Falls in a specially designed steel drum and lived to tell about it. Although he suffered minor injuries, he survived because he recognized the tremendous dangers involved in the feat and had done everything he could to protect himself from harm.

Amazingly, while visiting New Zealand several years later, Bobby Leach slipped on an orange peel, badly fracturing his leg. Gangrene set in and he was taken to a hospital where he died of complications from that fall. Just think — he received a greater injury walking down the street than he sustained in going over Niagara Falls! The reason? He was unprepared for danger in what he assumed was a safe situation.

Some of the great temptations that roar around us like the rushing waters of Niagara will leave us unharmed, while a small, seemingly insignificant incident may cause our downfall. Why? We simply become careless and do not recognize the potential danger (1 Peter 5:8). We mistakenly think we are secure (1 Corinthians 10:12).

We must always be on guard against temptation (Matthew 26:41; Luke 22:40; Luke 22:46). A victorious Christian is an alert Christian who watches out even for those little “orange peels” (Ephesians 5:15-17). The Lord will reward such a Christian (James 1:12).

Take the name of Jesus ever
As a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy name in prayer. —Baxter



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Arthur Binford

Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

Sermon- Don DeLukie

September 24th

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Rick Cook

Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question and Answer Series will be scheduled when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer. **The next pick-up is scheduled for Sept 30th.**

If you would like to send Jacob a card please do!

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Please Pray For:

Alaric Fricke, Elaine Reppond, Marilyn Hemler, Carolyn Tobia, Cindy Smith, Phillip Simmons, Tommy Franklin, John White, Barbara Wheeler, Ronnie White, Aiden Richardson, Donna Llewellyn, Joanne Randolph, John McDaniel, Gena Granger, Brax Williams.

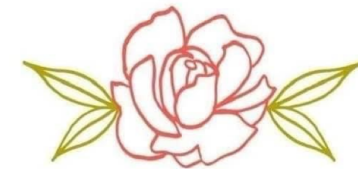
Bereaved: Families of Frank McDaniel, Florence Matthews, Judy Strickland, Randy Mitchell, and Randy Manning's Mother.

Continue to Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, Dwain Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Renee Gee, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

THE LORD IS WITH ME,
I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.
WHAT CAN MERE MORTALS DO TO ME?

PSALM 118:6



1 - Todd Chapman
9 - Carlon Hollis
17 - Sherry Miller
18 - Wanda Simpson
19 - Linda Herlong
22 - Jodie Chisley
23 - Maddie Magee
27 - Shirley Goodwin

5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

