

STAY STRANGE

Blessing/Not Cursing Your Persecutors

Romans 12:14

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Transforming Truth: Faithful followers of Jesus bless their persecutors.

I. _____ Your _____

- A. "Bless" includes "_____ well of" and "_____ good to."
- B. "Persecutors" refers to people who _____ followers of Jesus.
- C. Blessing our persecutors includes _____ to them.
 - 1. _____ them without _____
 - 2. _____ for their _____ and overall well-being
 - 3. _____ God to _____ them
 - 4. _____ the _____ with them
 - 5. _____ your _____ with them
 - 6. _____ them in times of _____
 - 7. _____ good things for _____
 - 8. _____ words of kindness, compassion, and _____
 - 9. _____ others from _____ them
- D. Blessing our persecutors is _____.
- E. Blessing our persecutors is _____.
- F. Blessing our persecutors is _____.
- G. Blessing our persecutors is _____.

II. _____ Your _____

- A. "Curse" refers to "_____ _____" or "persecute."
- B. "Persecutors" refers to people who _____ followers of Jesus.
- C. Cursing your persecutors includes speaking _____ to them, gossiping about them, seeking to embarrass them, _____ from them, shunning them, inflicting physical or emotional harm, and longing for them to be in hell.



WORSHIP GATHERING

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OBSERVANCE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM (10:30)

WELCOME & PRAYER

"Always"

"My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"

PRAYER

"Help Is On the Way"

MESSAGE

PRAYER AND COMMITMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **No Excuse Sunday!** As we recently learned in Romans 12:10, we must "be devoted to one another in love." That is exactly what we have been praying for you and your family recently - that God would renew our devotion to Himself, His Word, and one another.

Because of God's faithfulness, we have been given the ability to pursue greater involvement, gospel conversations, and lasting spiritual growth. So let's do that today. No excuses—just God's people, devoted and growing together for His glory.

The **budget Q & A** is today in the conference room immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Church members with questions or concerns about the proposed 2026 budget may attend to meet with the Stewardship Committee and staff member/s. Budgets were mailed the last week of October and extra copies are available in the sanctuary.

The senior adult **monthly fellowship dinner** scheduled for November 13 in Boatner Hall is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Instead, we have reservations at Moss Creek in Pearl for Thursday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m. Sign up at the table near the elevator.

The **Wonder of Christmas Tablescapes Brunch** is Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. Ladies, visit the Welcome Center after Sunday morning services for ticket information. We need **men to serve** tables at the brunch. If you are willing to serve, please use the QR code or sign up at the Welcome Center.



Make plans now to attend our annual **Church-wide Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal** Sunday, November 23 at 5:15 p.m. in the gym. Bring any potluck dishes you like. Please bring enough for your family plus one guest. The church will provide paper products and drinks. Food should be brought to the designated tables in Boatner Hall between 4:50-5:00 p.m. We will begin eating at 5:15 p.m. This will be a wonderful time for our church family to gather and give thanks to the Lord. All new members who have joined since this time last year are encouraged to attend for a special time of recognition and thanksgiving. The Lord's Supper will also be observed, and the special-called business meeting will follow the meal.

There will be a **special-called business meeting** Sunday, November 23 after the church-wide thanksgiving meal. The second vote required to change the bylaws will take place during this meeting as well as a vote (by ballot with no discussion) on the 2026 proposed budget and new committee members. Copies of the proposed changes are available in the office.

All **students 7th-12th grade** are invited to the following activities this month:

- *GROG Night* Saturday, November 15 from 6-9 PM in the 201 bldg. Food will be provided!
- *Thanksgiving Service* Wednesday, November 19 from 5-7 PM in the 201 bldg. Parents, scan the QR code to sign up to bring a food item.



Students, see Eli to sign up for these events!

There is currently a pressing need for **paid childcare workers**. In order to continue offering childcare for Wednesday/Sunday evenings and special events, these positions must be filled. Contact Korbi McQueary at 601-454-0066 for more information.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

11/2/25

Weekly Budget Receipts	\$35,791
Weekly Budget Required	\$34,700
Giving over (under) budget	\$1,091
Global Impact	\$117
Construction & Renovation	\$0
Other	\$118
Total Received	\$36,026
YTD Budget Needed	\$1,526,811
YTD Budget Received	\$1,483,063

REJOICING OVER DECISIONS MADE

This Week



Michael, Cheryl, & Mason Lasseter

*Requesting Church Membership
by Transfer of Letter*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Menu for November 12

Tacos, Chips & Salsa
Dessert, Tea & Water



*Meals are \$6 for adults,
\$4 for children, and \$25 family max.
Sign up by 9:00 a.m. Monday.*