



Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes: 9am
- Sunday AM Worship: 10am
- Sunday PM Worship: 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

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Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

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Evangelist

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Looking For The Good

One of the traits the Israelites were known for in the wilderness was their complaining. Right after God delivered them from the Egyptians by closing in the Red Sea on their army, they went three days without water the people grumbled against Moses. **(Exo 15:24)** Soon afterwards they complained about not having food claiming God sent them into the wilderness to die. This habit of complaining continued for 40 years.

Their complaining did not start in the wilderness, they were already good at complaining in Egypt. God sent Moses and Aaron to tell Pharaoh to allow the Israelites to go worship which he did not allow. In addition to telling them "NO WAY," Pharaoh made life a lot harder for the Israelites. He made them produce the same quantity of bricks while also getting the supplies they needed to do so. They told Moses and Aaron, "*The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.*" **(Exo 5:21)**

How could they ever look back on this period of their life as slaves in Egypt with thankfulness?! Leave it to the Israelites. God provided them with manna to eat after they complained about having no food. Then they said, "Who will give us meat to eat? We

Week of May 28

Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 50
- ✦ **PM Service** - 33
- ✦ **Wednesday** - 39

Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$1,585

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Harold Fesmire (6/7)
- ✦ Lana Ferguson (6/8)
- ✦ Keith Seaton (6/12)
- ✦ Hulon and Katie Scott (6/15)
- ✦ Natalie Morgon (6/17)

Calendar Items

Men's Meeting this afternoon at 4pm at the building

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday at the building at 11a

Song Learning Class on June 11 at 4pm at the building

Today's Lessons

- ✦ **AM Sermon** - The Truth Shall Set You Free
- ✦ **PM Sermon** - 2 Samuel 19

remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic, but now our appetite is gone. There is nothing at all to look at except this manna." (**Num 11:4**)

While they were in Egypt, they were not counting their blessings of these things but complaining because they were slaves. In the wilderness, free from slavery, they complained about their lack of food options. Seems like they are always going to dwell on the things they don't currently have instead of on the things God has blessed them with.

It's easy for us to point the fingers at those terrible complaining Israelites but in many cases we are far worse than they are. They complained about not having water after three days; we complain if our water is not the right temperature. They complained about having to eat manna for forty years; we complain if we have to eat the same thing two days in a row. The more spoiled we are, the more complaining we can accomplish.

Paul tells us to, "do all things without grumbling or disputing." (**Phi 2:14**) There is always something to complain about but there it also always something to be grateful for. Gratitude is the cure for complaining, grumbling, and disputing. Paul commands us to "be thankful" in Colossians 3:15.

A woman lost her husband very suddenly and unexpectedly to an illness. She loved her husband well and was extremely sad to lose him. Instead of complaining, she found things to be grateful to God for: He is now in heaven with his Father, he died in peace without being in a lot of pain, she was able to be with him in his last moments, etc.

One of the ways we can shine our christian light bright is by not complaining. Look for the good.

Patrick