



**THE CHRISTIAN ALERT**  
**March 15, 2021**

**10:30 am WORSHIP Online –**  
**[www.championchristianchurch.org](http://www.championchristianchurch.org)**

**March 21, 2021- Pastor Ken**

Sermon Series: “As Jesus Taught Us to Pray”

Scripture: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

Sermon: “That Your Faith May Not Fail”

**CHURCH FAMILY**

Please continue to pray for those recovering in their health and our homebound.

**GOOD NEWS**

At the February Visionary Council meeting council members approved by unanimous census a return to an in-person worship option starting Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Although council recognizes there is still considerable risk of disease within our county, many folks are completing their vaccination process, our schools are returning to in-person learning with appropriate precautions, and community groups are again utilizing our building for their meetings and activities. We are asking worshippers to follow the safety and social distancing procedures used last year (see below) to minimize infection risks. However, if you feel comfortable participating in sanctuary worship we look forward to seeing you soon!

**Safety and Social Distancing Procedures for**  
**Worship**

Please do any socializing before or after worship in the parking lot or fellowship hall

Remember to wear a mask and refrain from physical contact

Communion packets and worship bulletins will be provided upon entrance

A hand sanitizing station will be just inside the door for your use

Seating will be limited to every other pew in family groups

Please sit beginning at the front of the sanctuary and fill towards the rear

An offering tray will be placed at the exit of the sanctuary for tithes and offerings

If using the bathroom, please knock before entering to see if it is available

Father, “lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Of all the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer, this one is for me the most difficult to understand. It raises so many questions about my relationship with God.

For example: Does God really tempt us? If not, do you believe God tests us? Where’s the line to be drawn between tempting someone and testing them? If God does not do the tempting or testing, does God allow Satan to tempt or test us? If so, why? What purpose does the tempting or testing serve? Does it prove something to God, or is it meant to prove something to us? Could temptation or testing have a beneficial role to play in the Christian’s life? If so, why would Jesus teach us to ask that God keep us from it?

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” as I said, it’s a phrase that raises a host of questions.

This week we will explore some of these questions as we struggle with Peter in the courtyard of the High Priest.

I invite you to read Luke 22 to see how temptation, testing and evil are at work in the events of Jesus’ arrest. Then join me online with your questions that we might pray and seek insight together.



### 24 HOUR AT HOME PRAYER VIGIL

Please join in our 24 hour at home prayer vigil on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> time slots will be available by signing up online using the google form that has been emailed and texted, or you can find the link on our web page or facebook. If you are more comfortable calling to schedule your time, you can contact Jerry Hixenbaugh at 234-600-9434.

The prayer vigil will begin Thursday, April 1st at 8:30 pm, and ending at 8:30 pm on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Time slots are 30 minutes each.



### PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY E-MAIL OR TEXT

Our Prayer Chain ministry began in 1984 with a telephone “chain”, making individual phone calls from one member to the next, down the links of the chain. That has evolved; a prayer request now activates an e-mailing to the 43 members who have requested to be part of this ministry.

As technology advances, we wonder now would you prefer to receive prayer requests via text? Karen Sprague currently coordinates our Prayer Chain ministry. If you do not presently participate and would like to be a link on either the texting or the e-mailing chain, or if you presently receive e-mails but would prefer to receive a text, please contact Karen at 330-978-3441 or at [backyardherbs1958@gmail.com](mailto:backyardherbs1958@gmail.com) with your information.

We know and value the power of prayer, and we invite you to take part in this ministry.

*EGG MY YARD*

TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE YOUTH'S SUMMER MISSION TRIP, THE YOUTH WILL FILL AND HIDE YOUR EGGS (WHEREVER YOU WANT) THE EVENING BEFORE YOUR EGG HUNT!

\$10 FOR 25 EGGS  
\$20 FOR 50 EGGS

Email Casey @ [championyc@championchristianchurch.org](mailto:championyc@championchristianchurch.org) to signup!

**Hop in line  
its Easter time**

Drive Thru pancake breakfast featuring 2 buttermilk pancakes, 2 sausage links, syrup and butter pats. The Easter Bunny is going to be hoppy to see you and will be available for socially distanced photos.

**MARCH 27 • SATURDAY •  
8:30 - 10:00 AM  
CHAMPION CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**