



Times of Worship

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

Join us Online

Church Website:

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

YouTube Channel:

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

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

Do Not Be Deceived

When God created the garden of Eden, He “caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” (**Gen 2:8**) This must have been the most beautiful garden ever to exist. Think of the wonderful smells and sights this garden produced.

God put Adam in the midst of the garden to cultivate it and keep it. He told Adam, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.” (**2:16-17**) Adam could eat from any tree he wanted except for one.

Satan enters the scene in chapter 3 and asks Eve, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” (**3:1**) Satan brings up the one tree Adam and Eve were not allowed to eat from. Eve notices the tree was good for food, a delight to her eyes, and it would make her wise. Satan ends up deceiving Eve convincing her to eat and she gave to her husband who also ate. Satan, the Father of lies, the Tempter, the Murderer is really good at making sin look way better than it is. It worked with Adam and Eve and it can also work against us as well.

New Songs

- ◆ You Are My All In All
- ◆ The Love Of God

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ◆ Lori Barbour (1/18)

Calendar Items

Song Learning Class this afternoon at the building at 4p

Women's Bible Study Resuming this coming Tuesday at the building at 11a

Men's Meeting at the building on Saturday January 14th at 10a

Today's Lessons

- ◆ A Disciple of Jesus
- ◆ David Spares Saul, Again

Midweek Bible Study

- ◆ Luke 8:1

God has blessed us with so many good options in this life. Satan tells us if you really want to have fun, sin is the answer. He asks us, "Can you do anything you want here on earth to enjoy yourself?" Our mind goes to all of the things God does not allow us to do. We can't drink, we can't watch that movie that everyone is going to, we can't go to that website or watch that video or listen to that song, etc. Satan then goes to work to try and convince us that it really is not so bad if you participate in those activities.

It did not work out well for Adam and Eve and it will not work well for us either. Think of all the wonderful blessings that are ours in Christ. Instead of dwelling on what we can't do (which are not good for us anyway) we should thank God for all the activities we can participate in.

Satan is always trying to convince us how fun and pleasurable sin is so that we will partake in it. The truth is sin will never satisfy us. Even worse, sin separates us from God. The more we participate in sin, the more callous we will become until it no longer effects our conscience.

Satan has been using the same schemes and tactics against us from the beginning of creation. May we like the apostle Paul say, "I am not ignorant of his schemes." The more we see sin in its true light, the less we will be attracted by it.

Sometimes we are like Adam "who was not deceived" but still participated in the sin. **(1Ti 2:13)** Sin loves company. Whether we are deceived or not, we should never participate in sin. Instead, may we help one another and encourage each other to do what's right.

Patrick