

CUTTING THROUGH THE NOISE

November 23, 2025 | 11:00 AM

NOBODY'S FOOL (PART 2)

A Time of Greeting & Shoebox Dedication

Rev. Susie Reeder
& Ford Tyndall

Hymn 27

All Creatures of Our God and King

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Parent & Dedication

Caroline & Sophia Bridges, children of Thomas & Laura Bridges

Carter & Tennessee Davison, children of Aaron & Rachel Davison

Laurel Spell, daughter of Grayson & Taylor Spell

Hymn 10

How Great Thou Art

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Offertory Prayer & Generations Update

Mr. Brad Hurley

Offertory Feature

Rock of Ages

Men's Ensemble

arr. Cox

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-21

Rev. Richard Suggs

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Message

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Pastor Blake Bengé

Response Hymn 550

I'd Rather Have Jesus

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

Next Steps

Ms. Kate Pearson

Recognition of Decisions

Pastor Bengé

Benediction

Ms. Pearson

Postlude

Song of Thanksgiving Praise

Mrs. Donna Davenport, organist
St. George's Windsor, Ash Grove, Kremser
Linker

NEXT STEPS

COMMUNITY

Sundays 9:45am: Find a Sunday School Group that's right for you! Everyone is invited, and no sign-up is required. For a list of Sunday School groups, visit the Welcome Desk or go to snydermbc.com/sundayschool.

DISCOVERY CLASS

December 21, 10am, Small Dining Room: New to Snyder and seeking more information and connection? Join us monthly for a light breakfast and learn about Snyder's mission, vision, and values in an informal and interactive setting.

EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Service: Join us for the final Wednesday Night Dinner of the season on November 26, with dinner resuming on January 7, 2026. This Wednesday, we'll gather for our special Thanksgiving Eve Service—a chance to slow down, give thanks, and remember God's faithfulness. Bring your family and friends as we reflect, worship, and enter the holiday with grateful hearts.

Family Night at The Tree! Wednesday, December 3, 6:30pm, Gathering Hall. Family Night at the Tree takes place during the Singing Christmas Tree dress rehearsal and is designed for families with young children. Just come as you are, enjoy some cocoa beforehand, and experience the wonder of the Tree together in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. We'll start in the Gathering Hall at 6:30pm with some cookies, hot cocoa, and a short devotional before heading to the Sanctuary around 7pm.

Got your tickets? Singing Christmas Tree Tickets are now available. You can pick up your pre-ordered or sign out your first tickets today: 9:45-10:45 and 12:00-12:20 in the Gathering Hall. Not sure yet? Come by or call the church office this week (910) 484-3191.

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1 John 5:1-21

The noise of deception can be difficult to identify as untrue, requiring keen attention and insight. Neglecting to unmask fabrications will leave us foolishly vulnerable. John is committed to seeing that we become "Nobody's Fool" (1 John 2:26a, 3:7a, 4:1, 5:21). Today, we continue to uncover how "foolproof" the faith seek develop.

The Sixth Directive: Be _____

1 John 5:21

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

Idol:

- 1) Anything you run towards in order to get your deepest _____ met, other than _____ .
- 2) Anything you claim as your deepest _____ , other than _____ .

How to Be Watchful:

Ask God, ask yourself, and ask those you trust.

Understanding:

- 1) Idols are _____ .

2) You will fight to defend your _____ .

_____ Exodus 14:14

3) Idols will make you _____ .

_____ Psalm 135:16-18

4) Idols will claim your _____ . Galatians 2:20

5) Idols are often _____ in their deceptive descents towards death. Proverbs 5:1-23

Take Action:

1. Live in the _____. If you have to do it in secret or in hushed tones. Guess who you are shutting out?

2. _____ what will matter forever. Matthew 5:21

_____ + _____ + _____ = Heart condition

3. Actively _____ to Jesus. Galatians 5:19-23

A description of Christ's spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

A description of antichrist's spirit (Galatians 5:19-21)

Not the Conclusion:

If we are to be watchful, there is nothing to conclude. Only something to continue. Continue by asking questions such as these. Ask them with your Sunday School class, small group, friend group, or simply in your time alone with God. Consider journaling your answers:

1. How can idols—whether they're habits, desires, or misplaced priorities—pull us out of "walking in the light" and into spiritual darkness?
2. John uses the imagery of light throughout his letter. What does it practically look like to walk in the light, and how does keeping ourselves from idols help us stay there?
3. What are some subtle "modern idols" that might keep us from fully walking in God's light, even if they seem harmless at first?
4. How does confessing sin and being honest with God and others (a key part of walking in the light) help reveal idols we didn't realize we had?
5. What spiritual disciplines are helping you stay in the light—prayer, Scripture, community — and how do these protect your heart from drifting toward idols?

Summary of last week and the two directives not covered

One: Be Aware or Beware [1 John 4:1-6]

Beware! False Prophets! They are coming, and they are already here. Jesus said they would come. In our previous message, we discussed how we could guard against these "wolves in sheep's clothing."

Two: Be Lovingly Truthful [1 John 4:6-12]

Guard against the foolery of thinking that love can stand apart from truth. Love is full of truth. A fool's faith will think love and truth can stand separately. However, without both intact, we will lose our moral authority and credibility. Particularly with the next generation.

Three & Four: Be Ready & Be Fearless [1 John 2:28; 4:13-17]

Followers of Jesus will be judged; we will all answer for how we lived in light of His love, His sacrifice, His Spirit, and His Word. As we strengthen one another toward love and good works, we are becoming more like Jesus and moving confidently toward that day. Holding fast to the Good News and walking with His Spirit, we can look ahead to judgment—ready and fearless.

II Corinthians 5:10, Matthew 25:14-30, Hebrews 5:10

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SERVICE TIMES

8:40am, Modern Service, Fellowship Hall

9:45am, Sunday School for all ages

11am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

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