

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 16, 2020

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent
GREETERS: **no greeters at this time**

CARDS: no card pickup
at this time

VISITOR GIFT/ **no visitors**
HOSTESSES: **bags at this time**

SCRIPTURE READER:

NURSING HOME: no services

SUNDAY EVENING

August 16, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 19, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
DEVOTIONAL:
CLOSING PRAYER:

****Please contact Gene Blair,
if you are unable to serve.***

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

BIBLE CLASS (cancelled) 9:30 a.m.
WORSHIP (in person & online) 10:30 a.m.
EVENING (online only) 5:00 p.m.
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE STUDY (online only) 7:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS:

SENIORS MINISTRY CLASS 10:30 a.m.
**cancelled until further notice*

THURSDAY:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m.
**cancelled until further notice*

2nd Thursday of each month:

PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30 p.m.

Elders:

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Deacons:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
(youth, devos for Wednesday & nursing home)

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“Have I Sinned Away the Grace of God?” (5)

In this, the final installment of our series, we will discuss a third passage of Scripture which might give pause for a person to ask the above question. We have previously examined a statement Jesus made about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit and a statement the writer of Hebrews made about it being impossible to renew to repentance certain individuals who had abandoned Christ after fully experiencing the joys of being a Christian. In both instances, we have emphasized the fact that a person can be forgiven of any sin of which he can repent—that it is not so much a matter of forgiveness as it is a matter of repentance. Repentance forever stands at the door to forgiveness.

The third passage about which we would like to make brief comment is 1 John 5:16-17 where the apostle writes, “If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death” (1 John 5:16–17). In the context of encouraging prayer, John says that if we see our brother entangled in a sin not leading to death, we should pray for him. But, then, he adds that if he is involved in a sin leading to death, we need not pray for him.

What is a sin leading to death? This is sin which can be seen by others. Furthermore, as indicated by the use of a present participle, it is habitual sin (Bruce 124). In others words, it is a general way of life rather than a specific sin. Similar to what we read about in the book of Hebrews, this involves turning one’s back on the way of Christ and refusing to repent of a life of sin. Earlier in the epistle, John writes, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn. 1:9). Harmonizing Scripture with Scripture, we must conclude that the sin the Lord will not forgive—the sin leading to death—is the sin a brother will not confess, the sin of which he will not repent.

In the broader context of the passage, we read, “If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:6–7). A sin leading to death occurs when a brother ceases to walk in the light, giving preference to the darkness. Continual cleansing of Christ’s blood is unavailable to those who choose darkness rather than the light. They have chosen a path that leads to death. We are not obligated to pray for their forgiveness. We know that such sin will not be forgiven. In such cases, “it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them” (2 Pet. 2:21).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Junior Adams had surgery Thursday for a compression fracture in one of his vertebrae.
*Anne Janski will have surgery Monday, August 17th.
*Jim Burkett as he awaits results from a biopsy.
*Continue to keep Debbie Freeman; Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne; Dorothy Yeager; Ratis Yeager; Marilyn Watson; Jason Elliott; Lynda Horton; Janet Rhyne; Marilyn Koone; Cyndi Moore's friend, Leo; Daniel Phillip's wife, Cena; Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted Knight in your prayers.

For those who inquired, Mark and Catherine are registered at Amazon & Walmart. They will be married on October 24, 2020

Our Record

August 9, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	67
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (12th):	
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,016

Jesus answered " ... For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:37

Seek the Truth...

BIRTHDAYS:
(August 16th - 29th)

Patsy Story	8/17
Anne Janski	8/19
Tate Stacks	8/20
Gina Ratliff	8/21
Jeanne Haithcote	8/21
Kamden Fisher	8/21
Ashleigh McEntire	8/22
Marty Leonard	8/22
Lynda Horton	8/29

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim & Gina Ratliff	8/25
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ATTENTION MEMEBERS:
Elder Nomination forms need to be turned in to one of the elders or the office by Sunday, August 16th

Henry Ford and Idle Words

Ever say something you wish you hadn't? Henry Ford did. In a 1916 interview with the *Chicago Tribune*, the American motor vehicle pioneer said, "What do we care about what they did 500 or 1,000 years ago? I don't know whether Napoleon did or did not try to get across and I don't care. It means nothing to me. History is more or less bunk."

Though Ford was mostly trying to say that what matters most to him is what he accomplishes in the present, many a media source ran with the thought that Henry Ford says "history is bunk." Ford spent many years trying to put a positive spin on those words, most notably commenting in 1919 that he would build a museum focusing on industrial history.

Controlling the tongue is a difficult task, even for the most inventive and industrious of people. Jesus reminded us all to be careful about speaking without thinking. "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:36). Perhaps the best way to avoid idle words is not to speak too quickly. "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (James 1:19).

Like Henry Ford, we all often regret things we say. Words misspoken can plague us far beyond the time period in which they are uttered. To avoid such troubles, we can hear and put to work the words of scripture: "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:23).

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BIBLE QUIZ

James 1:12-18

1. "Blessed is the man who endures ____."
2. Who is promised the crown of life?
3. God doesn't tempt people, but instead we are tempted when we are drawn away by our own ____.
4. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from ____,"
5. True or False: God is called the "Father of lights" in this section.

*last week's answers: exaltation; humiliation; flower; withers; pursuits