

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 9, 2020

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
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 9, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 12, 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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Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
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"Have I Sinned Away the Grace of God?" (4)

Any sin of which a person can repent—of that sin, he may be forgiven. Forgiveness is conditioned upon repentance; but the heart can become so hardened as to move beyond the point of repentance. So, the problem is not forgiveness but repentance.

As mentioned last week, Jesus highlighted blasphemy against the Holy Spirit as a sin for which a person could not be forgiven (Mt. 12:22-32). Because the Pharisees had attributed to Satan miracles they knew were from God, Jesus said their sin could not be forgiven. Their hearts were beyond repentance.

A second passage to be considered is Hebrews 6:4-6 which reads: "For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame."

Addressed to Jewish Christians tempted to go back under Judaism in order to avoid persecution, the book of Hebrews powerfully shows the superiority of following Christ. Those mentioned in this passage had fully experienced all the joys and blessings of being a Christian; but had fallen away. As indicated in the original language, they had dropped out, forsaken and abandoned the Christian faith. Of these, he says, "it is impossible to renew them again to repentance..." (vs. 6). Repentance is forever at the door to forgiveness. Where there is no repentance, there can be no forgiveness.

We are incapable of knowing precisely when a person's heart becomes so hardened by sin as to be beyond repentance. But, abandoning Christ after fully experiencing the benefits of being a Christian is tantamount to crucifying afresh the Son of God (cf. Hb. 10:29). One who is worried about whether or not they have sinned away the grace of God is unlikely to have reached the point of no return. However, we know that hardness of heart is a progressive spiritual disease and that persistent rejection and resistance to God's loving call to repentance will one day render His voice so faint as to be no longer heard. So, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts..." (Hb. 3:15).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Jim Burkett had a procedure on Friday (the 7th). Remember him in prayer for good results.

*Keep Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne, in your prayers. He is in rehab in Clinton hoping to get stronger so he can have surgery.

*Anne Janski will have surgery August 17th.

**Continue to keep Debbie Freeman; 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.*

**Pick up a prayer request sheet on the table in the foyer.*

*"Better the little
that the righteous
have than the
wealth of many
wicked;"*

Psalm 37:16

BIRTHDAYS:

(August 9th - 22nd)

Tom Barkley	8/12
Allan Biggs	8/13
Ken Kunkel	8/14
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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jerry & Ruth Garrett	8/9
Tom & Stephanie Barkley	8/12
Tim & Dona Dixon	8/12

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SUNDAY CLASS:

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

SUNDAY PM:

WEDNESDAY (5th):

BUDGET:

OFFERING:

55

\$5,400

\$3,650

ATTENTION MEMEBERS:

If you would like Elder Nomination forms, please let Shelly know in the office and she will mail you as many as you need or you may stop by the building from 8am –2pm M-F.

**Deadline to turn in forms is Aug 16th*

The Danger of Desensitization

It's a real danger for Christians to become so desensitized by the entertainment we consume or the causes we support that we revert back to talking as if we never were born again. Maybe some rationalize their crude language, saying, "I only say these words when I'm really upset;" "But the cause is too great to ignore it just because there's a little language." And just like that, they've subscribed to situational ethics. Yet, the Bible still says, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths" (Eph. 4:29). It's up to us, individually, to decide if we really believe this teaching from the Holy Spirit. I believe Him, and so I want to keep trying.

Ben Giselsbach
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BIBLE QUIZ

James 1:9-11

1. "Let the lowly brother glory in his __,"
2. "...but the rich in his __,"
3. James says the rich will pass away like a __ of the field.
4. "For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it __ the grass..."
5. "So the rich man also will fade away in his __."

**last week's answers: "The twelve tribes" (v. 1); joy; patience; ask God; double-minded*

Our Record