

Weekly Services

Sunday	Bible Class	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
Mid-Week Study	@ the Building	6:30pm

Happening Soon

The mid-week Bible study has been delayed and will be scheduled soon. In addition, monthly activities have been delayed.

Do Unto Others...Closet

Will reopen August 22nd.

Please note there will be new procedures in place.

Our endeavor to open the Do Unto Others...Closet has already made an impact on our community. Every month we have increased our numbers and met new folks from the community, that are in need. To continue though, we need to consider ways to restock our shelves. Donations are always welcome, and we appreciate all our members and visitors that are able to help.

***Our people must learn to devote
themselves to doing
what is good, in order to provide to urgent needs
and not live unproductive lives.***

Titus 3:14



*Welcome
August 9, 2020*

Today's Service:

*Sermon: Nick Purvis
Songs: Duane Cefalu
Communion: Bob Shaver*

Inspiration:

"bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Luke 6:28

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Don Allen and Hannah Riggs, funding is difficult during this pandemic. We have no arrival date for them at this point.

Dan Farrington's recovery. Dan fell and has now been moved for rehabilitation. Continue to pray for Lia also, as she cares for Dan and prepares to bring him home.

Continued Prayers for:

Nick's Father

Amy's brother, Peter, recovering from a stroke

Diane's friend Mary Jeanne

Visit our website for a complete list of prayer requests.

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*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"Have I Sinned Away the Grace of God?" (2)

God's children are not immune to feelings of uncertainty and doubt. Though convinced we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8), some still struggle with questions about whether or not they are in a saved condition. They wonder if they have done enough to inherit everlasting life. But, we can never do enough to merit forgiveness for a single sin. Salvation is not earned. It is a free gift of God (Rm. 6:23). It is, however, conditioned upon faith (Eph. 2:8). By means of biblical faith, we stand in the grace of God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Good works are expressions of our faith. In these we must labor continually (1 Cor. 15:58). Faith without works cannot save for it is little more than lifeless ritual (Jas. 2:24, 26). But, when faith works through love, what we do in service to the Lord becomes evidence that we are walking in the light and standing in the grace of God (Gal. 5:6; 1 Jn. 1:7; Rm. 5:2).

The most common cause of uncertainty in the heart of a Christian is unrepentant sin. As we walk in the light, we have the continual blessing of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus (1 Jn. 1:7). As we become aware of our sins, we are promised forgiveness and cleansing if we confess our sins to the Father (vs. 9). Included in confession is the concept of repentance. Sin does not take care of itself. Repentance is required (Lk. 13:3, 5). Repentance has been described as "a change of mind resulting in a change of life." Some sins of which we repent are seldom repeated. Other sins, against which we struggle, are stubborn and persistent. These are the sins that give us pause, causing us to experience shadows of doubt. Time and time again, we must repent, even as we struggle mightily against temptation and sin. This does not mean that we have exhausted the grace of God. We must continue the fight and lean upon God's resources for strength and victory (Eph. 6:10-13). However, in our desire for assurance and confidence before God, we cannot take a less than serious view of sin or its consequences. Purposeful sin does not magnify the grace of God (Rm. 6:1). Sin separates us from God and brings about spiritual death (Is. 59:1-2; Rm. 6:23; Jas. 1:13-15). Christian assurance is the result of dealing with sin in God's way without abusing the grace of God or nullifying the gift of His Son.

More about this next week.

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