#### **Weekly Services**

Sunday Bible Class 10:00am

Worship 11:00am

Mid-Week Study @ the Building 6:30pm

### Happening Soon

Men's Meeting - Monday, August 24th

Men's Study - Monday, September 14th

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 in September.

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 16, 2020

Today's Service:

Sermon: Bob Shaver Songs: Bob Shaver Communion: Nick Purvis

## Inspiration:

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:25



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.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

## "Have I Sinned Away the Grace of God?" (3)

Among other things, Jesus promised His followers a full and abundant life (Jn. 10:10). As mentioned last week, living in a shadow of doubt can be an indication of unrepentant sin. Though, arguably the most difficult command we have been called to obey, repentance leads to what Peter describes as "times of refreshing...from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). For whatever reason, some continue to carry a burden Jesus has longsince carried away. There are several passages in the New Testament which, when improperly applied, can produce unnecessary doubt concerning the forgiveness of our sins. After Jesus had healed a man whose demon-possession had made him both blind and mute, the Pharisees accused Him of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons (Mt. 12:22-24). In other words, they attributed to the devil the work of the Holy Spirit and, in this way, committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Subsequently, Jesus commented, "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him. either in this age or in the age to come" (Matthew 12:31-32). We have long said that any sin of which a person can repent—of that sin, he can be forgiven. Those who had blasphemed the Holy Spirit by attributing His work to Satan exhibited such hardness of heart as to bring them to a point where repentance was no longer possible.

Keep in mind that Jesus knew their hearts just as He knows our hearts better that we ourselves (Mt. 12:25; Hb. 4:13). As human beings, we could never make such a determination about another person in as much as we are incapable of knowing another's thoughts or intentions.

The situation Jesus describes is unique in that His miracles were open and subject to scrutiny.

Yet, no one offered objection to the validity of any of His miracles. They could not be denied.

But, rather than allowing these miracles to testify about the identity of Jesus as the Christ, they spoke against the Holy Spirit through whom Jesus had performed them. This is a situation which cannot be duplicated in our day. Jesus is no longer physically present on earth. Through His fully-confirmed word, His identity is abundantly manifested. And, in obeying His will, we have assurance of the cleansing power of Christ's blood (1 Jn. 1:7-9).

More about this next week.

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