

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WEEK OF SUNDAY March 16, 2025

Announcements	Bobby Rothfus
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SUNDAY DOOR GREETERS

North Side	Jondan/ Stacie Rothfus
South Side	Derek / Angie Crawford

SUNDAY DOOR MONITOR

Gary Robinson	Ricky Davis
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MORNING WORSHIP

Adult Bible Class Prayer	David Allen
Song Leader	Jondan Rothfus
First Prayer	Adam Swallows
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Jonothan Whitson
Closing Prayer	Allen Cantrell

Evening Worship

Song Leader	Jay Whitson
First Prayer	Joel Knight
Scripture	Enoch Knight
Sermon	John Chowning
Prayers	Payne Davis/Levi Whitson
Lord's Table	Todd Webb
Closing Prayer	Jonothan Whitson

Wednesday March 19, 2025

Song Leader	Levi Swallows
Scripture Reading	Ron Brown
Devotional Talk	Gary Loftis
Closing Prayer	Derek Crawford

Wednesday Door Monitor

Jere Whitson

Jere Whitson is responsible for worship assignments. If you are going to be absent or need to request changes, please contact him.

Gospel Broadcast Supported

Preaching the Gospel, Sunday 7:30 A.M. – Ch. 11

Important News:

2025 THEME

Jesus Built His Church

Matthew 16:16-19

Verse 18 : And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

THIS WEEK'S TEXTS

AM class-Titus 2:9-15

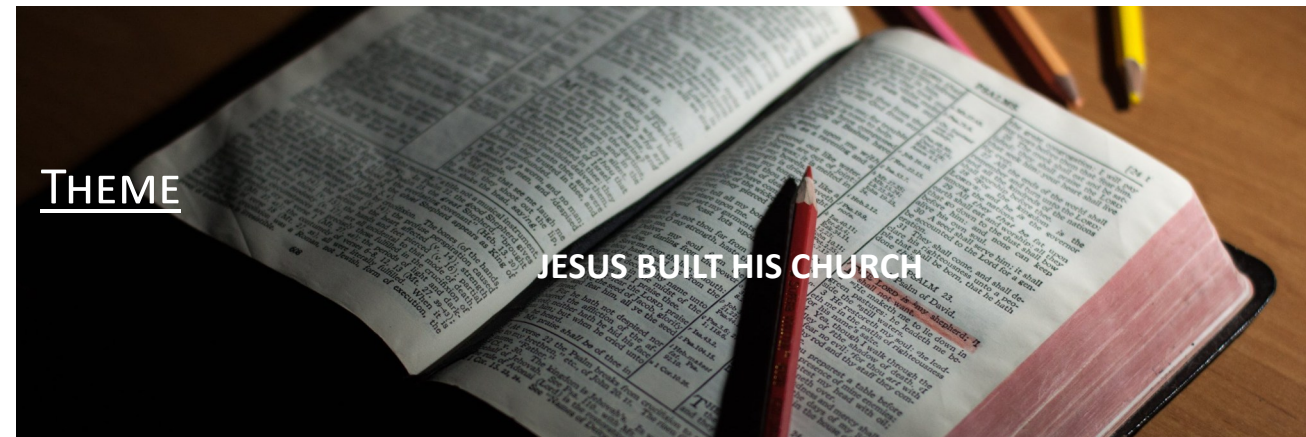
AM sermon- Ephesians 6:10-18

PM sermon- Ephesians 2:19-22

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SUNDAY

Bible Study9:00 AM

Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.

Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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What is Sin?

John Chowning

An essential purpose of the Holy Scriptures is their ability to make us wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15). This wisdom requires an accurate understanding of God's answer to the question of "What is sin?" Last Tuesday morning's class on "Studying Sin Seriously" focused on this important question and its sobering Scriptural answers.

Sin is...a violation or transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4). Sin is...a failure to obey God's righteous commands (1 John 5:17). Sin is...knowing to do good and not doing it (James 5:17). Sin is...violating one's conscience in matters which are not doctrinal in nature (Rom. 14:23).

The words used in Scripture to identify this spiritual malady are significant as well. The word "sin" itself (harmartia) means "to miss the mark". With God's will

being the target, sin occurs when that target of obeying God is missed. The words “transgression” and “trespass” imply the crossing over of a divinely drawn boundary line and going beyond the lines God has purposely authorized. The word “iniquity” identifies Satan’s success at twisting or wresting God’s word and will so that spiritual perversity results. How often something created by God for humanity’s good and well-being is perverted into something harmful and detrimental.

Sin is evil. It has no spiritual benefits, no redeeming qualities. It is reprehensible. Therefore, graphic word pictures are used in Scripture to help every careful Bible student have a better, more accurate understanding of its horrific and hideous nature.

Consider these seven similes used in Scripture:

- ◆ Sin is like a putrifying disease. Just as the rotting, foul-smelling disfigurement inflicted by leprosy, so sin continuously and grotesquely disfigures and destroys the soul. Isaiah wrote using these vivid words: “From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment” (1:8).
- ◆ Sin is like a heavy burden. David felt this devastating weight when he wrote: “For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me...I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long” (Psalm 38:4, 6).
- ◆ Sin is like a cruel taskmaster. The harsh and unmerciful Egyptian slave drivers who severely abused and mistreated the Israelites in Exodus 1 and 5 exemplify the sadistic slavery experienced by those who are servants of unrighteousness (Rom. 6:16-17). Sin’s taskmaster, Satan, does not care how abused and mistreated his slaves are.
- ◆ Sin is like a defiling filth. It is like the vomit a dog returns to and the mire a pig seeks to wallow in (2 Pet. 2:22). Only the defiled would find vomit and mire appealing.
- ◆ Sin is like a crushing debt. In response to Peter’s question about forgiving others, Jesus told the parable to two debtors (Mat. 18:23-35). The first debtor--an illustration of the spiritual bankruptcy every sinner has before God--would be like a penniless person today who owed a trillion dollar debt. Such is completely impossible to repay (Mat. 18:24-27).
- ◆ Sin is like a deep stain. Isaiah speaks of Israel’s sins like stains of scarlet and bright crimson (1:18). Deep, harsh stains which thoroughly penetrate the fibers of a fabric are rarely, if ever, completely removed without damaging the original cloth. This is what makes God’s offer to Israel so incredible: “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Is. 1:18).
- ◆ Sin is like an impenetrable darkness. “The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble” (Prov. 4:19). Without the light of Scripture (Ps. 119:105), there is no possible way to escape sin’s darkness in this life and the outer darkness (Mat. 8:12) it eternally results in.

There is much about sin we need to know and be reminded of. That is why this weekly Bible study is open to all.

IMPORTANT NEWS

-Reminder: The bible class on "Studying Sin Seriously" will continue at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11th, in the multipurpose room. Everyone is invited.

-The elders are still needing one more person to assist with organization of the library. If this interests you, please let one of the elders know.

ILLNESSES

Al Beaty, is now home after a stay at the local hospital, he will be having treatments for at least the next 4 weeks. Please no visitors at this time but phone calls are most welcomed.

Bonnie Woody, is scheduled for an endoscope on Wednesday , March 12th. Prayers for a good report from this procedure. She also has a heart doctor appointment on March 31st.

Carolyn Mason, will be having back surgery in the near future, once it gets rescheduled.

Earlene Qualls, remains at home recovering from pneumonia , welcomes visitors , but please call before you visit.

PANTRY ITEM:
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EXTENDED ILLNESS

Bonnie Stockton, Carol Meadows, Junior and Lou Bryant, Sue Ing, Mike and Lucy Mitchell, and Bill and Betty Barnes.

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