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*Taking Christ to
Our Community*

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

WORSHIP SERVICE August 27, 2017

Welcome

1014 "Jesus Loves Me"
"The Crayon Song"
"Every Time I Kneel to Pray"

Shepherd's Prayer

779 "I Love You Lord"
287 "There Is a Redeemer"

Communion

Contribution

1015 "Jesus Loves the Little Children"
533 "I Am a Sheep"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

569 "Sanctuary"

Family News

1014 "Jesus Loves Me"

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, August 27, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Brian Clark
Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Smith
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: Traci Orr
Attended Nursery: Lori Griffin
Nursery Next Week: Traci Orr
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(back): Mike & Paula McCage



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Christine Fussell, Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Leroy Albritton, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Glen Rippee (Evan's grandfather), Velynda Cameron (Evan's aunt), Lohnya Rippee, Ruby Rogers, Frances Green (Phil's mother); Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom)

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea).

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT: Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

TROY *Church of* CHRIST

FAMILY  NEWS

August 27, 2017



The Gospel of Luke is one of the most beautiful books in the Bible, in fact, in all of literature. It is a multifaceted book. It is a collection of stories from the life of Jesus. It is a gospel of joy demonstrating that no matter how bad circumstances of life may be, if you know the source of life and you have been forgiven by him, you can have joy. Luke is a universal gospel. Matthew was for the benefit of the Jews. Mark wrote to the Romans. John wrote primarily for the church. Luke writes to one individual, Theophilus, but his book is for the whole world showing that Jesus is the hope of the world.

Luke is a gospel for the poor, the lost and the broken. That's a message that's echoed from the Old Testament. The affluent have a responsibility to the poor. Luke is the gospel for women. He introduces all sorts of fascinating and interesting women who would have gone unknown and unnoticed except for Luke. It is a gospel about home life. He's the only writer who gives us glimpses of Jesus' home life, his relationship with Joseph and Mary, where he loved to stay, where Lazarus, Mary and Martha lived. Luke is a deeply spiritual gospel. He mentions angels, prayer and the Holy Spirit more than any other gospel writer. He describes the Holy Spirit as the motivator and source of life and stresses the Spirit's role in understanding Emmanuel—God with us—which Jesus was and is.

Beginning next week, Greg Ferguson is going to lead you through a study of the Gospel of Luke in the auditorium. You will get to see the ideas mentioned about fleshed out in detail.

The alternative class in room 6 is titled Embrace Grace. It is an unfortunate fact of life that there has always been a tension—if not outright hostility—between legalism and grace. It seems to me that the tension is due to one factor: a lack of understanding and appreciation of grace.

Legalism makes demands, insists on keeping the rules perfectly, burdens us with regulations. There's no relationship, no desire to please, no sense of joy. It's do or die. Obedience is the solution and the bar is high.

Grace, on the other hand, opens up a world of freedom. For some, the door is opened too wide. Grace seems to imply that we get off the hook without a penalty. Our sense of justice hardly allows for that.

However, I believe that a true appreciation of grace doesn't "let us off the hook" as far as obedience goes. Grace doesn't lower the standards. Grace doesn't let us "get by" with sin. Grace just changes our perspective.

We resent having to meet the demands of legalism. When we embrace grace we find ourselves doing the very same things legalism demanded as far as obedience is concerned, but now they are done with joy. Our perspective has changed. We do them out of love and not obligation. Let me encourage you to be part of our class and learn to Embrace Grace!

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE September 3, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Ron Newberry, Keith Connor, Greg Ferguson, James Bumpus, Jamie Clark, Frank Roberson, Aaron Tittle
 Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Tony & Brenda Henson
 (back): Wade & Christy Henson

◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

August 27 Esther 7-10
 August 28 Daniel 3-4
 August 29 Daniel 7-8
 September 1 Daniel 9-10
 September 2 Daniel 11-12
 September 3 Ezra 1-2
 September 4 Ezra 3-4



We seek to serve and lift up our God to the best of our abilities, and to unite as one to lead others.

Pardon Me

The US Bureau of Justice Statistics reported about 2,000 state and federal inmates escaped or fled government assigned work posts in the year 2013.

Of those, it is not specified how many were recaptured or returned. Regardless of whether or not they returned, another statistic indicates that a majority of inmates who are released without any rehabilitation measures end up re-incarcerated soon after their release.

Also in the year 2013, there were pardons granted to 30 convicted criminals by the president. These men and women who had been pardoned had to wait a minimum of five years from being released from any form of confinement imposed as punishment for crimes committed before they could apply for a presidential pardon. Upon being pardoned by the president, these men and women had a convictions removed from their records, sentences commuted, or were grant amnesty from future conviction for given crimes.

Regardless of who they were or what they did, they served their sentences, waited the allotted time required, and then applied or appealed for a pardon.

So what is the difference in an escape and a pardon?

In my mind, the escapee is running from the responsibility of their actions, avoiding the consequences, and also setting themselves up for future failure.

The one who is pardoned at least had to accept responsibility for the crimes committed, I mean if you are asking forgiveness you must be convinced you did something wrong.

Here is where it gets spiritual for me.

There are so many people in this world who try to live free from sin by not accepting the responsibility for their sin. They deny having done wrong, or they deny that there is a God who can condemn them for their actions. Effectively, they are attempting a spiritual Jail Break.

Then there are those who seek the pardon from the only one who can grant it. These people know they are guilty, have accepted responsibility and are casting the decision to remove the crimes from the record. To me, that's what it looks like to seek Jesus.

We have to accept that we are sinners, accept the immediate consequences of our actions, and then seek his mercy and grace at the foot of the cross.

So, consider this: Are you living a life thinking you are free from your sin? Or are you living a life recognizing you have been FREED from sin?

It puts things into the proper perspective.

Think about it.

Have a great week!

- Evan



PRAYER ON THE SQUARE

Please join the **OUTsideIN** workshop and friends for our devotional, Prayer on the Square, at noon every Friday, at the Troy Senior Citizens' Center. A light lunch is served.

◆ It's Back to School Season, and I know you're all busy, but don't forget to check out our **schedule of upcoming Youth Group events**, below. ↓

AUGUST-

27th- Exchange Street @ Troy youth Night!
 30th- Family Ontrack Night

SEPTEMBER-

10th- Troy @ Exchange Street youth Night!
 15th OR 16th – Youth Night Out
 (Bowling?Movie?Suggestions?)
 18th- Dinner & Bible Study @ Rippees'
 24th- Youth and Family Devo (Location TBA)

OCTOBER-

9th- Dinner & Bible Study @ Rippee's
 15th- Deadline for Celebrate Kentucky Registration
 29th- Youth & Family Devo (Location TBA)
 31st- Trunk or Treat @ Troy Square

