

Worship Servants:

This week: 12/10/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: Dylan N, Doug M
 Justin H, Matt S
 Opening Prayer: Barry S
 Closing Prayer: Phillip E
 Singing AM: John S
 Singing PM: Justin H

Next week: 12/17/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: John S, McCloud
 Scott S, Dalton S
 Opening Prayer: James M
 Closing Prayer: Matt J
 Singing AM: Alex H
 Singing PM: Braxton M

Sermon Notes



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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | January 2, 6:30pm
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall
 Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | TBD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY |
 December 12, 6:00pm
 Held monthly on the Second Tuesday.

TEENS IN THE WORD | TBD

MEN'S BREAKFAST | December 31 @ 7:45am
 At the building.

TEACHER'S MEETING | December 10
 Following evening services
Anyone who desires to teach please come!

**Check the bulletin in the foyer for more
 announcements and upcoming events.**

Service Times

Sunday:

Bible Class 9 AM
 Worship 10 AM
 Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class 6 PM

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Being Sorry is Not Repentance

Kolton Ballance

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation...”

(2 Corinthians 7:10).

This verse is a key verse in understanding what repentance is. Paul revealed that sorrow according to God’s will leads someone towards repentance, which leads someone towards salvation.

It looks like this: SORROW -> REPENTANCE -> SALVATION.

Sadly, what usually takes place in our lives is sorrow, but nothing else. We are sorry when we sin. We feel the guilt that comes with disobeying God, and we feel remorse for our sins. We might even utter a prayer asking for forgiveness when we realize what we’ve done. But none of that is repentance - those things only lead us to repentance.

Repentance can be defined as a change in mind that leads to a change in action. The sorrow is the change in mind, but it must be followed by a change in action in order to be repentance.

John the baptist told the Jewish leaders who came to him to be baptized that they needed to “bear fruit in keeping with repentance” (Luke 3:8). In Acts 19:19 the pagan worshippers came together and burned all of their magic books publicly as a display of their repentance. When Paul told King Agrippa about his mission work all over Asia, he told him that he preached, “that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds”(Acts 26:20). The message of repentance in the Bible is not that we should feel sorry for the sins we’ve committed. The message is that the sorrow we feel should change the way that we live moving forward.

So I want to ask a few questions to close this article:
What is the last thing you changed in your life out of repentance?
When is the last time you changed something in your life out of repentance?

Do you allow your sorrow towards God for your sins drive you to change the way you live?

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Connie Kersey, Barbie’s mom, is not feeling well and is in a bad health condition.
- Regina Summerlin is sick with COVID
- Pam Marlowe, who is a Christian in Gulf Shores, has double pneumonia.
- 2 students at BHS lost their fathers recently
- Faye Caddell is having health struggles
- Wayne Worley, Harbin’s neighbor, is in need of prayers
- Donna Dailey is recovering from surgery
- Capri Day’s mother passed away, UPDATE. Capri is really struggling
- Bill Finnen, coworker with Scott Sloan, has pneumonia and is in bad shape
- Ken Ramay and his recovery from procedure / spiritual struggles
- Todd Pierce, Jay and Kitty’s neighbor, having life struggles
- Kenzi Swindel has started her treatments, has had some victories lately
- Jimmy Bearden, West Blocton resident, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Wayne, brother in law of Kitty’s friend, having health struggles
- Reatha Griffin is having a lot of health issues.
- Joel Booth, member of Cicero family, has health struggles.
- 2 young ladies from Brookwood High School who are having mental struggles
- Mike Marlowe spot on arm biopsied awaiting test results
- Bekah Vining, West Blocton resident, has breast cancer. She is young.
- Yvonne Cicero’s great aunt Nell Tomlin is starting radiation for cancer.
- Bridgett Hobson friend of Juanita, her brain tumor is back. Treatment plan figured out
- SHANE ACRE’S DAD, Eddie, had his port put in for chemo
- Kyson Farley, Donna Dailey’s grandnephew, has kidney cancer and is on Chemo
- BARBIE SMITH’S FATHER and all of health issues, is making progress.

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 71
 Worship P.M. 42
 Wed P.M.32

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$3,174.00
BUDGET\$3,000.00

