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Welcome!

To the Lord's church that meets here!

*"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God,
and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of
man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13*

Join Us Sundays!

BIBLE CLASSES
-9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP
-10:30 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP
-5:00 P.M.

Our mission is to
share the Good News
of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ
with our neighbors
for their soul's
salvation.

Join Us Wednesdays!

CLASSES & WORSHIP
-7:00 P.M.

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

*Bible Studies With One Of Our Preachers Or Elders

*Free Bible Correspondence

*Free Marriage & Family Counseling

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please come again!

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Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties

Overcoming the Struggle of Sin

In today's life some people may think they don't have to worry about sin because it's God's job to forgive them and they believe God is so loving that He won't judge! They believe that sin isn't so bad as some say, and that we learn valuable lessons from sin, so we should embrace the culture around us. It is too easy to take God's grace for granted! The scripture states in (1 John 1:8), *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."* With God's help, and by following the principles of His Word, we can progressively overcome sin and become more and more like Christ. God doesn't, and cannot overlook sin no matter how many excuses people make! Sinners will have to answer to God!

In Romans 7:15-22, Paul admitted that he was carnal (Greek term, sarkinos). As a slave to the power of sin, Paul recognized that those things that he wished he could do, he could not do, and conversely those things he knew he must not do, he found himself doing. Paul shares with us lessons he learned in dealing with his own inward, sinful desires. He learned that struggling in his own strength could not bring success, and that he had to have the help and strength of God.

Becoming a Christian does not stamp out all sin and temptation from a person's life (Rom.7:22-25). Our old way of life before we believed in Christ is completely in the past. We should put it behind us like old clothes to be thrown away for good! Allowing these previous old ways to surface could devour, or engulf us into abandonment from Christ. In Luke 22:31, Satan wanted to crush Simon Peter and the disciples like grains of wheat. He hoped to find only chaff and blow it away. This same desire of Satan applies to us today. In Romans, chapter seven, Paul acknowledged that he himself alone did not have the strength to do what he should have done! He could not do the will of God, for sin held dominion over him. By himself, he couldn't break sin's dominion over him! There was a constant warfare between his old sinful nature and his delight in the law of God. Unfortunately, when a Christian attempts to win that battle in only himself, he is always defeated. Self-attempts to rid indwelling sin causes the frustration which can lure a person into leaving the Lord!

In conclusion, Christians will always be faced with trials as a part of life. Some of our problems are brought about by our sins (Prov. 13:15). Some difficulties come as a result of doing what is right (2 Tim 3:12). We, as Christians must lean upon God and His word through all the troublesome times in life, and when this is done, God will see us through! When we are governed by God and His word, God will lead us to victory regardless of the temptations and difficulties through which we pass! Christians are to live an overcoming life in the battle against sin!

THROUGH CHRIST, CHRISTIANS ARE MORE THAN CONQUERERS-Romans 8:37.

In love,

Brother Petties



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- Day 41 - Exodus 33-35
- Day 42 - Exodus 36-38
- Day 43 - Exodus 39-40
- Day 44 - Leviticus 1-4
- Day 45 - Leviticus 5-7
- Day 46 - Leviticus 8-10
- Day 47 - Leviticus 11-13
- Day 48 - Leviticus 14-15
- Day 49 - Leviticus 16-18
- Day 50 - Leviticus 19-21
- Day 51 - Leviticus 22-23
- Day 52 - Leviticus 24-25
- Day 53 - Leviticus 26-27
- Day 54 - Numbers 1-2
- Day 55 - Numbers 3-4
- Day 56 - Numbers 5-6
- Day 57 - Numbers 7
- Day 58 - Numbers 8-10
- Day 59 - Numbers 11-13
- Day 60 - Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90
- Day 61 - Numbers 16-17

*If you would like to join the forum to ask questions, share insights, or to receive encouragement, please see Gaylen or Nichole Williams.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

WHY AM I SUFFERING?

Remember when you were a child and you committed some infraction that would result in being punished, either by mother, or dad?

Sometimes it was just a scolding, and other times it was a whipping. Most of my whippings always were joined with a lengthened discussion as to why a whipping was necessary. Dad was real good about that. He would usually say: "Now, son, this hurts me worse than it hurts you." I often thought that perhaps one of his legs would fall off, or something like that, because the whipping hurt so much.

In the life of a Christian, we are often faced with questions as to why certain things have happened to us. We often get very upset and it is hard to focus on life. By the way, bad things happen to good people, also.

Why Suffering? Why do God's people suffer? Doesn't He love me? What did I do?

These are just some of the questions that confront human suffering. All men suffer, whether Christian, or not.

Often I have observed that some of the most joyful ones are those that are in the most difficult circumstances. For instance, folks in wheelchairs will look at you with joyful smiles, even when we know they are in trying circumstances.

I knew a man once who was confined to a bed in a Rest Home. He had a broken back experienced by having jumped out of an airplane. His parachute did not deploy as it should, resulting in his injury. He was always so happy to see me. The joy was written all over his face.

Fact is, some suffering is just the natural process of being in a world that sin has ravaged. Other times, it can be a result of things we have done. We live with other people, and what they do effects us.

There is a verse in Hebrews 12, that has always gotten to me. It tells us that God disciplines His children, whom He loves. It tells me that a parent will discipline when necessary--and, it shows love. Therefore, things do happen to us, and the way we react tells of our faith.

Job is a wonderful example. He was a great man of faith, but he suffered terribly. The devil was involved! God allowed Satan to do these things--but, Job proved his loyalty and trust in God.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF JULY 15, 2018:

PARKING LOT DUTY: PATRICK SELLERS

HALL MONITOR: TONY SHELTON

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BRUCE BROWN, CHARLES CULVER

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JOHN LLEWELLYN, JIM DUKES

SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS: RANGER SANDERS
GIANNI GRIFFITH

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) BOYCE EDWARDS, AL WILSON
(P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, JACOB BRYANT

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
ANGELA & DERICA THOMAS

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS

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DENNIS MARLER, JIM DUKES

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
JOHN LLEWELLYN

WEDNESDAY PRAYER:
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JULY:
REY & CONNIE CRUZ

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

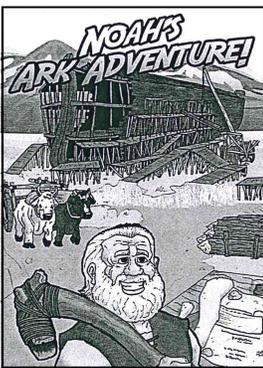
REMEMBER OUR MILITARY: Please keep Zane Wilson in your prayers as he is deployed.

OUR SICK: David Shilling has an infection in his foot. Please keep him in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Judy Wall's sister-in-law, (Gail Scott) & brother (Don Scott), Billie Lentz, Millie Simcox, Linda Deem's brother, Marcella Williams' sister, Jim Dukes' sister (Marie Session), Lois Brown, Dora Ray Chanslor, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Mildred Butlar, Shawn Forkey, Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Jodi Culp's mother and her husband, Trudy Perrault & her granddaughter (Lieda), her granddaughter's husband, great grandson (Jesse), & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), Linda Moore's brother (Carl Britton), James & Tammy Garner & family members (Christel Alcozer & Mary Simmons), Connie Cruz and her friends (Jane Rubio, Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) also Rey & Connie's family here & in Puerto Rico, Willard Dunn, Linda Walts, Tina Pallo, Brenda Sellers' mother, stepmother, nephew (Matthew), & her sister (Jesse), Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), Alice Saffor, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Nelda Cox, Sybil Cason, Jonathan Simmons Sr., Janet Simmons, Jonathan Simmons Jr., Gail Mende's son (Eric), Shirl Foster, and Amanda Petties' nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Team #2 will meet with their leader, Reggie Bass, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Reggie & Janet Bass, Boyce Edwards, Zack & Amanda Petties, Gaylen & Nichole Williams, and James Garner.

PANTRY NEEDS: Our local benevolence pantry is needing the following items: White rice, Ramen Noodles, canned beans, canned Vienna sausages, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned soups, toilet paper, and paper towels. These items can be placed in the foyer.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for this year's VBS which will be July 22-25. This year we will be discovering "Noah's Ark Adventure." **Adults-WE NEED YOU!** All hands on deck to teach, assist, and help with food! *Sign-up sheets for teachers, volunteers and those attending are posted in the foyer. Donations are gladly accepted. Please see any of the elders, deacons or office.



BABY SHOWER: Join us as we will be hosting a baby shower honoring Evelyn Asare on Sunday, July 29, at 3:30, in the fellowship hall. Kingsford & Evelyn are having a girl!

**Our speaker for today is Al Washington.*

Please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the inner aisle so we may have a record of your attendance.

THANK YOU!

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Let's Connect!

- ☪JULY☪**
- 22-25 Vacation Bible School
 - 29-Baby Shower honoring Evelyn Asare at 3:30 P.M., in the fellowship Hall.
- ☪AUGUST☪**
- 1-Singing Night
 - 5-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service. Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties.
 - 4-Men's Breakfast
 - 18-Ladies Breakfast & Workday