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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.
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Our mission is to
share the Good News
of our Lord and
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with our neighbors
for their soul's
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please come again!**

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Shepherds Notes by Boyce Edwards

THE SINNER'S PRAYER

The "Sinner's Prayer" is very popular nowadays and widely used among denominational bodies. Unfortunately, it originated with man, rather than God! The date of it is uncertain, though it is believed by many that it originated during the early days of the Protestant Reformation.

Though the general thrust of the prayer is the same, the prayer has different wordage.

¹Billy Graham

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen."

²Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ)

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for your forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

No inspired apostle or prophet in the NT ever told an alien sinner to pray to the Lord for forgiveness of sins! The "Sinner's Prayer" is not found in the NT!

Jesus Christ told His chosen apostles, **"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned"**-Mark 16:16.

The apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost told those who had asked the question, **"What shall we do?"** to **"Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"**-Acts 2:37d & 38.

Let's take a look at the conversion record of Saul of Tarsus, the one-time fierce persecutor of Christians.

1. Saul both saw the Lord and heard Him speak to him from heaven-see Acts 22:6 & 14.
2. Saul asked, **"Who art thou, Lord?"**-Acts 22:8.
3. The Lord identified Himself to Paul by answering, **"I am Jesus whom thou persecutest"**-Acts 22:8.
4. Saul then confessed Jesus as Lord and asked Him, **"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"**-Acts 9:6.
5. The Lord told him to go into the city and he would be told what the must do-Acts 9:6.
6. Saul was praying and did not eat nor drink for three days-Acts 9:9 & 11. This was certainly indicative of Saul's repentant attitude!

7. The Lord had given instructions to a disciple named Ananias to go to Saul-Acts 9:10 & 11.

8. Since Saul was prostrate in prayer, Ananias said to him when he arrived, **"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord"**-Acts 22:16.

9. Though Saul had seen and heard the Lord, believed on Him, confessed Him as Lord, had repented, and had been earnestly praying for 3 days, he was still unsaved for God's man, Ananias told him, **"Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins"**-Acts 22:16.

The "Sinner's Prayer" is a false teaching of men, and no one should be deluded into believing he or she can be saved by praying it, regardless of how sincere they may be! Saul was certainly sincere, but his sins were not washed away until he called upon the name of the Lord by being baptized!

The NT shows us that individuals who heard the "Good News," were told to believe (Acts 8:37 & 16:31), confess Christ as the resurrected Lord (Acts 8:37 & Romans 10:9), and to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). Those who obeyed God's message on the day of Pentecost were then added by the Lord to the church-see Acts 2:37-47.

God bless always-Boyce.

¹"Begin Your Journey to Peace." *Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*, 2018, <https://peacewithgod.net/>

²Olsen, Ted. "Southern Baptists Debate the Sinner's Prayer." *Christian History | Learn the History of Christianity & the Church*, Christianity Today, 20 June 2012, www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2012/juneweb-only/baptists-sinners-prayer.html.



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- Day 78 - Deuteronomy 24-27
- Day 79 - Deuteronomy 28-29
- Day 80 - Deuteronomy 30-31
- Day 81 - Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91
- Day 82 - Joshua 1-4
- Day 83 - Joshua 5-8
- Day 84 - Joshua 9-11
- Day 85 - Joshua 12-15
- Day 86 - Joshua 16-18
- Day 87 - Joshua 19-21
- Day 88 - Joshua 22-24
- Day 89 - Judges 1-2
- Day 90 - Judges 3-5
- Day 91 - Judges 6-7
- Day 92 - Judges 8-9
- Day 93 - Judges 10-12
- Day 94 - Judges 13-15
- Day 95 - Judges 16-18
- Day 96 - Judges 19-21

*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

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The apostle Peter introduces the thought of our lesson:

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Christians are to grow in Christ. We are just as babes when we become Christians in the family of God. As babes we desire the milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2), but as we grow in Christ, we will move on to the meat of the Word (Hebrews 5:12). This requires our growth in the knowledge of God's Word.

Those that do not mature will always seek the milk of the word and stay as babes (Heb.5:13). In order to grow, we need to digest and be nurtured up on the Word. We must know more than the first principles: read Hebrews 5:12 & 13.

It is easy to see that God desires us to grow in grace and knowledge. He wants us to learn from the meat of the Word. It is important to have milk as a babe. But, when we grow we will graduate to the meat of God's Word.

Below, I will list some things that will help us to grow:

(1). Study your Bible daily. The Bible reveals the Bread of Life (Christ). We should hunger to learn more and more of His way. Note the words of our Lord in Matthew 5:6, *"Blessed are those that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."* Read it, Study it, Love it! Don't be content to say: "Well, I have read through the Bible every year for the past 10 years!" Reading is fine, but study the Word and apply it to your life!

(2). Pray. Ask God to help you. Be in constant contact with the Almighty. Thank God every day through Christ for your spiritual growth.

Look at the life of Christ. He often spent all night in prayer. He prayed for others-even His enemies.

Paul tells us to: *"Pray without ceasing"*-(1 Thess. 5:17). Now, the devil will fight you every step of the way! He will do all he can to defeat you! He will create doubt, but just hang in there! Be strong in the Lord and His power! Just know that you are in God's family and your Father hears you. He will supply every need. Sometimes we have to suffer and sometimes we will rejoice: just remember, "He Hears You!"

(3). Be Faithful. Commit your life to Him. Put Him first. Don't let anything keep you from His Work.

Reach out to others. Be an Earthen Vessel. Carry the message of Life to others (2 Cor. 4:7).

Be an example in Faithful Attendance (Hebrews 10:27). Resolve that you will grow to be more and more like Him.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2018:

PARKING LOT DUTY: JOHN HOBSON

HALL MONITOR: JACOB BRYANT

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR AUGUST:
PATRICK SELLERS

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR SEPTEMBER:
JACOB BRYANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) BOYCE EDWARDS, REY CRUZ
BRUCE BROWN, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

(SOUTH) JACOB BRYANT, TREVOR HEILMAN
CHARLES CULVER, JOHN LLEWELLYN

SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS: ANDREW FORKEY
RANGER SANDERS

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, JACOB BRYANT
(P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, DENNIS MARLER

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

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
REGGIE BASS

EVENING COMMUNION:
TREVOR HEILMAN, JIM DUKES

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER (SINGING NIGHT): GAYLEN WILLIAMS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER:
JOHN LLEWELLYN

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR AUGUST:
BRENDA SELLERS

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR SEPTEMBER:
LETTY BURGOS

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

OUR SICK: Mildred Butlar has pneumonia. She is at home, but the family is requesting no visitors at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former member, Ann Simpson, has been diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Larry Kimbrell, William Odum's father, former member Emmanuel Pinewood's son (Josiah), Ralph Hughart's sister-in-law Carol (Hughart), Marcella Williams' sister (Shiela), David Shilling, Judy Wall's sister-in-law, (Gail Scott) & brother (Don Scott), Billie Lentz, Millie Simcox, 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), Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda), great grandson (Jesse), & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), 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 #3 will meet with their leader, Andre Pettaway, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Andre & Alfreda Pettaway, Beverly Williams, Donna Hines, and Brenda & Patrick Sellers.

CHANGE CAN DRIVE: We are collecting change for Christian Homes & Family Services in Abilene until November. Cans are located in the foyer. Please pick one up to fill.

PANTRY NEEDS: Thank you for your great response! As this is an ongoing work, our local benevolence pantry needs the following items: Canned beans, canned chicken, canned soups, and canned mixed vegetables, and canned carrots. These items can be placed in the foyer.

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a men's bowling fellowship at the Hallmark Lanes on September 22, from 2-4. Please see Zack Petties for more information.

LADIES SIGN-UP SHEETS: Ladies, there are sign-up sheets on the Ladies Bulletin Board for those who wish to be a part of the Ladies Day event and the upcoming Southwest Ladies Day on September 15.

SAVE THE DATE: "Be Still & Know..." -Psalm 46:10 is our focus for this year's Ladies Day on October 13. Ladies, save the date and join us as we hear a lesson from Becky Blackmon, Christian sister and author of "The Begging Place."

**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!



☪ SEPTEMBER ☪

1-Men's Breakfast at the Killeen Golden Corral at 8:30 am.

2-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties.

5-Singing Night

8-Ladies Breakfast & Workday at 9:30 am.

22-Men's Bowling at the Hallmark Lanes from 2-4 pm.