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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully –
Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Drew Shinn and Kim V.

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, and Millie Robertson.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Gospel Meeting at 39th Street with Toney Smith March 24th – 27th
Singing March 27th
5th Sunday Fellowship Meal March 31st
Questions and Answers March 31st
Ladies Bible Marking April 7th.
Ladies Bible Study April 13th at 10:00am
Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Brendan Carr April 21st – 24th

Directory

There are two new directory pages on the back table, please pick up a copy for your directory.

If you need your page updated, please let Zac know.

Teachers

Please start the new curriculum on April 3rd

Birthdays

Ron Campbell 26th

Passage to Ponder: Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Sunday Sermons

A.M..... By His Stripes
P.M..... Lesson in Lyrics: All the Way My Savior Leads

Those To Serve

March 24th, 2024

Morning Worship

Announcements

Steve Phillips

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Ed Hanson

Preside

Zac Hall

Assist

George Thomas

Closing Prayer

Ron Campbell

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wed. March 27th,
2024

Song Leader

Singing

Invitation

George Thomas

Urgency In Forsaking Sin

Douglas Hoff

The Bible is full of many valuable lessons. A study of God's word shows sin is dangerous, deceptive and destructive. That is why it is important to quickly leave Satan's snare (**1 Timothy 3:7; 2 Timothy 2:26**). The longer a soul remains trapped in sin, the harder it is to get free of its hold. Wise people will recognize this and do their best to avoid sin in the first place. When a person has sinned he should exercise urgency in forsaking it for his soul's sake.

The generation of Israelites that forsook Egypt and followed Moses through the wilderness reveals the true nature of sin. They had heard the voice of God at Mt. Sinai and promised to obey (**Exodus 19:8; Deuteronomy 5:22-29**). However, with few exceptions, they did not. The writer of Hebrews said this about them:

(**Hebrews 3:7-13**; NKJV) Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, {8} DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION, IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS, {9} WHERE YOUR FATHERS TESTED ME, TRIED ME, AND SAW MY WORKS FORTY YEARS. {10} THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THAT GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS.' {11} SO I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'" {12} BEWARE, BRETHREN, LEST THERE BE IN ANY OF YOU AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF IN DEPARTING FROM THE LIVING GOD; {13} BUT EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY, WHILE IT IS CALLED "TODAY," LEST ANY OF YOU BE HARDENED THROUGH THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN."

Notice that unbelief is called evil. It leads one to depart from God. The cure for unbelief is exhortation using God's word. The exhortations need to be frequent (even daily). The time for such reminders and encouragement is NOW — not tomorrow or the next day. Tomorrow may not come (**Proverbs 27:1**). When listening to God's word one must choose to obey or he will disobey and harden his heart.

Sin is deceptive and hardens one's heart to the outcome. Sin says, "There's no hurry!" However, staying in sin makes it harder to leave (**Proverbs 28:14; 29:1**). It is truly amazing how often man will justify his sin. At first he may admit it is wrong but thinks it is not too bad. In fact, the sinner often

thinks he can "manage" his sin. What a lie! At that point, one has engaged in self deception and is on the way to being thoroughly ensnared by Satan. Choosing to remain in sin can dull the senses to the soul's destruction. When the heart becomes hardened it no longer feels the pangs of a tender conscience. This is why it is so dangerous to play with sin. Eventually, one's conscience may be seared (**1 Timothy 4:1,2**). Searing living tissue kills the nerves so that there is no more pain felt. With no pain there is no incentive to repent because everything seems fine. In the scriptures hardness of heart is linked with impenitence (e.g., **Romans 2:5**). Such souls are said to be "TREASURING UP FOR YOURSELF WRATH IN THE DAY OF WRATH AND REVELATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD." Indeed, this is a terrible condition to be in.

Not surprisingly, Jesus had a lot to say about hardness of heart. On one occasion the Lord was both angered and grieved by the hardness of hearts among the people (**Mark 3:5**). Even the disciples suffered from this problem. This in turn led them not to understand a spiritual point Jesus was making (**Mark 6:52; 8:17**). After the resurrection the Lord rebuked the eleven for their hardness of heart because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen (**Mark 16:14**).

Sadly, the hard hearted won't enter God's promised rest (heaven) because of sin and unbelief (**Hebrews 4:7-9**). Brethren, take heed to yourselves. If you are in sin right now, get out while you still have time.