

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
Worship 10:30 A. M.
Worship 4:00 P. M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Class -- 10 A. M. (Sept. – June)

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7:30 P. M.
*** Singing, Scripture Reading & Prayers on the last Wednesday of the month. ***

Our Preacher:

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We are broadcasting our worship services over the Internet.

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Chuck Northrop: OABS Director.
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God's Plan For Salvation

Hear: Rom. 10:17.
Believe: Mark 16:16.
Repent: Luke 13:3, 5.
Confess: Rom. 10:9-10.
Baptism: Acts 2:38.
Be Faithful: 1 Cor. 15:58.

There is no other way!

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Prayer List:

Delpha Pearce, Sophia Kersten, Brandy Smith, Edith Smith, Phyllis and Tip Tipping, Johnny Graham, Christine Joplin, Darlene Scott, Geneice and Derral.

Christine Joplin had outpatient surgery Thursday and is waiting for test results.

Family and Friends:

Chuck Northrop, Pam Logsdon, and Helen Smith, the Smith's cousin. Galen Anderson, a former member, has had some tests and is waiting for the results.



In the Military:
Keith Pilgrim and Justin Cormier.

Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for coming. Please fill out the card in the back of the song book. We invite you to come again.

Sermon Titles:

AM: Demas Loved the World (**2 Tim. 4:10**).

PM: Fountain of Life (**Rev. 21:5-8**).

God is the fountain whence
Ten thousand blessings flow;
To Him my life, my health, and friends,
And every good, I owe.

Rev. 21:6 "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

WALKING IN THE LIGHT.

Trent Thrasher

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

Our manner of life must be such that we are in the light as God is in the light. Remember, there is no darkness (sin; wickedness; ignorance) in God at all (1 John 1:5). As we have seen earlier, light is connected with truth, goodness, life, and knowledge. Walking in the light is conducting our lives God's way. That means when we sin as His children, we make it right with God doing it God's way (cf. Acts 8:12-24; Revelation 2:5, 16, 3:3, 19; 1 John 1:9; James 5:16). Thanks be to God we have access to the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ which makes this possible!

We will fall (sin) from time to time but we must get up to be just (Proverbs 24:16). When we fall (sin) we better evaluate why and make the necessary correction so it does not happen again. Even the industrial world understands that error (defects) cannot go uncorrected (change nothing) or undetected (ignorance or false positives) without negative consequence. Corrective action is a common word in the manufacturing business but they got the concept from God as He commands repentance to all (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Peter 3:9). Sin will find us out (Numbers 32:23).

We cannot be perfect in the sense of never sinning (Romans 3:23) but we can and must be blameless before God (Ephesians 5:25-27; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:13). So let us walk in the light as God is in the light and enjoy that blessed fellowship!

WHAT DOES REPENTANCE REQUIRE?

Toney L. Smith

In Acts 3:19, we read, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...” We notice that “sins being blotted out” are conditional, based upon repentance. Without repentance, our sins will not be blotted out. God has always required that men repent (2 Peter 3:9), for, without repentance, we can never be forgiven. The word repents means “to change one’s mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins” (Thayer’s Greek Definitions). Jesus made it abundantly clear that the sinner must repent or perish (Luke 13:3, 5). We notice that He said, “EXCEPT ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.” The word except carries the meaning of “if not or unless” (Strong’s Greek Dictionary).

It seems that we are going through a time when many are seeking to forgive and forget without repentance being in the conversation. Individuals, as well as congregations, transgress God’s word and live in that condition for years without repenting. Then after a period of time, someone decides to forget and forgive those who have lived in

that condition for years. Biblical forgiveness is dependent upon repentance. Anyone who has sinned must repent BEFORE forgiveness can be obtained. When an individual or a congregation is withdrawn from, that fellowship can only be restored through repentance. Jesus said, “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and IF he repent, forgive him” (Luke 17:3).

Sin separates men from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). To be separated from God means that one is walking in darkness and, thus, out of fellowship with God (1 John 1:5-7). God does not overlook any of our sins. He requires confession of sins (1 John 1:9) and repentance (Acts 8:22).

What Does Forgiveness Mean? It does not mean that we can forgive even when one does not repent. We pray that repentance will come so that fellowship can be restored. However, our desires or prayers will NOT remove the guilt of sin for the one who has sinned. If such were possible, why did Jesus give clear instructions in Matthew 18:15-17? He commanded, “Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother” (Matthew 18:15). If forgiveness can be granted without repentance, why would we be required to “go and tell him his fault?” If we can forgive without repentance, He would have said, “just put the fault out of your mind and forgive him.” Why did Nathan say to David, “Thou art the man” in 2 Samuel 12:7? The answer is clear. David had sinned and needed to repent so as to obtain forgiveness!

When we ignore God’s commandments concerning repentance and the forgiveness of sin, we cause people to feel secure when they are not secure at all. It is impossible for us to forgive sins without the acknowledgment of sin and repentance of those sins. Just how many souls will be lost because we did not require repentance from those who were guilty? How many will be lost due to sins in their past, which have never been forgiven? We have already observed that sins can never be forgiven, “except ye repent.” Why is that hard for some to understand?

One person said he would go ahead and forgive a transgressor even though there was nothing said about repentance. I believe that every faithful Christian wants the sinner to be forgiven. However, a faithful child of God will confront sin and never try to dismiss sins without repentance. Truth is - we cannot remove any sin without repentance coming from the guilty party. To try to do so will cause a soul to be lost! The faithful child of God must seek to restore the unfaithful (Galatians 6:1-2). Question: If we can forgive without confession and repentance, why do preachers offer the invitation seeking to restore the erring child of God? We could omit that part of the sermon if sinners do not need to repent! The truth is, God will not overlook sin, and we must not overlook nor dismiss that which God will not.