

## SUNDAY MORNING

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### Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

### Lord's Supper

Mark Davis      Clay Morris  
Bill Brittenham      Jon Barry

### Prayers

Bryan Garlock      Wendell Mobley

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Jack Calvert

### Song Leader

Clay Morris

### Prayers

Gerald Eaton      Mark Davis

### Invitation

Bryan Garlock

## ABOUT US

### Elders

Jack Calvert      Rodney Ellis

### Deacons

Jon Barry      Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis      Clay Morris

### Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
Worship .....6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16;  
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think On These Things

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## What Is Repentance?

Bryan Garlock

“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.’” (Matt. 21:28-32)

Did you notice what repentance looks like? Jesus explained repentance by illustrating the response of two sons. One said he would not go but later went, while the other said he would go but refused to

go. The difference between the two sons was a *change of mind* and a *change of will*. Thus, Jesus showed the “righteous” Jewish leaders that tax collectors (unjust and abusive thieves, hated by all) and prostitutes would be welcomed into God’s kingdom because they changed their mind about their wickedness and thereafter changed their will; that is, the tax collector became just and the prostitute ceased her lucrative but immoral business.

Interestingly, Judas, the betrayer, was one that changed his mind but did not follow through with changing his will. “Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, *he changed his mind* and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, ‘I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’ They said, ‘What is that to us? See to it yourself.’ And throwing down the

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

**Ladies Bible Class:** The next class is Tuesday, **Mar. 10, 2020.** Noon at **Sherry Brittenham's** and 6:00 PM at **Karen Calvert's.**

**A number of our members are either sick or have been sick recently. Yes, this is the time of year. Please look around and check up on those who are absent. Call, text, send a card. See if they need assistance during their illnesses.**

Please keep **Ann Thomas's** grandson, **Logan** and his wife, **Chelsea** in your prayers. **Chelsea** has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Friday, April 3: Annual Singing**  
**April 5-8 (Sun. – Wed.): Gospel Meeting** with **Jonathan Glaesemann** from Stonewall. LA.

**Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.**

*Jas 4:14 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.*

pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.” (Matt. 27.3-5)

Unfortunately, while Judas changed his mind — and even confessed his sin and sought restitution by returning the money — there was one element of repentance that he failed to apply, which is godly sorrow. Do not misunderstand; he had sorrow but it was sorrow that leads to death rather than leads to repentance (2 Cor. 7.8-11). Ironically, while he sought to clear his name in this matter by his confession and restitution, he was not willing to turn to Jesus — whom he presumed to be as good as dead — for forgiveness.

Thus, while changing our mind about our sin is necessary, that is, we hate our sin and no longer want to be mastered by that sin, it is godly sorrow — mourning for our sins — that leads to a change of will (action in the opposite direction).

Lastly, the apostle Peter beautifully displays a truly penitent person. Matthew recorded someone saying to Peter, “‘You also were with Jesus the Galilean.’ But Peter denied it before them all, saying, ‘I do not know what you mean.’” (Matt. 26.69-75) Then he denied Jesus three times. After Jesus was resurrected and appeared to the apostles, He said to Peter, “Follow Me.” (John 20.15-19) It is in this scene that we learn that Peter’s sorrow (Matt. 26.75) led to his repentance.

Later we read, “Now when they [the Jews] saw the boldness of Peter and John, and

perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus... So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.” (Acts 4.5-20)

Peter, whose mind had changed, whose sorrow was godly, and whose will was to glorify Jesus, answered, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4.19-20)

In both events, people recognized that Peter had *been with* Jesus. However, Peter resolved to never deny Jesus again and he didn’t. That’s repentance. BG

### What We Forget

Joseph Barry

When we put our kids in school, we often forget something among all the mountain-high stacks of homework we force our kids through. That is, we often forget about God. We get so busy with our lives that we forget to study our Bibles – and a lot of times – we totally forget about God entirely. Another reason for this is we do not instill into our children how important God is to their daily lives and their afterlife.

This needs to be taught at a young age so they will be grounded in Truth. Let me tell you a tale of a young man. This young man grew up in a family where God was not really taught in the home. Oh, his

parents occasionally taught him about God, but God was always pushed to the side when other things came up. Besides, between soccer and spending hours per day on their phones, there was not enough time in the day to put God first.

The other story is also about a young man and his family. His parents studied the Bible with him every day and, in every way possible, they put God first in the life of their son. Now, which one do you think went to Heaven?

### Sound Familiar?

**Phil. 4:4-8 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.**

If you are a Christian, then this should sound vary familiar. However, if you are not, it probably sounds pretty strange. With climate change, the coronavirus, political strife, pending economic collapse and so many other catastrophes and calamities, **there is no peace in the world.**

But remember. God IS in control and Christians CAN have peace. DWELL on the things of God, not the things of this temporary world.