

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Announcements**  
Bill Brittenham

**Song Leader**  
Daniel Allgor

**Lord's Supper**  
Bryan Garlock    Bill Rinehart  
Clay Morris

**Prayers**  
Rodney Ellis    Joseph Barry

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Via Zoom**

**ABOUT US**

**Elders**  
Jack Calvert    Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry    Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis    Clay Morris

**Evangelist**  
Bryan Garlock

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**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



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**Don't Be Surprised**  
Zack Lee

Life is filled with surprises, some good, some bad. There is one surprise that I hope we will never experience. I am referring to the surprise of standing before God in judgment, having been a Christian for many years, only to be rejected by Him. Many would be surprised to find out that such a surprise is even possible, yet Jesus says that it is. As Jesus finishes up His Sermon on the Mount, he says, *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and cast out demons in your name and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness”* (Matt. 7:21-23).

speaking of atheists or agnostics. Neither is He speaking of those in religions who deny His authority and deity. He is speaking of us, those who call him “Lord”. Yet to the surprise of many, they are shocked to hear Jesus say, *“I never knew you, depart from me; you workers of lawlessness.”*

These are very religious people. Not only do they call Him, “Lord, Lord,” but they also recognize the power of His name. They claim to prophesy, cast out demons, and do many mighty works in the name of Jesus. These are people who openly profess Christ. Yet Jesus says their profession is not proof that they are on their way to heaven. Why? Their profession did not match up with their practice.

The people Jesus refer to have deceived themselves into thinking that they are on the right path, but their true

This warning should concern everyone who is a Christian. Jesus is not

God in prayer, meditation, study, etc. and not act quickly on our own. Only after we look to God, recognize our place, and understand His will is it time to “march around our city” and tackle trials, tribulations, and battles this life throws our way. The Israelites only defeated Jericho through their reliance on God; it’s the same for us today. And even if we lose battles in this life, if we’re faithful, we’ll be battle-free in the next.

- excerpt from *Drawing Out: Joshua*

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas** and **Francine Davis**.

**Pete Rowland** is recuperating from his broken bones at home.

**Cathy Monaghan** is finishing up her radiation therapy. Please pray for her. She is having some very unpleasant reactions to the treatments.

**Gerald Eaton** had a pacemaker installed.

**Gerald Bogan** broke his leg.

**Dee Minter will** be having surgery on both his carotid arteries soon. Keep him in your prayers.

**Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)**  
**Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)**  
**Kids Only: 5:00 PM (Zoom)**  
**Monday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**  
**Wednesday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**  
**Thursday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**

Beginning Wednesday, **June 2**, we will resume meeting at the building on Wednesday evenings as well as Sunday mornings. (There will only be one service on Sunday, no PM meeting). We will also resume classes for all ages on Sunday AM and Wednesday PM. We will continue to Zoom these services for the time being. First of the month Wednesdays will be for Singing.

If you have any questions, please contact the elders.

condition before God is a disaster. Their profession of Christ is empty because they do not live by the demands of His Lordship. According to Jesus, these people do not “do the will of my Father” and are “workers of lawlessness.” In Luke 6:46, Jesus asked, “*Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?*” This is the same problem with the people in Matthew 7. They act and sound religious. They may attend worship service and be involved in the church, but when it comes right down to it they refuse to do the will of God. There are many people who claim to be Christians yet there is a huge gap between their profession and their practice.

While this should be clear to us, according to Jesus it isn’t. Let’s look at a few examples of how this might play out:

- If you expect to go to heaven, you cannot claim to be a Christian and engage in adultery and fornication.
- If you expect to go to heaven, you cannot claim to be a Christian and hate your brother or sister in Christ (or anyone else for that matter).
- If you expect to go to heaven, you cannot claim to be a Christian and not forgive those who wrong you.
- If you expect to go to heaven, you cannot claim to be a Christian and serve two masters.
- If you expect to go to heaven, you cannot claim to be a Christian and lie, cheat, and steal.
- If you expect to go to heaven, you cannot claim to be a Christian and engage in continued, willful sin.

If you think you can, you are in for a big surprise come judgment day. Many people

will try to argue with Christ on the Day of Judgment, listing all of their religious involvement, only to be shocked that they were not doing the will of God.

Can you imagine how terrible it would be to hear Jesus say, “*I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness?*” The worst thing that could ever happen is to be banished from the presence of God for all eternity. There will be no more opportunities for repentance or redemption.

So what can we do to avoid such a surprise? Let me suggest two things.

**Examine yourself regularly.** Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the danger of deceiving ourselves. “*Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves*” (2 Cor. 13:5). We should examine ourselves daily as we go through life. This is one reason for observing the Lord’s Supper. When observed, according to the teaching of the New Testament, the Lord’s Supper includes a time of self-examination. “*Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup*” (1 Cor. 11:28). Paul went on to say that a number of Christians in Corinth were “weak and ill, and some have died” because they did not examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:30).

**Allow the word of God to expose your sin.** Hebrews 4:12 says, “*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and*

*discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*” Self-deception can be buried deep within our minds. God’s word is able to penetrate those deep, dark places and dig out the fraud that is found there if we allow it. When you read or listen to the word of God and something hits close to home, do you pay attention to the words or do you ignore them?

Do not be surprised on the Day of Judgment. Let’s be sure that our profession matches up with our practice.

### Preparing for Your Jericho Nathan Lee & Eric Wallace

When tough times come and we’re not sure how we can conquer our personal “Jericho,” let’s take some of the actions from Joshua 5 & 6 and develop a simple checklist to help ensure our priorities are in the right place.

**First**, we need to “look up” like Joshua did to the commander of the army of the Lord (5:13). Looking up in our context means to take our eyes off the problem for a moment and look to the solution – God. We need our first priority to be seeking God, who is the only answer to our problems.

**Second**, like Joshua, we need to “fall on our face” (5:14). When we understand from whom we’re seeking help – the God of heaven and earth – we understand our humble and lowly state in comparison. We must humble ourselves before God and submit to Him and His will.

**Third**, Joshua took his shoes off (5:15). We too need to “take off our shoes and stay awhile.” We need to spend time with