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FAMILY NEWS

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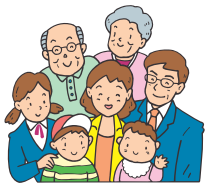
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WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Sunday:
9:00 AM **Bible Study**
10:00 AM **Worship**
11:15 AM **Assembly**(No Communion)
Tuesday:
10:00 AM **Ladies Class**
Wednesday:
7:00 PM **Bible Study**
Thursday:
6:00 PM **Men's Class**

Announcements: Max Schmollinger
Scripture Reader: Jude Hicks
Minister: Keith B. Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:
9:00 A.M. **Tim Nicks**
10:00 A.M. **Terry LeBaron**
Jesse Howard
11:15 A.M. **Richard Sciba**
Kevin Cozort
Wednesday: **David Grow**
Max Schmollinger

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10 A.M. **Richard Sciba**
11:15 A.M. **David Grow**
Wednesday: **Terry LeBaron**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside: **Kevin Cozort**
Assist: **Tim Nicks**
Jude Hicks
David Grow

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep: **Tina Davis**
Flowers: **Bridget Hicks**

USHER/GREETER

Sunday: 10 AM **Larry Turner**
11:15 **Terry LeBaron**
Wednesday: **Richard Sciba**

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Last Week:
Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2): 44, 67, 35
Wednesday 27
Contribution $1937.00

NEED A RIDE?

Sunday: **Phil Driskill** 259-4359
Wed: **Terry LeBaron** 259-3261

WELCOME! It is a delight to have you with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitors card & place it in the collection plate or leave it on the pew.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Richard Green (Zayne's grandpa); **Kim Brickner**; **Robert Hart** (Ann's family); **Dallas Samson** (Peterson friend);**Bill Yarber**; **John Bergfels** (local mechanic); **Joe Wyrick** & **Bill Broyles** (Linda's family); **Christin Cook** & **Cody Allen** (Deborah's family); **Mr. Graham** (Paytent's family); **Phyllis Coffman**; **Wayne Crosby** (health issues); **Mike & Betty Lane** (Tucker's friends), **Richard Colf (**Cheryl's family).
Our Family: Tinzie Mackey; **Carolyn Turner**; **Dwain & Sue Murphy**; **Russel Robertson**; **Sheila Deaton**; **Buddy & Annette McCarty**; **Lois Schmollinger**; **Effie Hicks**. Please contact Cheryl with any updates (417-349-2419).
OUR MILITARY: Derek Davis New Mexico**, Dusty Deaton** Arkansas

PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT: On-line Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS); The Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM); Global School of Biblical Studies; Shaddy Chapel; Brent Green; Levi Hicks, David Bass (Instructor at the Jamaica School of Preaching).

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, no running, please!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
*July 21st - Youth speaking, sack lunch, Men's meeting at 1:00
*September 20th - 22nd - Our Gospel meeting with Josh Romo from Fordland.

WELCOME: We welcome **David** and **Auggie Brickner** to the family of God. They were baptized this past Tuesday. Their address is: David, Kim and Auggie Brickner, 4274 Stairstep, Mtn. Grove, MO 65711. Phone: 707-364-3071. Email: davebrickman@yahoo.com.

WELCOME: We welcome **Everly Hicks** to the family of God. She was baptized this past week at Bible camp. Her address is Rt. 1, Box 71-1, Macomb, MO 65702.

RESPONSE: Wyatt Hicks asks for forgiveness and strength to resist the devil and remain faithful.

PANTRY ITEM: Kool Aid type drink mixes. Mashed potatoes and gravy. Thank - you!

GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE US: Hear the word - Rom. 10:17; Believe Jesus is the Son of God - Jn. 8:24; Repent of sin - Acts 17:30; Confess Jesus before men - Rom. 10:9,10; Be Immersed for the remission of sin - Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Be Faithful unto death - Rev. 2:10.

THE POINT OF NO RETURN

A plane, flying across the ocean, will eventually reach the "point of no return." It is a real and definite point, beyond which it is better, in case of mechanical problems, to proceed that to attempt a return to the origination point. In the mind of the pilot, it is "impossible" to turn back. There are a number of passages which seem to indicate that it is possible for someone to reach a point in his plunge into apostasy and/or sin, so that it is impossible to be brought to repentance. Consider the following sober words: "But these, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their destroying be surely destroyed, suffering wrong as the hire of wrong-doing; men that count it pleasure to revel in day-time, spots and blemishes, reveling in their deceiving while they feast with you; having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unstedfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing" (2 Peter 2:12-14). "For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Hebrews 6:4-6). How do we reconcile such passages with those that express God's wonderful longsuffering and patience? For example, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Let me make three observations, which I hope will clear up the difficulty, while at the same time, serve as a serious warning to each and every one of us with regard to living faithfully in our service to God.

First, there is along the pathway that leads away from God, a point, which once passed, that spells final doom for the hardened and impenitent heart. It is a real point. Once this point is reached, it is virtually "impossible" to reverse the direction one is traveling spiritually. Is this because God will not forgive? No. It is because the heart becomes so hardened that it can no longer be touched with the Gospel. The problem is not in the power or willingness of God to forgive, but in the inability of the heart to turn away from sin.

Second, realization of such a point ought to motivate us to turn away from sin while it is still within our power to do so. I have had occasion over the last two or three decades, of attempting to persuade individuals to turn away from sin and obey God, whether to become a Christian or to be restored to their first love. Some have obeyed. But a far greater number have convinced themselves that there is plenty of time, and that "someday" they would come to God. I have also witnessed a number of souls delay their return so long that eventually they simply no longer have the desire to give the least bit of consideration to their spiritual plight. They have, spiritually speaking, passed the point of no return.

Third, if you are outside the safety fold of God's gracious love and salvation, and if you, at this very moment, are giving consideration to a return to your Lord, I would strongly encourage you to act on that desire, even while it is called today. Your delay moves you ever closer to the point of no return.

I cannot think of anything more tragic, or that will bring more remorse to the lost when, having entered into eternity, they remember the numerous opportunities that were theirs to come home to the Lord, but neglected that open door provided by their gracious God. If you would be saved, delay not till the morrow, for tomorrow may be too late!

~Tom Wacaster, Studies In Hebrews, Sain Publications, © 2009, pages 129-131