

## For Our Information

Almost every family that worships here has at least one who has health difficulties. Some of our families have two or more that are in continual need of help because of various health issues. While each of us needs to fulfill our obligations to our own family, we also need to keep our brethren in mind and assist when we can.

Prayer is a powerful means of helping others. Just knowing that others care enough to speak to the Father on behalf of our loved ones can give us a little comfort in our struggles. Make sure you remember your brothers & sisters in Christ in prayer. Keep your brothers & sisters in mind

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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## Knowing The Word

We mentioned last week that we have an abundance of information available to us. With the many translations of Scripture there is no reason for us not to read the Word of God. Another resource that we have in abundance is teaching from the Word of God.

Way back in my youth it became common for congregation to record the sermons presented and make them available on tape. From reel to reel they moved to cassette, which was much more portable and convenient. Most of you probably have listened to sermons on cassette at some time. Then the switch to CDs was made and this allowed longer term storage. Nowadays almost any preacher with access to a website has mp3 sermons available, some even have video. Have you listened to a recorded sermon lately?

# Seeking His Righteousness

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## Can The Sinner's Prayer Save?

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*"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap."*

**Galatians 6:7**

A deception occurs when someone allows you to accept or believe something that is not the truth. Many in the world today have prayed what is called "the sinner's prayer". **(1Thessalonians 5:21)**

If you were to spend time studying the Bible, which is God's word given to us as instruction, you would find that there is no such thing as a sinner's prayer. **(Matthew 22:29)**



*But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;*

**1Thess.**

**5:21**



## Meet With Us

### Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

### Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Satan has deceived many people into thinking that they are saved, when in reality, they will be lost! (**2Corinthians 11:14-15**)

How do we know this? There is only one way to find out. The Bible is God's word (**John 17:17**). It contains everything that we need to have salvation (**2Peter 1:3**). We must be careful not to add to it or to leave things out of it (**Revelation 22:18-19**). Neither should we try to change anything that God's word has taught. Because, the Bible teaches that God's word will last forever (as long as time exists) (**Isaiah 40:8**).

The Bible is filled with warnings of what will happen to people who do not obey the will of God. Everyone must be very careful to do all that God has commanded, or they will not see heaven (**Matthew 7:21-23**).

As we study this subject, we need to learn what an acceptable prayer to God actually is. We need to see what kind of person can pray to God, and what kind of person God will listen to.

It does no good to pray a prayer that God will not listen to. God reads the hearts of people and knows their intentions and thoughts (**Jeremiah 17:10**).

We are also taught in God's word that we must pray for those things which are according to His will (**1John 5:14**). If we ask for things which are not according to His will; those things will not happen for us.

*"We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears*

## Store In My Heart

### Mark 16:16

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

Anyone who sees and eats a bacon cheeseburger will be filled, but anyone who does not see will go hungry.

It may seem silly, but consider the two statements above. Are they difficult to read? Are they hard to comprehend? No. Yet there are many religious people that contend that all one has to do for salvation is believe. If that is true then, as long as you see a bacon cheeseburger, you will be filled.

The conjunction and joins baptism with believe for attaining salvation. Easy as ABC, unless you are trying to prove some theory from men.

him." (**John 9:31**) This verse teaches that only those who are obedient to God will be heard by Him.

What we must do is to make sure that we are being obedient. How do we know what obedience is?

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth."* (**2Timothy 2:15**). One version reads *"Study to show yourself approved."* Only through a knowledge of God's instructions can a person learn what is necessary to receive the grace that God has given (**Titus 2:11**).

God wants you to be saved.

*"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth".*(**1Timothy 2:3-5**) *"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"* Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one can reach heaven or God except it be through Jesus our Lord and King (**John 14:6**).

God sent His Son to redeem us (**John 3:16**). Jesus died on the cross for YOUR sins, not His own (**Hebrews 4:15**).

You must accept Christ on His terms. If you expect to be saved when this life is over, you must learn what God requires of you and do it.

Do you want to be saved? Or do you want to take a chance? Why not be sure about your salvation.

(Complete submission to the Word of God will save, through the sacrifice of Jesus the Son. DLH)