

THE WORD

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Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----
---Matthew 5:16---*

Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.

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ATTENDANCE week of Dec 30, 2018

Sun School-----16

Worship----- 30

Wed, night-----10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Sunday fellowship meal today after worship.

Please remember to keep adding to the DVD drive for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The collection bin is in the foyer as well.

Please keep Jim and Janice Johnson in your prayers as they travel during the holiday season.

Martin & Ida Davis are traveling today please keep them in your prayers.

If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.

PRAYER LIST:

Leota Weston

Sonny Gay

E.Y. Fry

J.D. Butler

Dick Godfrey

Michael Dixon

Josh McElrath

Janice Johnson

Annemarie Ruhlman

Margaret Schoen

Coleen Holt

Jan Townsend

Carolyn Ledford

Muriel Boyd

Martin Davis

Birthdays:

JD Butler 8th

Becky McElrath 11th

**Wednesday Night Bible Study
Minor Prophets (Jonah Chpt 3&4)**

Don't Quit (part 4 of 4)

By: Jason Flowers

It seems that sometimes we all become championship caliber players of the blame game. Especially when it comes to putting guilt trips on ourselves over something we cannot just let go of and give to God. This places a burden on the heart that is just as great as a physical cancer on the body. One may keep going back to the dark sins of her youth or another may remember the many failings of his checkered past. This causes many righteous qualities to be replaced with unrighteous ones. Doubt builds where there should be confidence. Despair moves into joy's room and takes up residence. Hopelessness takes over control from faithfulness. Then the next thing we know the person quits the Church because they cannot forgive themselves and they believe they are no longer worthy to worship God.

Although God; who cannot lie (**Tit 1:2**), mislead or exaggerate; has promised complete forgiveness when we ask as His child. I wonder when they bring up old sins over and over what Jehovah must think. Does the Father say to Himself; "what are they talking about?" He promised to forget our sins (**Heb 8:11**). He said He would cast them behind His back (**Isa 38:17**), and throw them into the depths of the sea (**Micah 7:18-19**).

In **1st John 3:20-21** we are reminded that although our own heart condemns us God is greater. If we go on to forgive ourselves, as God has forgiven us, then our confidence in God will grow to new heights. Even Job said that through all he would "hold fast" to his own righteousness and that by doing so he would triumph over any sin upon his head (**Job 27:6**). Where did this confidence come from? The exact same place we can draw our confidence from when it comes to forgiving ourselves (**1st Cor 4:4**).

Of course "quitting" the Church does not remove any guilt. It only serves to remind us of it more and more. It gives in to the urge to wallow in our past sins like a pig in mud. The Church is the only place where there can be any hope of gaining enough strength to remove it (**Phillip 4:13**).

SCRIPTURE READING – Matt 5:17-20

THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY

Announcements.....Ron Weston
Bible Class Prayer.....Ed Townsend
Song LeaderDon Roe
Direct Lord's Supper.... Ernest McElrath
Assist Lord's Supper.....Doug McElrath
Assist Lord's Supper.....Micah Pate
Opening Prayer.....Doug McElrath
Scripture Reading.....Micah Pate
Sermon..... Jason Flowers
Closing Prayer..... Ed Townsend

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

HEAR GOD'S WORD—ROMANS 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16

REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38

CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10

BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38

LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1ST COR 15:58

Announcements, prayer requests, or suggestions

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