

Before the holiness of Almighty God, we realize how unclean we are. How tragic if the story ended there. But once Isaiah saw God for who He really is, the poor prophet was primed for mercy. **“Then,”** begins verse 6, a little transition word full of hope. Then one of the seraphim flew to Isaiah, Lifted a burning coal to his lips, and purged him of sin. We are only prepared to receive and comprehend the grace of God when we have understood His infinite holiness and our filthy sinfulness. Any presentation of the gospel that leaves that out is incomplete. It’s the holiness of God that casts us upon His mercy. Only when we have a right view of the holy God do we begin to see clearly.

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A warm welcome to each of you this Lord’s Day. We come here to honor God every first day of the week by remembering His greatest sacrifice known to mankind with the death of His son Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins and where each may have the hope of eternal life if we have been found in Him. We are so glad you have decided to worship with us. You are a important part of the work that goes on here. If you are visiting we are so glad you have come our way and invite you back the next time you are able. If you are visiting please remain briefly after services so we might get the chance of greeting you in person. This is also our monthly fellowship luncheon please stay as our guest. Again Welcome!

Please remember to keep praying about our upcoming postcard mail out to be sent out the first week of September. There will be 5,000 mailed out to homes within this area. Plus 200 will be available at the office if you are wanting to mail out some yourself to friends you may know and want to invite to services. Just ask us about them when they come in we would love to send out more invitations. Plus be on the lookout for guests to start visiting us in the coming weeks. Pray the Lord will touch some hearts to respond to our invitation of joining us.

Baptism. What is it? Who is it for? Is it necessary for salvation? All legit questions and answered in the bible for us to clearly understand. So why isn’t it so clear with mankind today? Why are people questioning it at all? Where does that come from? What does the bible say about it? Why is there many saying we don’t have to at all and are they right? I don’t want to add more questions but today lets look at some truths concerning this debated and controversial subject by reasoning what has been left for us to decide by the Word He has left us.

### Worship And Study Opportunities

**Sunday:**

Bible School.....9:30 A.M  
Worship.....10:30 A.M  
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

**Wednesday:**

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.  
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Brad McKinzie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Charles Kelsey

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....42  
Morning Worship: .....72  
Evening Worship: .....35  
Mid-Week: .....36  
Ladies Class: .....  
Contribution: .....\$2,839.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,908.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Bryan Cain  
Closing Prayer: .....Tommy Bowden

Scripture: .....Eric Sharum

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Klaus Mueller  
Closing Prayer: .....Keith Parrish

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Eric Sharum  
Closing Prayer: .....Greg Ray

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to out web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

**PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-**

**ING:** Leroy Horn is in Memorial Hospital having tests run. Debbie Bowden was in ICU at Memorial Hospital over the weekend but was released on Monday and is at home recovering. Juanita Turner had surgery and everything went well. She will be in the hospital another week. We have not had a update on Luz, Greg’s wife.

**PAINTING/FALL CLEANUP** this Saturday, August 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the church building. We need men and women to come and help paint and to clean out some of our rooms.

**LUNCHEON** this Sunday, August 16th, at the Student Learning Center after the morning service at the Student Learning Center. Everyone make plans to attend.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 - Dwaine Zacharias
- 12 - Flo Fitzsimmons

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Velma Shook, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Glenda Kinney, James Marcum & Nathan McBride.

**EXTENDED CARE:**

Kenneth Gregory is in Willow Park in room 14 B

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 115.

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

My son, do not forget my teaching,

But let your heart keep my commandments;

For length of days and years of life,

And peace they will add to you.

Do not let kindness and truth leave you;

Bind them around your neck

Write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good repute

In the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

And do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:1-6

In Case You Missed It

*And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3, ESV)! “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:2-3). I am afraid that the Church may have lost this high and exalted view of God. We’ve grown so comfortable with God that we forget who He really is. We have embraced His nearness and ignored His holiness. We have emphasized the security of His love at the expense of His transcendence. God is not “the man upstairs.” He’s not a mild, old man with a white beard. God dwells in unapproachable light. The Bible teaches that no one can see God and live. He is high and lifted up. He is glory. So in today’s world we need a right view of God. One of the clearest pictures in all of Scripture is found in Isaiah 6. God gave Isaiah a glimpse, just a glimpse, of who He is, and the prophet fell flat on his face. That singular experience marked Isaiah’s whole life, and his vision is one we desperately need today. Do you want to know what God is really like? God is infinite holiness—immeasurable, unfathomable holiness. Isaiah wrote, “I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up” (Isaiah 6:1). Seated. Not wringing His hands. Not struggling or searching. He was seated, secure, certain. Why? Because He is in absolute control. And *standing* above the *seated* God are the seraphim who serve Him. Picture two lines of angels, one on either side of the King, calling back and forth in an unceasing, chorus. Think of all the words they could say about God. They could call out, “Merciful, merciful, merciful God!” or “Loving, loving, loving God!” But the words God chose to be spoken about Him, in His presence, for all time, are of His holiness. “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” Through out all time and even at this exact moment, the angels are calling out God’s holiness. And the smoke rose quickly to veil Isaiah’s vision lest he be consumed in an instant by the utter terror, by the purity and power, by the unsearchable, unspeakable, infinite holiness of God. For when we grasp who God is, as the first commandment tells us to do, we see something else clearly too: our sinfulness. God’s infinite holiness shows our sinfulness You cannot gaze upon the holiness of God without being overcome. Isaiah was broken by this. “Woe is me!” he cried. “For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts” (6:5)! The phrase means literally, “I’m dead. Done for. Silenced. Bankrupt. Ruined.” (continued on page 4)*