

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Sincere Repentance

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** David Cline injured his hand in an accident. Brandon, Vanessa, Josiah; Kenny Dearing; Wayne and Cathy; Peggy Beebe.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham for fishing season. Ben is outside on storm duty.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program.

**Today's Scripture: Luke 22:60-62 (KJV)** "And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."

**Wisdom for Today: Job 42:6 (KJV)** "Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Attendance Last Sunday 59: Our Record: 107

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized .....	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life .....	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto sal-

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Should it seem odd to us today at how chaotic the world is acting? From sicknesses to riots from violence to hate perpetuated by lack of concern for one another. Why is it so confusing for so many that a child who is taught their entire youth that they descend from animals begin to act like animals we are shocked? All this has its evil roots embedded in one simple fact. Man has lost his way. But this is not some new invention, this has been a problem of man for a very long time. Judges 17:6 NKJV "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." We for some reason continue to act this way as if we have figured everything out. Thinking we know better than the Creator Himself. While things are not always easy to understand there is ease in knowing that God Himself has given us the way back to Him.

Scripture over and over again reminds us that God is full of love, mercy and patience. How wonderful and blessed we are to be able to understand that. Isaiah 55:6-8 NKJV "Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD." It is far too easy for us to think of ourselves higher than we truly are and thanks be to God that He allows us the opportunity each day that we have to make the necessary changes in our lives to draw closer to Him. Do you overlook that very fact? Are you willing to submit yourself to Him sincerely.

Today's mindset and way of thinking has really not changed from the time in the Judges, man still believes that by himself he is something. The reality of that is with out God man is completely empty and lost. I Timothy 6:3-5 NKJV "If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself." This passage of Scripture clearly teaches us to be mindful of what we put our faith and trust in. If we are unwilling to put our faith and trust in God we will find ourselves knowing absolutely nothing. We will be so busy in disputes our time here will

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be completely wasted and souls lost for eternity. This is a place none should ever want to be but if we are please understand that God through His grace and mercy has provided the way back to Him. II Peter 3:8-9 NKJV "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." And a favorite scripture of mine II Corinthians 7:10 NKJV "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

It must be sad for God to see His creation acting in a way that is corrupt and chaotic but we must thank Him always for providing us the clear, straight and humble pathway of repentance which leads us to Him. A repentance from the heart, springing forth a pure and humble turning away from our sinful ways. Not just going through the robotic motions of what we think, feel and believe but truly understanding what the Almighty expects from us. He has not left us empty promises or forsaken us in anyway. Do you consider yourself blessed to know that we serve a loving a merciful God who is willing to forgive the wicked that turn



to righteousness. Ezekiel 18:21-23 NKJV "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

Please let this time we have here on earth not turn us from God but toward Him in repentance and faithfulness because that is truly the only way America will be great.