

## Schedule of Events

Remember that George is teaching a series on evangelism on Sunday evenings.

## Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Hebrews 10:25-27 (KJV) “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

## Our Family News

**Traveling/Working** / Charles Nordstrom, Nicole Nordstrom, Tom Betti,

**Pray For**/ Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy. Pray for each other daily.

**Radio Programs** / Listen to “Searching the Scriptures,” our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Today's Scripture** / James 4:17 (KJV) “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.”

**Wisdom for Today** / Psalm 32:1 (KJV) “Blessed *is he* whose transgression is forgiven, *whose sin is* covered.”

**AM Sermon** / George Jensen

**PM Sermon** / George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 66.

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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, Matt 10:32–33

**Be Baptized** Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

**Arise and Walk in Newness of Life** Romans 6:4

**Remain Faithful** Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

### Contact Information

Meeting Times

#### Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

#### Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

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### Come join us!

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Visitors Welcome, Members Expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

## Sin And How We Understand It:

By: Bill Beebe

Sin is defined by Dictionary.com as the transgression of divine law or any act regarded as such a transgression, especially a willful or deliberate violation of some religious or moral principle. There are several Hebrew and Greek words used throughout the Bible that are translated as “sin”, the common thread through all is the idea of “an offense”, or “to miss the mark”. However the Holy Spirit directed the Apostle John to define sin as a transgression of the law; **“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”** 1 John 3:4 (KJV) The idea of sin seems straight forward from these definitions. The problem is that we humans seem to always categorize things, and we do that with sin as well.

In James 1:15 (KJV) we are told that sin always results in death; **“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”** In this passage James being directed also by the Holy Spirit didn’t tell us that some sins result in death, but all sin when it extends to its end always results in death. But we look at sin and act as if some will not be as bad as others, so...our reasoning convinces us that some sins are lessor sins while some are greater. While not being a complete list of sins, the following table serves as an example of how we seem to view sins:

Category	Sin
Terrible or the worst sins we can commit	Murder, Rape, Abuse of Children
Bad sins	Homosexuality
Moderate sins	Fornication, Adultery, Stealing, Drunkenness, Drug Abuse
Lessor sins	Lying
Kind of sins	Foul language
Not really sins	Gossip, Intentionally missing the gathering of the saints, “White” Lies

While this list can be added too and modified, it serves its purpose of demonstrating how we often categorize sin. But that is not at all how sin is viewed by God as taught in the Bible. Lets take a look at what is considered sinful at taught to us by the inspired writers.

Romans 1:28-32 (KJV)<sup>28</sup> **And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;** <sup>29</sup> **Being filled with all unrighteousness,**

**fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, <sup>30</sup> Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: <sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”**

2 Peter 2:1-2 (KJV)<sup>1</sup> **But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup> And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**

Matthew 19:18 (KJV) <sup>18</sup> **He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,**

Once again this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of sins, but these passages demonstrate the principle that we want to get across. God sees all sins as being equal. So, when you look at your actions consider that there is no difference in God’s eyes between a murderer and a one who is deceitful, or between fornication and pridefulness. We may say I don’t murder so I am ok, while at the same time we boast about our own achievements or omit the clear teachings of the Bible in favor of manmade traditions God will judge us as sinners.

We cannot fall into the trap of condemning homosexuality while at the same time being silent about or even condoning adultery or fornication. Neither can we consider it ok to use foul language while at the same time condemning those who steal. We have to recognize that all sin separates us from God and will, if not repented of, result in our eternal damnation.