

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The Gray

History has proven that there is nothing more challenging to the church than what we refer to as the “gray” areas of scripture. What does that mean? Gray areas are things that the scripture does not specifically address.

In contrast, we refer to the areas in scripture that are clear as the “black and white” areas. An example of a black and white issue would be something like Exodus 20:15,

You shall not steal.

The church can very easily defend their stance on theft. It’s black and white. Gray areas are much more difficult and the disagreements that emerge from gray areas have often split or destroyed churches.

An example of a gray area is television. You say, television? Yes. There is not one mention of television in the Bible. Since there is no mention of television in the Bible, we have to determine whether or not it’s ok to watch television based, not on specific scripture, because there is none, but rather, based upon Biblical principles.

Most of us have drawn the conclusion, based on Biblical principles, that some television is permissible for followers of Christ and some should be forbidden. I’m not going to make that particular case in this article; I just needed a gray area example.

What I want to discuss is Biblical principles that can help us navigate the gray areas. You can do this easily by asking a set of questions that I’ll provide.

First, ask the question, **DO I NEED IT?** Hebrews 12:1 says,

...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us...

The principle: Don’t do anything that makes it harder for me to live for Christ, especially sin.

Second, ask the question, **IS IT USEFUL?** I Corinthians 6:12 says,

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

The principle: Just because I can, doesn’t mean I should.

Third, ask the question, **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** I John 2:6 says, (continued)

the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

The principle: If Jesus wouldn’t take part, neither should I.

Fourth, ask the question, **WHO WILL PEOPLE SEE – JESUS OR ME?** Colossians 4:5 says,

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

The principle: Evangelism should be on your mind when around those who don’t know Christ.

Fifth, ask the question, **IS IT GOOD FOR ME?** 1 Corinthians 10:23 says,

All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.

The principle: Just because I can, doesn’t mean it’s wise.

Sixth, ask the question, **DOES IT GLORIFY GOD?** 1 Corinthians 10:31 says,

...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

The principle: If it does not bring God glory, don’t do it.

Seventh, ask the question, **DOES IT CREATE A STUMBLING BLOCK?** Romans 14:13 says,

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother’s way.

The principle: If it may be harmful to my brother, don’t do it.

All of these principles can be expounded upon and developed further in sermons and series of sermons, but for this Sunday, we will expound upon the seventh principle and apply it to a major gray area that is upon us, threatening to do the devil’s work of dividing the church.

It is my prayer that we will look within our hearts and determine to not allow Satan victory over the church in Wellington.

I love you all very much. I hope you know that, and if you don’t, I hope you’ll allow me to prove it.

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If you are visiting today, welcome!

PRAYER LIST

Leon Shoemaker—will have complete shoulder replacement surgery on Wednesday, January 27th. Let’s surprise him with a card shower. His address is 1252 NW 138th St., Edmond, OK 73013

Russell Day—He was moved to Larksfield Place Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Wichita. The address there is 2828 N Gouverneur St., Wichita, KS 67226

Shirley Stoner—fell and fractured her left fibula. She is in a boot and doing okay. She will have more x-rays next this Friday. She would love to receive cards and phone calls. Her address is P.O. Box 307, Oxford, KS 67119

Kendall Brundage—continues to recover from a couple of falls.

Hailee Moyer—daughter of Maria Moyer and granddaughter of Marsha Dugan, was in a bad car accident and needs prayers for healing. She is waiting to get into a long term rehab facility. She still has a long recovery path and needs prayers. She would love Christmas cards and cards of encouragement. You can send them to Hailee Moyer, 412 S. F Street, Wellington, KS 67152

Melinda Miller—wife of Chris Miller, saw her doctor and was given the good news that she is cancer free! She has a few tests and some radiation ahead for her. Keep the prayers coming! Her address is Melinda Miller, 14 LaCrumbre Close, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand. Remember there is extra postage for cards sent out of the US.

CARD OF THANKS

To my church family. A sincere thanks to all who called, texted, sent cards for my birthday and my leg injury. Too bad it all happened in one week. I appreciate your love and thoughts very much. Love in Him, Shirley Stoner

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ada Francisco—26th	Eloise Francisco—26th
Martha Howell—27th	Lonnie Bennett—29th
Crystal Shields—30th	Merle Willey—30th

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Kelley—1st	Lyndsey Turney—2nd
Tom Norris—4th	Levi Turney—17th
Danny Clark—18th	Ashley Colwell—21st
Arlis Day—24th	

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

January	
Jan 24 Kaylee Jenkins	Jan 31 Darlene Cooney
February	
Feb 07 Helen Norris	Feb 14 Lynette Turney
Feb 21 Linda Wartick	Feb 28 Kaylee Jenkins

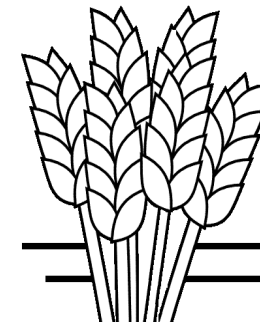
If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!



THOSE WHO SERVE			
SUNDAY A.M.	24-Jan 2021	31-Jan 2021	07-Feb 2021
Elder in Charge	R. Harris	R. Harris	M. Kline
Opening Prayer	L. Lewis	J. DeJarnett	L. Turney
Song Leader	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	R. Harris
Communion Prayer	R. Harris	M. Kline	E. Newberry
Contribution Prayer & Collection	N. Bradbury P. Dodds	N. Bradbury P. Dodds	A. Shields J. Willson
Ushers	J. Rayl J. Church	J. Rayl J. Church	D. Carroll L. Helton
Closing Prayer	R. Harris	R. Harris	M. Kline
Deacon in Charge	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	A. Hines
SUNDAY A.M.	14-Feb 2021	21-Feb 2021	28-Feb 2021
Elder in Charge	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline
Opening Prayer	K. Dodds	T. Norris	E. Newberry
Song Leader	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Communion Prayer	T. Norris	R. Harris	M. Kline
Contribution Prayer & Collection	A. Shields J. Willson	A. Shields J. Willson	A. Shields J. Willson
Ushers	D. Carroll L. Helton	D. Carroll L. Helton	D. Carroll L. Helton
Closing Prayer	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline
Deacon in Charge	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines

Note concerning COVID-19: During this month we are asking all public non-speaking participants to wear a face covering while performing their duties. This applies to ushers and to the men collecting our contribution. If you are unable to fulfill your assignment for any reason, please call the Deacon in Charge.

ELDERS	DEACONS
Rex Harris	Kevin Dodds
Ed Newberry	Leroy Lewis
Marvin Kline	David Pierce
Tom Norris	Aaron Hines
	Mike Neal
	Alan Shields
MINISTER	
Wes LeFlore	



*“Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward”*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 24, 2021

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song #736 “To Christ Be True”

Song #852 “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Song #332 “Lead Me to Calvary”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #909 “There’s a Fountain Free”

Closing Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children’s Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.