November Nov 14 Orphan's Lifeline Special Contribution **December** Dec 11 Ladies Holiday Party; 7:00 p.m.

LADIES HOLIDAY PARTY

There is a Ladies Holiday Party planned for December 11 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Room. We will be having a painting party. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Everything will be provided by the instructor. Bring a snack to share with everyone and an ornament to exchange. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We need a count by December 1 of all who is participating in the painting.

SOME STRANGE PEOPLE I KNOW

People who talk about prayer but never pray. People who say giving is right but never give. People who want to belong to the church but never attend. People who say the Bible is God's Word to man but never read it. People who criticize others for things they do themselves. People who stay away from church for trivial reasons and then sing "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

People who continue in sin all their lives but expect to go to Heaven.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE November

Nov 14—Kaitlin FranciscoNov 21—Darlene CooneyNov 28—Linda WartickDec 05—Kaylee JenkinsDec 12—Darlene CooneyDec 19—Linda WartickDec 26—Darlene CooneyIf you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brandon Turney—14th	
Julia LeFlore—15th	
MaKenna Bales—16th	
Pat Brundage—27th	
December	
Mike Kelley—8th	
Ella Mae Watson—11th	
Aaron Hines—15th	
Bobbi Newberry—16th	
Victoria Sandoval—17th	

Caroline LeFlore—15th Landon Bales—16th Jim DeJarnett—16th Konnor Clark—30th Richard Wartick—8th Lila Francisco—14th Craig Bradbury—15th John Rayl—17th

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THEME "Joy Story" You've Got A Friend in Me June 26th - 29th

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK The Touchstones of My Faith

I think that there are too many Christians today who fear that when they die or when the Lord Jesus returns, whichever comes first, that they will not go to heaven to live with the Lord.

Of course, they have good reason to feel this way if they have never obeyed the gospel, but if they have obeyed the gospel, why do so many live with uncertainty?

I think that there are multiple reasons, so I won't attempt to over-simplify the issue, but hopefully give some helpful insights.

One reason why people feel uncertainty and lack peace is because of existing sin in their life. If you want to lose your peace and assurance, there's no quicker way to do so than by indulging in sin. For when we indulge in sin it causes us to ask ourselves, "If I really were a follower of Jesus, why would I do this?" And when I doubt if I'm a follower of Jesus, I naturally doubt my salvation.

Another reason why people feel uncertainty and lack of peace is because of another type of existing sin, the sin of omission. James says it best in James 4:17, ¹⁷...to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

This is different. This isn't like the first example I used, what we would refer to as a sin of commission, in other words, I know something is sinful and I choose to do it. I take action in some way to sin.

But a sin of omission is the sin of *not* taking action. And we're masters of justification when it comes to sins of omission. We think that if we can come up with a good enough excuse, we're off the hook for doing God's good work. We're not off the hook, not to God. But there has only been one who has ever done all of the good work God put before him, Jesus.

Look, if you are a truly a follower of Jesus, truly redeemed, truly bornagain, you still have the potential to commit sins of commission and sins of omission. You can, and you do. And just because you sin, doesn't mean that you are no longer among the redeemed, but it *does* mean that you might doubt it.

I think this is healthy, but only to a certain extent. If you have sin in your life, take Jesus' advice and take whatever measures necessary to purge that sin from your life. Your peace will return. If you are guilty of the sin of omission, and you know it, simply do the good that you know you should do and your peace will return.

There's another reason why people feel uncertainty and lack peace. It's

PRAYER LIST:

Joe Church—surgery went great. He is home with family. Keep him in your prayers for quick healing.

Janice Shoemaker—is doing great! She is pain free for the first time in almost two years! Getting stronger day by day and they thank us for all the prayers!

Others on the prayer list: Lonnie Bennett, Leroy & Judy Lewis, Helen Norris, David Carroll, Marya Young, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Duane McKinney, Larry Helton, Joe Brown, Connie Morris, Melinda Miller, Hailee Moyer

much more serious. In fact, it's deadly serious because it has eternal implications. Sometimes people feel uncertainty and lack of peace because they are not saved.

Maybe they have never obeyed the gospel or maybe they went through the motions of obeying the gospel, but never truly made a decision to follow Jesus or turn away from their sin. Maybe they were taught a false gospel and given a false sense of security that went away with time. It's possible.

There are a lot of possibilities, but I wanted to share with you what I call the touchstones of my faith and I sometimes also call this my personal theology. Simply put, it's a self-diagnostic to give me the peace and assurance that all true followers of Jesus are supposed to live with.

In a phrase, it's: Love God, love others, love God's Word and do what it says. I begin with asking myself the question, "Wes, do you love God? Not as you define love, but as He defines love?" If I answer, "yes," I then ask the immediate follow-up question, "What is your evidence?"

Next, I ask, "Wes, do you love others?" If I answer, "yes," I then ask the immediate follow-up question, "What is your evidence?"

Again, I ask, "Wes, do you love God's Word?" If I answer, "yes," I then ask the immediate follow-up question, "What is your evidence?"

Finally, I ask, "Wes, do you obey God's Word?" If I answer, "yes," I then ask the immediate follow-up question, "What is your evidence?"

When I work through these questions, giving honest answers, I will then either feel a great assurance or, depending on my answers, I won't. When I don't, I do whatever I have to do, make whatever adjustments that I have to make, to prove myself a true follower of Jesus.

These are my touchstones. I hope you find them useful.

Much love!

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Sermon Notes:	-

THOSE WHO SERVE					
SUNDAY A.M.	14-Nov 2021	21-Nov 2021	28-Nov 2021		
Elder in Charge	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	E. Newberry		
Opening Prayer	M. Neal	L. Lewis	J. DeJarnett		
Song Leader	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields		
Communion Prayer	N. Bradbury	M. Kline	D. Pierce		
Contribution Prayer	P. Dodds	P. Dodds	P. Dodds		
& Collection	M. Neal	M. Neal	M. Neal		
	N. Bradbury	M. Kline	D. Pierce		
<u>Ushers</u>	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines		
	L. Helton	L. Helton	L. Helton		
Closing Prayer	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	E. Newberry		
Deacon in Charge	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce		
<u>SUNDAY A.M.</u>	05-Dec 2021	12-Dec 2021	19-Dec 2021		
Elder in Charge	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris		
Opening Prayer	N. Bradbury	A. Shields	R. Harris		
Song Leader	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris		
Communion Prayer	R. Harris	E. Newberry	N. Bradbury		
Contribution Prayer	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce		
& Collection	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce		
	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris		
<u>Ushers</u>	D. Carroll	D. Carroll	D. Carroll		
	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline		
Closing Prayer	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris		
Deacon in Charge	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce		
ELDERS			OF SERVICE		
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	Sund			
Ed Newberry	Tom Norris				
DEACONS			10:30 a.m		
Nathan Bradbury	Kevin Dodds	Wedne Ladies Bible	esaay Class9:30 a.n		
Aaron Hines	Leroy Lewis				
Mike Neal	David Pierce				
Wade Pierce	Alan Shields				
MINISTER Wes LeFlore					

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	ORDER OF WORSHIP November 14, 2021
Call to Worsh	іір
Song #113	"His Grace Reaches Me"
Song #794	"Unto Thee, O Lord"
Prayer	
Song #383	"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"
Communion 1	Prayers
Contribution	Prayer
Contributio	on Collection
Song #709	"How Sweet, How Heavenly"
Lesson	
Song #852	"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
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 Fellowship Room for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.