

Welcome

We wish to welcome you to services at the Pearl Street church of Christ. If you are a visitor with us today, know that you are an honored guest. We invite you to join us each time we meet together for worship and Bible study. If you have any questions about any aspect of our worship service, or the church of Christ in general, we would love to answer those questions for you.

Just A Thought

“If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look 'little' or 'big'.”
Elisabeth Elliot

Weekly Memory Verse

Galatians 2:20, ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Bible Quiz Time

How did Jonah get out of the big fish?

Today's Bible Passage

Matthew 5:14-16, English Standard Version.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Paul's Portion

A week or so back my wife burned her hand. It was not a severe burn requiring a trip to the emergency room or any drastic first aid, but it was still painful and left a mark which lasted for a few days. She burned her hand while attempting to remove something from the oven. Now my wife is not a novice with an oven. She has cooked and removed many meals from the oven. She has oven mitts and other hot dish holders which she uses to prevent burning herself. On this particular day she was in fact using protective kitchen cloths as she removed the dish from the oven. How then did this seasoned, intelligent, and protected woman burn her hand? It all came down to an instant of misjudging distance. She thought that she had more room between her hand and the top of the oven than she actually had. This resulted in her momentarily coming into contact with the hot surface, resulting in the burn. I do not tell this story on my wife to elicit sympathy for her, but to illustrate a point. As mentioned this burn did not result from a lack of skill, a lack of knowledge, or a lack of proper equipment. This burn resulted from a momentary lapse of judgment. Many times this is how people fall into sin. There are a vast number of people who have the proper knowledge, training, and even equipment to avoid sin, yet they have a momentary lapse of judgment that results in them being burned by sin. This lapse could be that they did not realize that they were as close to sin as they were. The lapse could be that they did not realize that the sin temptation was as strong, or appealing as it was. The lapse could have been that they overestimated their own strength. What ever the cause it only takes a moment of misjudging to get burned. That is why there are verses such as 1 Peter 5:8, “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” It is also why Jesus warned His disciples to be on their guard and to stay awake, (Luke 13:23, 33, 35,37). The encouraging thing to remember is that the burn on my wife's hand did heal up after a few days. Likewise, the sin burn from a momentary lapse can heal up. Thanks to Jesus' blood we do not have to walk around with the scars of sin, 1 John 1:7. Therefore, be careful to avoid sin, but if you do get burned be quick to apply the healing salve of Jesus.