

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Repentance

By Joe Barnett

Joel warned Israel they were going to pay a high price for ditching God: locusts would demolish their fields and destroy their crops.

But that didn't have to be the final word, for God delights in showing mercy—erasing calamity with compassion when the rebellious repent and return to him.

“and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.” - Joel 2:13

Repentance is not outward show, but inner sorrow—a change of heart. “For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” (Psalms 51:16-17).

Repentance is the renewal of life.

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
Transformed
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Book of Acts
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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Sin is Like a Tick

By Edd Sterchi

I found a tick on me the other day. Fortunately I got it off before it embedded itself into my skin. Afterwards, I was thinking – sin is a lot like a tick. Notice, for example:

✳ **It tries to sneak into your life.**

Ticks are successful because they can get on you without being detected. Sin often works like that, too. It tries to get into your life without being noticed for what it is.

✳ **It finds a hidden spot.**

Once a tick gets on you, it usually tries to find a spot where you won't discover it. Sin does the same. Sin usually works so that we end up doing it in secret.

✳ **Once imbedded, it is hard to get off.**

When a tick has buried its head into you, it holds on for dear life. Sin is the same. Once it becomes a part of our lifestyle, it is difficult to shed.

✳ **It gets bigger over time.**

If a tick remains on you long enough, it will gorge itself and get disgustingly huge. And so does sin. If left in your life long enough, one sin grows into many and gets worse and worse.

✳ **It can leave you infected or seriously ill.**

Tick bites damage the skin and can carry diseases, some even deadly. Sin is also like that. Left in our lives, sin can damage our lifestyle, relationships, and souls. I also realized that avoiding and getting rid of sin is like doing so with a tick.

✳ **Use preventative measures.**

Covering exposed areas and applying repellent helps avoid ticks getting on you. Preparing yourself to resist temptation keeps sin at bay. Covering your life with Christ also helps.

✳ **Avoid places where heavy infestation occur.**

Staying away from where ticks congregate reduces the risk greatly. Staying away from sinful places also helps reduce the risk of sin getting a hold on you.

✳ **Examine yourself on a regular basis.**

Checking for ticks after you have been in the woods is always a good idea. Checking your life regularly to see if sin has entered is also a really good idea.

✳ **If you notice one on you, get it off immediately.**

The sooner you can get rid of a tick, the better. The same goes for sin.

✳ **If one bites you and you don't look or feel well, see a doctor.**

Concerning tick bites, it is important to let a medical expert help if they can. It is also important to see the Great Physician if sin has damaged our life – He can help to make us all better!

Announcements

- Soup Supper, this Wednesday, January 5th @ 6:30
- 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal, January 30th following Worship
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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- January - Potts
- February - Carlberg

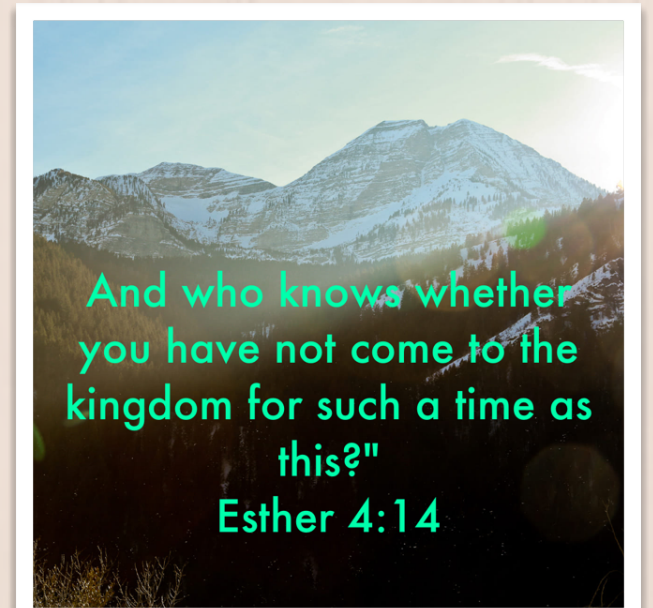
December Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Ora Barrett - 9th
- Auburn Rowell - 18th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
 Scripture Reading - Esther 4:10 - 14
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper
 Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20 - 29
 Closing Prayer - James Johnson



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