



LET'S VISIT

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THOUGHTS ON REPENTANCE

I read a statement not long ago that I found quite interesting. It was, "Too often, repentance is only deep enough to last until the next temptation." When you read a statement like that, especially after you have learned a little about human nature, many illustrations come to mind to prove the point. Have you ever wondered how much genuine repentance there really is in the world? In the majority of cases where we find repentance mentioned in the Bible, it applies directly to God's children, and yet, we don't find a lot of repenting going on among the people of God. We are good at calling on the world to repent, but making a personal application is another matter. Seldom is there a sermon preached without calling on sinners to repent. Unless they repent they will perish, but how often do we call on members of the church to repent? No doubt, there are many who would be insulted at the idea. Those are the ones who usually know the least of repentance.

I read also of a meeting one time that some brethren had that was not a pleasant meeting. A long discussion was had about the differences that existed. After much talk, many tears and numerous prayers it was decided to let bygones be bygones and "bury the hatchet". One of the number, who had been responsible for most of the trouble, and who had perhaps shed more tears than anybody, and who prayed the loudest that they all repent, started things again by sunup the next morning and did not stop short of dividing asunder a congregation of the Lord's people. It just proves the point that "repentance often lasts only until the next temptation." And the fact that some people just don't ever know when to quit and let something go! That man did not repent. He merely used his tears, his prayers and his loud crying about the necessity of

love and repentance for a smoke screen until such time as he could "get in closer where he could hit the bulls eye".

Then, I once read of a certain member of the church who was "restored" every year when the congregation where he was a member had their "Spring Revival". The same preacher happened to go to this place every year for several years and each time he went the man would respond during the invitation song to be "restored". The preacher who held the revivals eventually saw that the man did not really repent. One year the man came forward saying he was sorry for his sins and that he was repenting. The preacher told him he was lying about the matter and to go back to his seat. This caused the man to wake up to his own weakness and he genuinely repented. It was not necessary to restore him the following year.

I am afraid that we have come to think of repentance as the mere asking for forgiveness. That is not repentance at all. Surely we must ask for forgiveness, but we must also repent. To repent means to turn from sin. Neither of the two cases mentioned in this article truly repented so long as they continued to commit the same sins. We do not repent today if we merely ask for forgiveness and then turn back into sin when another temptation comes along. Loud crying and much speaking does
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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Victory Over Discouragement



**Make Your Plans
To Be Here!
May 31, 2026**

Trent Davidson from High Plains Children's Home will be here to deliver a presentation on the work that we help support at High Plains Children's Home during the Bible Class Hour. PLEASE! PLEASE! make your plans to attend Bible Class that Sunday to hear the presentation and find out more about this good work that the Center Church of Christ helps to support.

For The Pantry. . .
May 17 – Green Beans



**May 10, 2026
\$ 2,160.00**

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

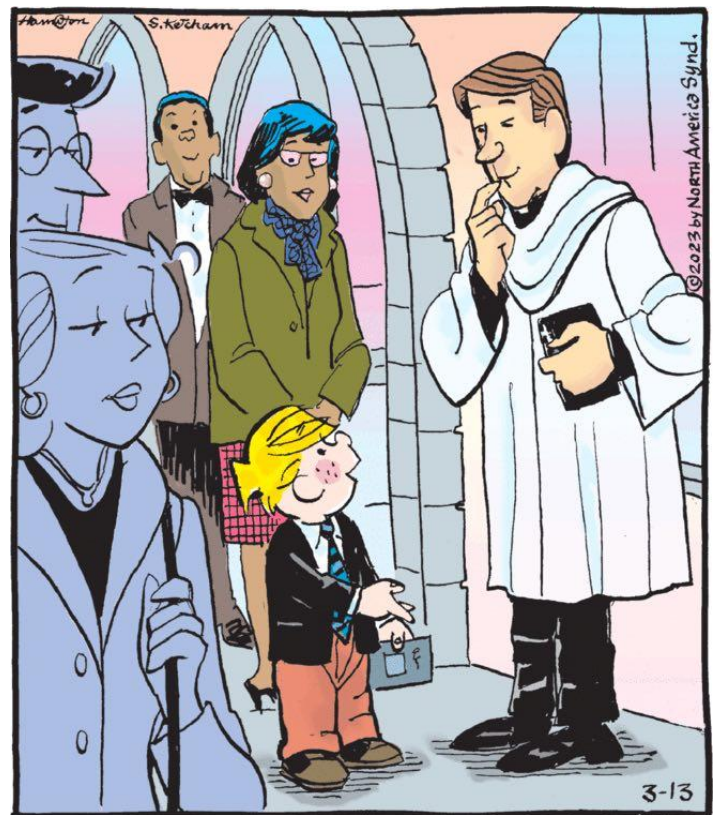
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not mean repentance. One who repents turns from sin. If they have been lying, they stop lying. If they have been guilty of gossip, they stop gossiping. If they have not been faithful to the church, they start being faithful. Folks are not repenting when they are trying to make a pious appearance in front of people, crying about love and repentance while at the same time promoting strife and a lack of love among the people of God with their own life, attitudes and wagging tongue. Repentance that saves must be deep enough to cause someone to turn from sin and to build up a resistance against the temptation that led them astray. Truly, God's children need to learn more of repentance, and to also put it into practice. Repentance means being sorry enough to quit!

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Real problems can be overcome; it is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable.

On The Lighter Side. . .



"DOES THAT 'DAILY BREAD' COME WITH PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY?"

We all admire the wisdom of people who come to us for advice.

The older we get, the farther we had to walk to School in our youth.



Martha Jean Golden is at home with bronchial pneumonia and did not have her surgical procedure on Monday.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Leslie Adams (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; Peggy Baylor (Tim Bradshaw's mother) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Coleen Dickerson (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Pat & William Ford (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) Dot Grant (Friend of Debra Pate) Suzi Hogan (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Albert Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's father) Karen McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher) Doug "Goob" Milford (cousin of Amanda Molloy) Gene Perkins (Tim Perkins aunt) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Heather Simmons Stewart (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; Stephen Wiggins (preacher at San Augustine) Max Windham (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026

- September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"
- December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"
- December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party

Communion Preparation - May
Larry & Melonia Molloy



Sunday June 7, 2026

Make your plans to be here and invite your friends and family to come and join us!



Covered Dish Lunch

Following the morning worship!

Hospitality group 3 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of this group are: LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Liela Klein, Lieza Klein, Tiffanne Klein and Trish Lout.



We always have an enjoyable time at our Wednesday night fellowship meal. Please make your plans to join us for our next one on Wednesday, May 27th!



Across The Preacher's Desk

Sometimes, the best thing we can do is just get out of the way, not make any comment and let the word of God do all the talking. The dictionary defines obedience as “compliance with an order, request or law or submission to another’s authority.”

That said, here is what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7:21; “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” (KJV)

Here is that same passage in some other translations:

“It is not everyone who keeps saying ‘Lord, Lord’ who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the man who actually does my Heavenly Father’s will.” (Phillips)

“Knowing the correct password – saying ‘Master, Master,’ for instance – isn’t going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience – doing what my Father wills.” (The Message)

“Not all those who say “You are our Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven. The only people who will enter the kingdom of heaven are those who do what my Father in heaven wants.” (New Century Version)

Seems like this concept of “obedience” that is “living God’s kind of Life” just might be important.

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**