

Kindred Lines

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Hi Church Family,
So great questions are coming in! Thank you all!

Q1 *If something you think isn't a sin because you haven't acted on it, how come finding a man or woman attractive is considered sin?*

Great question that several people likely ask. There are a couple of answers.
First - finding someone attractive isn't in itself sin. We are created in God's image after all. The verse (Matthew 5:28) actually says that if we lust after that person, it becomes sin. First, we look. Then dwell on it. Then sin grows in our hearts and many act upon it.

The other response is from Romans 14:14. NLT - I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong. Here we see that even if God hasn't specifically called something sin, in this case for example eating bacon, but it seems sinful to us, then to us it is sin, but not in a general way that applies to everyone.

Q2. *What is the age of accountability. In other words, at what age are they considered responsible for their sin?*
I've heard this phrase a lot over the years. This is a little difficult to apply though as the Bible doesn't Give a specific number, and doesn't directly address the subject.

I know people who accepted Christ at the age of 6 or so, so obviously they are capable of understanding spiritual truth even at a young age.

For the nation of Israel, the age seems to be 20. Everyone who chose against entering the promised land from the age of 20 upwards would die during the 40 years in the wilderness. So, people might say 20 is the age.

Of course, David and Mary were both younger than 20 when they were called and Moses and others were 80 years old or more. My best guess is that we are responsible for our sin when we are able to understand what sin is, and of course that varies from person to person.

The best answer I can give is that there is no age of accountability in the Bible, though it is believed and addressed by almost all Christian scholars.

The closest verse in the Bible is Deuteronomy 1:39 - ESV - And as for your little ones, who you said would become a prey, and your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there. And to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.

"“I rejoice to know that the souls of all infants, as soon as they die, speed their way to Paradise." Charles Spurgeon.

And lastly, gotquestions.org states; "In conclusion, it is possible that God applies Christ’s payment for sin to young children and others incapable of faith, but the Bible does not specifically say that He does this. Therefore, this is a subject about which we should not be dogmatic."

To respond to that however, I would show that David and Bathsheba’s son went right to paradise when he died in infancy. (2 Samuel 12:23)

We simply know that God is fair and just, and He has it all worked out.

Great questions friends. Keep them coming.

Pastor Brian

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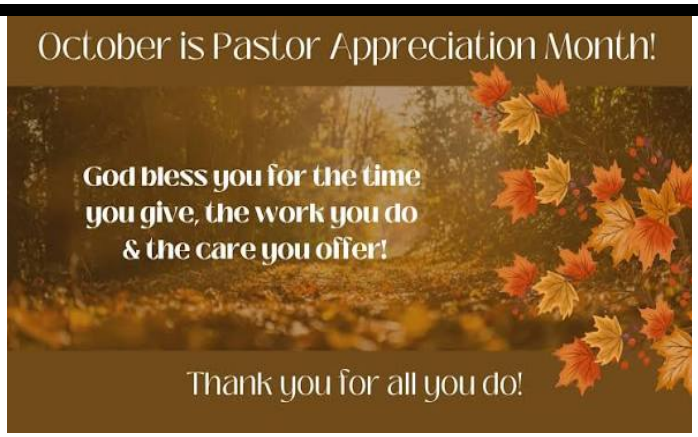

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A Shepherd's Faithful Walk

When October winds begin to chill,
And autumn turns the distant hill,
We pause to thank the Lord above,
For faithful guidance, grace, and love.
You lead us through the busy week,
With gentle words we often seek,
And point us to the eternal truth,
In times of age and times of youth.
You hold our hands when grief is near,
And help us trade our doubt for cheer,
A steady shepherd, kind and true,
We thank the Lord for blessing you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."



"Thank you Barbi & Kaitlyn for sharing your husband/dad with our church family. We see the sacrifices your family makes, and we are deeply grateful for your love and support. Thank you for your patience, kindness, and constant prayers. May God bless your home as richly as you bless ours."



October 18th following church

Church Family Meeting

Make plans to attend this meeting to participate in the workings of the church. We will be presenting a proposed budget for 2027. No pot luck after meeting since we will be having Adult Education Workshop that evening.



Fall Adult Education Workshop

"Discipleship in a Digital World" is the topic of our next Adult Education Workshop.

Re-scheduled date!

Date: Sunday, October 18th
Time: 6:30 - 8:00

Dinner: Pizza, salad and dessert are provided.
Bring: Your Bible and your folder

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!



THIRD QUARTER MISSION 2026
K.T. - Missionary
K.T. (who grew up in our church) is currently on a mission trip in the Middle East!
GIVING GOAL: $1,000.00
Giving: $910.00

Thank you all for your support of this ministry!!!

FOURTH QUARTER MISSION 2026



Families Helping Families

Hello Church Family,
This year for our giving tree, we will be giving to a local family. They have six children, and we would like to be able to bless them with Christmas gifts. The Christmas tree with the ornaments will go up a little earlier this year, that way we have a little bit more time to shop. There will be more details to come and we are always thankful for everything that is given! Have a blessed day.

Mini Mission

200 years Church Celebration

The mini mission wooden box will be out in the vestibule where the bulletins are for you to place your donations. The goal is to raise $1000. (cash donations only please) We will begin collecting at the beginning of September and probably collect until February or March.

