



November 26, 2023

Pastor Note:

Before you start reading this pastor's note, find a Bible and read Genesis Chapter 3. – Done? Good. Now read away.

"Daddy will fix it!" was the oft-repeated refrain when our children were young and something broke. I tried my best and did fix a lot of things, but the day when Daddy couldn't fix it inevitably arrived way ahead of schedule. There's just no way to fix the upside-down parakeet, a bloated goldfish, a shriveled-up hermit crab, or a rigor-mortised puppy by the front door.

"What in the world made you do that?" "Why did you bite your brother?" Do you know where your sister's favorite toy went?" "Is that your name carved into the toilet seat? Any idea how it got there?" "You NEVER, EVER talk to your Mother like that?" "Is that really the truth, what actually happened?" As much as Susie and I tried, we couldn't prevent any of these from happening.

At the end of the first two chapters of God's written word, the Bible, the world is a pristine, "very good," whole, and uncorrupted place, including Adam and Eve. And then, it all shatters in chapter three. You and I are both living in the aftermath and with the consequences of what is called "the fall," when sin invaded mankind and became an inherited trait, **"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned"** Romans 5:12 (NLT2). Since then, everyone, including you and me, has been included in God's verdict of, **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"** Romans 3:23 (NASB).

Between the beautiful chapters of Genesis 1-2 and Revelation 21:10-22, there are 1185 chapters of brokenness, of human depravity, of fallen, sinful, rebellious, and lost mankind, stretching over all of humanity's past, present, and future until God's final judgment of everyone who has ever lived, including you and me.

You and I have our own book, the complete unredacted record of the story of our lives, every decision, act, thought, motive, and even careless word (Matthew 12:36). It verifies God's verdict that not just some have sinned, but that **"all have sinned and fall short of God's God's glorious standard,"** that you and I are descendants of sinful Adam and Eve, sinners in our own right, condemned to die.

We haven't been able to fix it. We can't, we are as impotent as the dad who was just handed a small fishbowl with a little fish belly sticking up, **"You are dead in your trespasses and sins"** Ephesians 2:1 (NASB, italics mine).

In the aftermath of eating the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil Adam and Eve have an immediate sense of guilt and shame, followed by trying to cover their shame, hiding from God, playing dumb, lying, pointing fingers and blaming others (including God and the devil), a stubborn refusal to repent before God and to plead for His mercy. Do these in any way describe you and the way you are dealing with your sin and God? Indeed, you are a descendant of Adam and Eve.

If you and I can't fix it, who can? Only God, only Christ! Ephesians 2:1, which I quoted above, actually reads, **"You were (not are) dead in your trespasses and sins."** What brought about the change? What moved those Ephesians from you are to you were dead in your trespasses and sins? To answer that, let's have God's word speak for itself, **"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.**

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT2).

Have you been saved and made alive by faith in Christ, or are you still dead in your sin?

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Mabel Mayes, Cherlyann, Julie Ebel, Bailee, Mark & Susan Watts (Loss of nephew), Patricia, Foster Children and those who foster, And that we do “SHARE”.

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that cost you nothing could mean everything to someone who is suffering in the silence of self-exile.

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,
Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez,
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula,
Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and Rachel Aratin - (209)206-5236
Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar** ldpbepayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Dan Hankemeier . Sue Kluding .
Gabi Cox . Chuck Arndt

Christmas

Calendar of Events for December



- **Annual Church Business Meeting**
December 3rd, following the service
(*All* members are encouraged to attend)
- **Christmas Baskets**
by the Food Ministry -
Saturday, December 16th (9 AM - 12 noon)
Per-registration required, Contact Leslie Farrow, 852-2481
- **Christmas Caroling -**
Saturday, Dec. 16th (Meet at the Church at 4:30 P.M.)
- **Candlelight Communion Service -**
Sunday, Dec. 24th (6:30 P.M.)
- **Christmas Sunday Worship -**
Monday, Dec. 25th (10:30 A.M.)

November Announcements

Ministry Opportunity

Our children's department is seeking help for our Wednesday night class to assist the teacher. No teaching or prep is required - just show up to help as needed.

For more information, contact Susie Frei

(phone: 209-247-9234) or skfrei@gmail.com).

Where are you uniquely wired to serve??

- Multimedia
 - Music
- Prayer Team
- Facility & Grounds
 - Youth
 - Kitchen
 - Food
 - Missions

Let us know. There's a place for you

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
 - Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
 - Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
 - Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
 - Grief Share - Wed. @ 630 P.M.
- Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service**

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - "Beverly's Class & the Youth"

Thank you

Next week Merle's Class is up!!

Don't forget to check out the sermon on our website:
ldpbaptistchurch.com for you and your whole family.
Maybe even a neighbor ;)

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Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
— PSALM 103:2 NIV

Giving

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Offering:
\$1,86400

Food Basket:
\$10.00

Facilities:
\$55.00

Missions:
\$20.00

World Hunger:
\$271.00

Attendance:
74

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - 6:30 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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1 Timothy 6:18



November 27th - December 3rd

DAY 1 - Matt. 5
(Ps. 147)

DAY 2 - Matt. 6
(Ps. 148)

DAY 3 - Matt. 7
(Ps. 149)

DAY 4 - Matt. 8
(Ps. 150)

DAY 5 - Matt. 9
(Prov. 1)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 2)
DAY 7 - (Prov. 3)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.