

Sermon Guide

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Notes:

Daily Bible Reading: 7-6 Psalm 113-118, 7/7 Psalm 119:1-72, 7/8 Psalm 119:73-176, 7/9 Psalm 120-129, 7/10 Psalm 130-136, 7/11 Psalm 137-143, 7/12 Psalm 144-150

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Sunday:

9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - AM Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 PM - Bible Study

WELCOME!

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Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
Psalm 34:13-14

An Appropriate Thought - 1 Peter 3:8-12

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Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For

“He who would love life
And see good days,
Let him refrain his tongue from evil,
And his lips from speaking deceit.

Let him turn away from evil and do good;
Let him seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their prayers;
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”
(1 Peter 3:8-12)

Peter encourages the Christians in his day to have unity, care and concern, love, and courtesy for one another. They were to show the compassion of their Lord to their brothers and sisters, but also to those who were outside the body of Christ.

He then writes to the Christians about their manner of life. If they are suffering wrong at the hands of others, he says, “do not return evil for evil”.

What this does not mean:

1. You should not avail yourself of the protection of the laws, courts, and police in your land.
2. You should not seek punishment for wrong doers under the laws in place to protect those who are righteous and punish those who are evil.

What it does mean is just because someone does evil, harm, or injustice to you, that does not mean you are trapped into a cycle of harm or injustice. You have a choice and a path open to you that makes no sense to the world.

God tells us that instead of seeking harm, we can bless them instead. This leads us to the reality that perhaps the one doing the evil does so out of a misconception of who a Christian really is and the God whom they serve. Blessing instead of seeking harm brings about a vacuum in the effect of their evil. Evil seeks more evil to join in. Evil seeks justification from those around it. But when evil is faced with blessing, it loses its strength.

Peter then quotes Psalm 34:12-16. A wonderful passage that reminds us why we can live and behave as God instructs, and it is because we serve one who will defend those who are righteous and will ultimately *right all wrongs*. We do not need to resort to lies and evil deeds to defend ourselves, for God eyes are open.

To the one who is a protestor and the one who is not; to those who feel the weight of years of injustices, and especially to all Christians: If you want positive change, if you want to see *good days*, then “let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him *seek peace and pursue it*.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIBLE STUDY at 9:30 AM AND AM WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30
WILL ALSO BE LIVE-STREAMED TODAY.**

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STEP 2 – ENTER THE MEETING ID: 314-922-691##

JULY NATIONWIDE GOSPEL MEETING CALL – Our own Gary Colley will be speaking on Thursday. See flyers on the foyer table.

MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING 7/12/20. Please add your agenda items to the bulletin board list.

FOREST HILL LADIES DAY-Saturday, Sept 26- with Berta Kennedy - Recipe: “Sisters in Service”

PCH PANTRY ITEM for July is toilet paper.

Kevin Blaylock from PCH will be here August 30 to pick up our filled “Silver for Children” cans.

SYMPATHY to Jackie Ross in the loss of her brother, Maurice Porter. He was battling bone cancer. Jackie’s address is 250 Saybrook Cove, Collierville, TN 38017

OUR SICK:

Joan Springer – migraines

Ava’s sister in law, **Kay Fisher** is in the hospital recovering from seizures/strokes after heart surgery for an aneurysm.

Mary Jo Todaro – in hospital recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.

Wayne Vaughan- Becky’s brother, who is battling leukemia is not doing well.

New COVID diagnosis: Becky’s sister, **Vicki Wadsworth & The Sanderson’s grandson, Taylor Hodges.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

Physical Problems

Homebound/Assisted Living

James Luna
Celeste Moore
Brenda Bruce

Those Battling Cancer

Natalie Temple
Doug Mooring / Roger Davis
Wayne Vaughan/ Leroy Fisher
Mary Jo Todaro / Lynn Guillot
Vester Williamson
Janell Grizzard

Rudell & Dorothy Wilson, Tori Hinesley,
Kay Fisher, Ron Flanagan,
Sandy Trammel, Janell Grizzard, Don Robertson,
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday AM Worship

Song Leader: Aaron Cozort
Opening Prayer: Joe Cason
Closing Prayer: J. Shaffar

Wednesday Night

Song Leader: Aaron Cozort
Devo: Michael Dale
Closing Prayer: Terry Whitley