CHURCH on the BLUFF

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

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"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."" (John 8:11 NIV)

Most people quote Matthew 7:1-2 as commanding us not to judge sin in someone's life. "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." But the thought and command expressed in those two verses is continued and completed in the next five verses: "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matthew 5.3-7 NIV)

Jesus is quite clearly saying that we should not judge someone else's sin if we do not first address any sin in our own life, but after we do that, *then* go ahead and warn others of sin. Paul expressly told Christians to point out sin in the world: "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." (Ephesians 5:11 NIV)

Now, just as important is to recall that the Christian has extra responsibility to call out sin within the church. In fact, we should deal with that first. And always…always…remember that calling out sin is not about judging people…it is about helping them turn to a righteous, loving God.

Say good things about your Savior and His Church on the Bluff

Bro. Tony

June:

- **June 7th –Deacon's Meeting**
- **June 14th - Church Council**
- **June 21st - Father's Day Bluff Perk**
- **June 23 - Coffee, Cake & Chat**
- **June 24 - Fellowship Dinner**

Weekly:

Sundays

Bible Study - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:00 AM

Wednesdays

Bible Study & Prayer - 6:30 PM
Choir Practice - 7:15 PM

Office Hours 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

Excerpt From *30 Days of Prayer for Spiritual Stamina* by Melissa Spoelstra

"Let's Talk About Prayer

Right now you are inhaling and exhaling air in order to breathe. Prayer is our spiritual breath as Christians. Through prayer we can breathe in God's love and then exhale it toward those around us. During difficult seasons, God invites us to come to Him and receive His love and grace. In Matthew 11:28 we find this invitation of Jesus: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Whether your burdens feel light or heavy today, I hope you'll respond to His invitation to come and find rest.

Take a moment to find a place free of distractions for the next ten minutes. Begin by listening to your own physical breath. As you inhale air, think about breathing in God's love and grace for you. Silently "inhale" these words of God's love as you begin to pray:

"For the LORD your God is living among you.
He is a mighty savior.
He will take delight in you with gladness.
With his love, he will calm all your fears.
He will rejoice over you with joyful songs." Zephaniah 3:17"

Happy Birthday!

JUNE
14 Sammy Burg
23 Jean Journey
29 Janie Shamblin

Prayer & Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 PM

Deacon's Meeting
June 7, 20226
8:30 AM

Business Meeting
June 10, 2026
6:30 PM

Church Council
June 14, 2026
11:00 AM