CHURCH on the BLUFF

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Angie and I had a great vacation, and we want to thank you for allowing us the time off. One of the things we enjoy doing is eating at some favorite (and unique) places. I saw an advertisement for a place called "Bigfoot's Philly Cheesesteaks" and wanted to try it out. We located it and enjoyed a delicious Philly Cheesesteak… we will eat there again.

The place is as unique as the food. It is a small place attached to a standard "tourist trap" souvenir shop and tattoo shop. I was surprised as we went into the souvenir shop because it was very crowded…with people waiting for tattoos! There were six…yes six…tattoo artists and all were busy. There were a lot of people waiting their turn in the chair as well. "

Tattoos are extremely popular amongst many of the younger generations. I began thinking about whether or not the bible condemns tattoos as many say it does. The main verse that people point to when discussing tattoos is a verse in Leviticus: "Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the LORD." (Leviticus 9:28 NIV) . It can be a touchy subject, but is getting a tattoo a sin? Let's look a little deeper.

The whole 19th chapter of Leviticus concerns the putting away of pagan practices; making obvious choices that set the Hebrew children apart from the "worldly ways" of their contemporary peoples. Verse 28 speaks of cutting your one's body as a ritual of mourning or some sort of religious requirement. I believe the body markings referred to in that verse are those made in the same manner: showing pagan beliefs in times of death…in order to appease some particular "god". The one true God did not require nor permit that. In other words, it wasn't condemning tattoos in general, merely the ones that were tied to paganism and false gods.

I'm not particularly fond of tattoos because they are so *permanent. If you make a wrong choice it "sticks" with you…pun intended. Angie and I have a running joke: when we see that our marriage is really going to workout, we get each other's name tattooed on us. We will hit 55 years in December and no tattoo yet! I like what someone said about getting a tattoo in this day and age:*

- Do the tattoos you want to get reflect your faith and values?
- Will they point you toward God, or do they reflect worldly ideologies?
- How will others interpret your tattoos in light of your witness for Christ?

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

Bro. Tony

Upcoming Events

October:

- 25th: Backpack Assembly
- 27th: Coffee, Cake & Chat
- 30th : Fellowship Dinner

November:

- 1st: Time Change: Fall Back
- 6th : Card Making Class
- 8th: Bluff Perk
- 11th: Business Meeting
- 14th: Fill Bags for Christmas Parade
- 15th: Return OCC Boxes
- 22nd: Decorate for Christmas & Poinsettia Deadline
- 25th: No Fellowship Meal/Service
- 29th: Hanging of the Green

Weekly:

Sundays

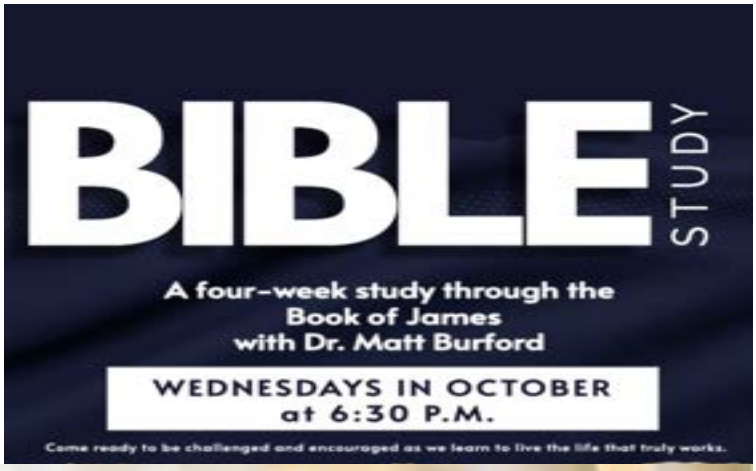
Bible Study -	9:00 AM
Worship -	10:00 AM

Wednesdays

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

Office Hours

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM



Fellowship Dinner
October 28th
6:00 PM

Happy Birthday!

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23 Emily Burford
27 Matthew Burford

Mission Opportunities:

Stay after worship this Sunday, October 25 and help us fill backpacks!

In ***November***, whoever is interested may pack as many shoeboxes as they wish. The shoeboxes are distributed internationally by Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are furnished. If you are interested in participating in Christmas Shoeboxes, let Hart Felder know.