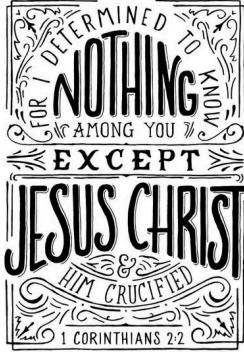


# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

February 23, 2025

## Welcome!



*"O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy"*

Join us at 6:00pm for a lesson from Jeff Baker

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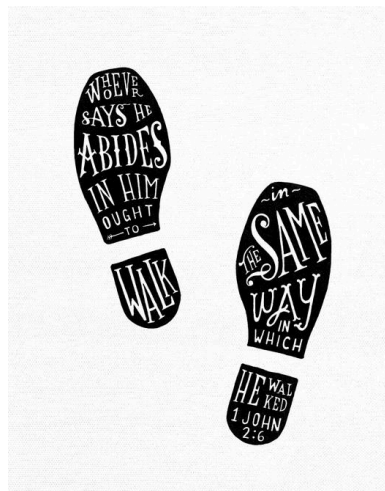
## Prayer List

Mark Russell's sister **Ina Sands** is recovering well from her heart attack

**Darlene Baxter** has started chemo anticipating stomach surgery

Pray for the missionaries in those areas we support, especially John Kachelman's work in the Ukraine

Continue to pray for: the **Kirk** family, the **Paul** family, **James Gupton**, the **John Hayes** family, **Brian West** family, **Rebecca Brown**, **Donnie Garrett**, **Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**, and **Bill Gillock**



*We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we continue our study of Hebrews*

## Serving Today

### Song Leader:

Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

### Scripture Reading:

Lowell Gregory

### Prayer:

Jeff Baker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

### Scripture Reading:

Eddie Walker

John 8:31-38

### Wait On Table:

David Billingsley

### Serve:

Jearmie Gupton

Jerry Butterworth

### Prayer:

Dwight Pennington

## Service Times

|                       |          |
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| Sunday Bible Study    | 9:30 am  |
| Sunday AM Worship     | 10:30 am |
| Sunday PM Worship     | 6:00 pm  |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 pm  |

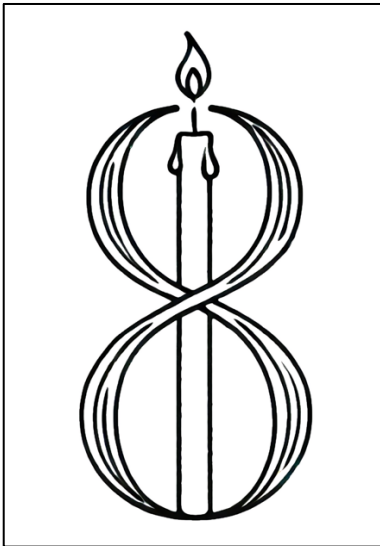
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### Outline of John 8

- I. A Sinner Jesus Forgives (1-11)
  - a. The Connivers (1-6a)
  - b. The Challenge (6b-8)
  - c. The Convicted (9)
  - d. The Cleansed (10-11)
- II. A Sermon Jesus Gives (12-59)
  - a. Declaration - I AM the Light of the World (12-30)
  - b. Devotion - What is Authentic Belief? (31-47)
  - c. Deity - Before Abraham Was, I AM (48-59)

**What is Authentic Belief in Christ? (31-47)** - During Jesus's conversation with the Jews at the temple in Jerusalem (2), John tells us that He speaks directly to those who "believed Him" (31). It is clear from Jesus' comments, this *belief* was not authentic (*compare to Mt 7:21-23*), and He challenges them with a test of true discipleship. Here is a summary of the challenge:

**Who Do You Hear \_\_\_\_\_?** - Jesus says they "cannot bear to hear my word" (43), and "whoever is of God hears the words of God" (47). Instead, He accuses them of only listening to their "father the devil" (44), and the reason why they "do not hear [the words of God] is that [they] are not of God". We all have a choice of who we truly hear. Often, the voice of Satan, working through our self-centeredness, drowns out everything else (**Jam 1:19-21**).

**What Do You Know \_\_\_\_\_?** - Jesus describes the message coming from God as "truth" and from the devil as "lies". To be a true disciple, we must "know the truth" (32) of God's Word. Everyone fills their lives with *something*, but only the "truth" can "set us free" (32) and "make [us] wise for salvation" (2Tim 3:15). What are we doing to fill our lives with the Word of God?

**In Whom Do You Act \_\_\_\_\_?** - Jesus explains that it is not enough just to know God's Word, a true disciple will also live it out (31; **Rom 6:15-23; Jam 1:22-25**). Our works will *always* show where our true allegiance resides. These Jews in Jerusalem must have professed belief in the words of Jesus, but He tells them "everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin" (34), "you do what you have heard from your father [the devil]" (38), "You are doing the works your father [the devil] did" (41), and "your will is to do your father's [the devil's] desires" (44). He is saying that their actions do not line up with their profession of faith (31; **Mt 7:21-33**). What do the actions of our lives show about the true nature of our belief?

**What Do You Receive \_\_\_\_\_?** A true disciple of Christ will be "set free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death" (**Rom 8:2**). This is why Jesus tells the Jews that the "truth will set you free" (32). If we are living our lives for ourselves, then we are living without the sacrifice of Jesus. Without the sacrifice of Jesus, we are "slave[s] to sin" (34) with no hope of escape. Choosing to submit our lives to Jesus is the most important decision we can ever make, because it is the **ONLY** way to receive God's gift of freedom (**Gal 5:1**).