

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner

Song Leader: Brian Horner

Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert

Scripture Reading: Howell Todd

Lord's Supper:

Presiding: Kyle Richardson

Serving: Aaron Hebert

Mel Hebert

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert

Preaching: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Devotional: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

Serving Next Sunday:

Pres. Lord's Supper: Howell Todd

Preaching: Mel Hebert

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year's Holiday Dinner is being planned for Dec 12th.

Please let Kyle know if there are any problems with this date.

Tonight is singing night followed by a potluck meal.

Bring a friend!

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:
Kyle Richardson - 495-7106
Dorthy Jean Smith - 444-5437

GROW TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship *see Kyle Richardson.*

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments *see Brian Horner.*

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact **Mel Hebert: 443-7779.**

Flower Request - Please call **Danise Fisher: 237-3239**

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Restoring My Brother

Paul said, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:1-2). It is possible for any and every Christian to fall to the temptation of sin. In fact, we all sin (1 Jn. 1:8-10).

The word Paul uses translated "overtaken" means to be surprised by the sin or temptation to sin. It bears with it the idea of one's spiritual heart being suddenly invaded and taken before aware. When sin takes hold of my brother in Christ, I want to remove its ugly grip from his soul and free him to again walk faithfully in the sonship of Jesus the Christ (1 Jn. 1:7).

By way of this short essay, I want to give you just four reasons why I should want to restore my brother.

I want to restore my brother because....

He is my brother.

Christians are part of a family. Case in point, families feel sorrow when one of their members is in pain. The same family feels great joy when all is well in the life of that family member. Paul said, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rm 12:15). Rudyard Kipling once wrote about families, "All of us are we – and everyone else is they." A family shares things like dreams, hopes, possessions, memories, smiles, frowns, and gladness...A family is a clan held together with the glue of love and the cement of mutual respect. A family is a shelter from the storm, a friendly port when the waves of life become too wild. No person is ever alone who is a member of a family.

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I want to restore my brother, because he is part of my family. Add to that...

Sin has hold of my brother.

It doesn't take too much time spent in the soup line of sin before complete apostasy can occur (1 Jn. 5:16). One has described it this way, "Sin teaches you more than you want to know. It takes you farther than you want to go. It costs you more than you want to pay. It keeps you longer than you want to stay."

It is thought that David, with his pen of contrition, wrote Psalm 51 following his sin with Bathsheba. In this Psalm he identifies the fault which had overtaken him. Notice the words that he wrote, "*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me*" (Psa 51:2,3). When these three words; iniquity, sin, and transgression, are used together, they describe the lowest abyss of guilt.

After David's sin with Bathsheba, and following the murder of Uriah (1 Sam. 11), Nathan was sent by God to restore David (1 Sam, 12). Nathan was a friend to David; and, yes, we might call him a brother – at least one performing the duty of a brother. Sin had its hold on David and so Nathan acts as a brother (by divine guidance) and serves as an illustration to the words of Paul when he said, "...if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one..." (Gal. 6:1).

I want to restore my brother because he is part of my family, and because sin has hold of him. Add to that....

Part 1 of 2. Check back next week for the conclusion.

Article by: Neil Richey



**Remember
in Prayer**

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Bradley & Betty Glover
Hollis Cluck
The Pfaffs - Missionaries
Diane Chopay
Vickie Wade
Craig Cook
Judy Higgins
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - cancer
Dorthy Huffines - cancer
Christy Garrett
The Entire Bryan Family
Annie Smith
JW Smith
Elisha Garrett
Margie Taylor
Jerry Garrett
Billy Brewer
Lila Kirk

Daily Bible Reading

DAY	MORN.	EVE.
Sunday	Lam 5	2 Tim 3
Monday	Eze 1-2	2 Tim 4
Tuesday	Eze 3-4	Heb 1
Wednesday	Eze 5-7	Heb 2
Thursday	Eze 8-10	Heb 3
Friday	Eze 11-12	Heb 4
Saturday	Eze 13-14	Heb 5

November Birthdays:

20 - Lynda Sparkman
22 - Brian Horner

*"Let us hold fast the
confession of our hope
without wavering, for he who
promised is faithful."
Heb 10:23*

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Who built the first city and what was its name?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - What Queen was desposed for refusing to obey her drunken husband?
A - Vashti. Esther 1:10-21.