

Olivet

baptist church

"Impacting Lives Today...Tomorrow...and Forever"
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From The Pastor's Pen

In 1973, psychiatrist Karl Menninger published a book with the provocative title, *Whatever Became of Sin?* His point was the sociology and psychology tends to avoid terms like "evil," or "morality," and "wrongdoing." Menninger detailed how the theological notion of sin became the legal idea of crime and then slid further from its true meaning when it was relegated to the psychological category of sickness.

We have become so uncomfortable with the idea of sin and evil, particularly in our own life, that we've tried to turn it into a virtue; lust just becomes "sensuality," and anger just means being honest with

your emotions.

An example of Menninger thoughts can be found in the news that broke a few months ago regarding Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who admitted he took performance enhancing drugs from 2001 to 2003.

Rodriguez told ESPN's Peter Gammons about why he took the illegal drugs. He said he felt pressured to take them; that the culture was loose; he was young and stupid, and naïve. He even said he was sorry for doing it. So what was he guilty of? Being negligent, naïve, and not asking the right questions.

When asked whether he had lied in an earlier interview with Katie Couric when he denied using steroids, human growth hormones, or other performance-enhancing substances. He replied "At the time...I was not even being truthful with myself. How am I going to be truthful with Katie or CBS?" Huh?

There is no point danc-

ing around this "sin" thing. Either it exists, or it doesn't. Either there is true culpability, or not. As one writer put it "we are either 'mistakers' or 'sinners.'"

God's word reminds us that "We all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) and we are guilty. It is because we are sinners and we are guilty, that we can understand the amazing and overwhelming grace of God (Romans 5:8).

So what ever became of sin in our culture? Unless we proclaim the truth of the Gospel, future generations may never know that such a word ever existed.

Love In Christ,
Bro. Scott

"We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)



I can't begin to thank you, my church family, for praying for me while I was in such a bad way. I don't know what I would have done without you and the ways you checked on me and sent me such lovely cards and flowers and even gifts. You are like my own family.

My own family was a God send. I am so very proud of each one of them, especially my husband, Jay and my sons, Scott & Jeremy. I would not have made it without them. I love them with all my heart .

It's hard to understand why a person has to go through some things that we have to go through but I have already gotten to share my story with several people and hopefully helped them and some others understand what they are going through. God allows things to happen for a reason.

Please continue to pray for me and my family as God continues to strengthen me every day.

Love & Blessings,
Cheryl Hillsberry



Extended Care Workers

August 16, 2009

Lindsay Crutchfield & Iris Thornton, Josh & Lezlie Robbins, Travis & Amy Ryan, Justin & Jennifer Melton, Jason & Rhonda Ward

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Melissa Nelson & Connie Owens, Don & Brandon Fought, Jennifer Maloney & Courtney Bales, Kendall Roberts & Evan Boyd



Children's Church Workers



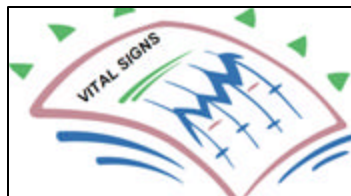
Wednesday Meals

August 19- Taco salad & dessert

Children's Menu:Tacos



Our thoughts and prayers are with Perry Mallory and his family in the loss of his brother, Marion "Mutt" Mallory.



Sunday, August 9, 2009

Records:

Sunday School Enrollment	1508
Sunday School Attendance	458
Small Groups	73
Contacts	75
Weekly Budget	\$20,084.63
Budget Receipts	\$15,506.52



Everyone knows that church cookbooks have THE BEST recipes ever in them. It has been several years since we have published our own and we would like to prepare a new one, but we need YOUR help. Please turn in your favorite recipes to the church office, either typed or printed one per page. These make great gifts and you will treasure yours forever.

Children's Workers Needed



Anyone interested in serving in our children's department we have several positions opening for the Fall! Please pray for our department and for this wonderful opportunity to serve and be blessed!

- 4th Grade Secretary
- 4th Grade Teacher
- 5th Grade Teacher
- 6th Grade Director

Contact Amie Taber for Details.