

## Schedule of Events

Men's meeting next Sunday immediately after morning services to discuss our tent meeting and evangelism plans for this year.

## Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Little white lies are still lies and sin is still sin even if we try to ignore it or refuse to discuss it.

## Our Family News

**Pray for /** Ed Maxwell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy

**Traveling/Working /** Terry Campbell, Wyatt Couch, Steve and Abby

**Radio Programs /** Listen to "Searching the scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Today's Scripture /** Deuteronomy 21:20 (KJV 1900) "And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is a glutton, and a drunkard.*"

**Wisdom for Today/** Proverbs 23:21 (KJV 1900) "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: And drowsiness shall clothe *a man with rags.*"

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**AM and PM Sermon /** George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 60

For more information check our website at [www.churchofchristwasilla.com](http://www.churchofchristwasilla.com)

### Evangelists

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## God's Plan of Salvation

**Hear** Romans 10:17

**Believe** Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

**Repent** Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

**Confess** Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

**Be Baptized** Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

**Remain Faithful** Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

### Contact Information

Meeting Times

#### Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

#### Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

### Office Hours

Call or Ck Web

### Come join us!

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

## Sins of a Lesser Kind

By Bill Beebe

About a year before Peggy and I moved back to Alaska I preached a series of sermons that I called “Sins of a Lesser Kind”. This series was designed to deal with sins that we rarely mention, much less study. In that series of lessons were sermons that dealt with: Slothfulness, Avarice which covers greed, covetousness and Idolatry, Pride, the Love of Money including envy, gluttony and luxury, Vanity and Hatred which includes gossiping, fear and wrath. And I added one more on The Tongue which dealt with our sometimes seemingly inherent inability to control it.

These are sins that we often do not even regard as sinful now. For instance, how many consider luxury (spending so much on luxury items that you can no longer meet your basic obligations) or fear to be sinful? And how can we even commit them? While we know that idolatry is a sin, how many recognize that it is one that is often committed today? Most would consider gossiping a sin but why did I include it with fear and wrath in a sermon on Hatred? We seem to concentrate on sins that we think to be a lot more important than envy and gluttony. We are inundated with fornication, adultery, divorce and remarriage in our society to the point that these are becoming more prevalent within the church. Because of this, we seem to concentrate on these things and marginalize the things that we consider to be “lessor” sins. Of course, the thing is that all sins are considered by God to be equal, so we can be lost for the things we think are less sinful as certainly as we can for murder or adultery.

It would be impossible to discuss all of the sins that were identified above in one bulletin article, so I will pick some to discuss today and maybe deal with more in a future article. While many of us may have never heard of Avarice it is a problem that should be identified and discussed by the church today. Dictionary.com defines Avarice as a **noun** which carries the meaning of **“insatiable greed for riches; inordinate, miserly desire to gain and hoard wealth”**. From the definition it is easy to understand why greed and covetousness can be associated with it. We understand that greed and covetousness are both sins. The King James version does not include the word “greed”, however it is found in other versions. Among these are the following passages Matthew 23:25-26 (CSBBible) <sup>25</sup> **“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.”** <sup>26</sup> **Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside of it may also become clean.** Luke 12:14-15 (NASB) <sup>14</sup> **But He said to him, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?”**

<sup>15</sup> **Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”** Of course, these are not the only passages where both the Christian Standard Bible and the New American Standard Bible use the word “greed”, but these examples are enough for us to understand that greed is a sin and something that we should avoid.

Covetousness is used by several translations of the Bible, so it is easy to see that it is also something that we want to avoid. Romans 1:28-32 (ASV) <sup>28</sup> **And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;** <sup>29</sup> **being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers,** <sup>30</sup> **backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,** <sup>31</sup> **without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful:** <sup>32</sup> **who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practise such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practise them.**

So, it is clear that both greed and covetousness are condemned by God and are something that Christians should work to eliminate from their lives, but how does idolatry fit in with these. We often consider idolatry as something that was done by pagans when worshiping their false gods. And that is one type of idolatry. Since we often consider idolatry to be worship of false gods and we worship only Jehovah the one true God we think that this is a sin that we never commit. But I would ask you to consider for a minute. Idolatry is also committed when we put something else ahead of God. Often is our society the thing that is put before God by most people and many in the church is money. We decide we cannot go to worship God because we must work to make ends meet because we overextended ourselves and now have to pay for it. Or we decide to work overtime to get more money in the bank account so that we can do this or that. I contend that when we do these, we are committing idolatry because money then becomes more important to us than God.

All sin will separate us from God and in that sense, they are all equal. So the next time you look at something and think well...it is not as bad as murder, or adultery or something else, remember **“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** Romans 6:23 (KJV)