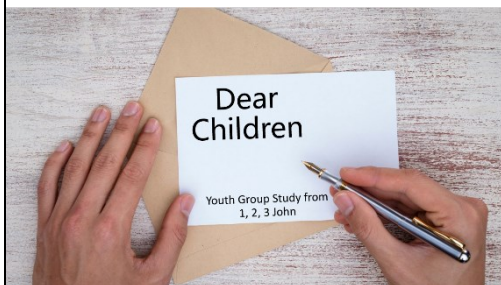


JUNE & JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Bible Class Father's Day	21	22*	23 Bible Study	24 Beach Day	25	26
27 Bible Class ELLE'S AXE HOUSE	28	29	30 <u>Peter's Last Day</u>	1 Board Games	2	3
4 Bible Class Recharge @6pm	5	6	7 Bible Study	8 Color War	9	10
11 Bible Class	12	13	14 Bible Study	15 TBD	16	17
18 B	19 A	20 N	21 D	22 I	23 N	24 A

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Wednesday Bible Study Theme for the summer



June 23 – Dear Children – 1 John 3.1
June 30 – Special Event
 July 7 – Dear Children – 1 John 3.2
 July 14 – Dear Children – 1 John 4
 July 21 – BANDINA
 July 28 – Dear Children – 1 John 5

***Birthdays:** June 22 – Caiden Chacon



"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the **light** of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in **darkness**, but will have the **light** of life.'"

John 8:12

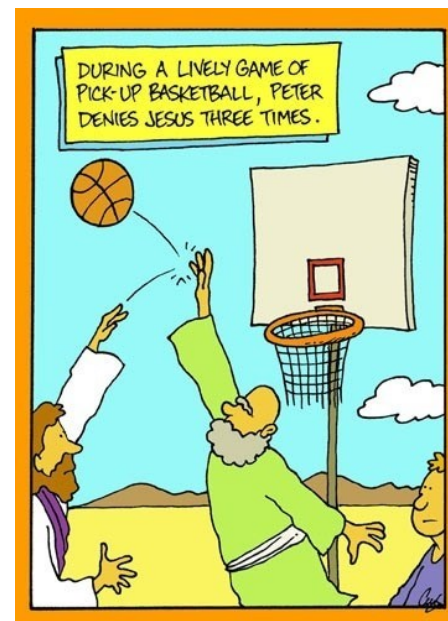
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Sunday Bible Classes

The Minor Leagues – A Look at the Minor Prophets

Last Week:
 Amos

Next Week:
 Obadiah





Thought of the Week

Out of all the most hated characters in the bible, Judas has to be at least in the top 10, maybe even 3. No one likes the betrayer of Jesus. Judas doesn't get too much publicity; and when he does, it's always bad (and for good reason). The betrayal was a terrible event and Judas surely deserves the hatred he receives. But what exactly do we know about this man called Judas Iscariot, other than his turning Jesus over to the romans?

Here's what we *do* know. Judas was one of the twelve disciples and was with Jesus for three years. He was present and participated in many of Jesus' miracles as well as teachings. He was also the twelve's treasurer, meaning that he kept hold of the group's money. Even before the betrayal, Judas would often steal money from the twelve. "But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as a keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it." - John 12:4-6

Starting by stealing from the twelve, Judas' sin grew and grew until he eventually handed Jesus over to be crucified. What's more fascinating to me, however, is that Judas had the *best* environment for forming a strong faith. He literally walked next to Jesus, saw his miracles, listened to his teachings, and yet he *still* abandoned his faith. It's very easy for us to hate Judas, but remember that Judas was still a disciple. Jesus chose him for a reason. Judas was likely very knowledgeable of what Jesus' teachings, well-read on scripture, and knew far more about Jesus than any of us today can even come close to! Judas was a far better Christian by any standard, but he was taken by sin.

When Jesus is confronted by roman soldiers, he says something that can't be missed: "Do what you came for, friend." – Matthew 26:50. During the betrayal, Jesus calls Judas 'friend' (a variant of the word 'friend' is in every translation and the Greek, so Matthew meant what he wrote). Jesus considered Judas to be a friend even while Judas was sending him to be hung on a cross. Think about your own personal relationship with Jesus for a moment. You've undoubtably sinned over and over, and if you're anything like me, it's hard for you to realize that Jesus still wants to be your friend.

Many of you have grown up in the church, been raised by Christian parents, and have good Christian friends. But remember that Judas had those too, and that was not enough to protect him from sin. Despite our backgrounds, good or not, we are *all* sinners, just like Judas. AND despite our sin, Jesus wants to be our friend, even when we betray him.

Prayer Requests:

- Please keep the **Elders & Deacons** in your prayers as they seek to guide this church in their decision making
- Remember the prayer list in the C&S and the **Wednesday Night Announcements** sheet.
- Please keep all our **youth group** in your prayers; we all face trials and difficulties in our day to day lives.
- Please keep all our upcoming **activities & classes** in your prayers.
- Be praying for **Peter, Lisa, and Zoey** as they transition into a new home and church family.
- Be praying for our future **youth minister** as well as our interim minister, **Ozzy Garcia**.
- Please be praying for a speedy recovery for **Garrett Arthur**.

Announcements:

- SCYC Bandina **Staff and Camper** forms are available in the welcome center, youth room, or online. This year's theme is "**Wait & See**" **July 18-24**.
- Bandina sign-ups are due **JULY 1st**
- Now is the time for you to update your student profiles! Please turn your form in to Peter ASAP.



Let's
Pray!