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# White Steeple Banner

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I recently came across a story about a Chinese man named Li Fuyan who had sought treatment at a local hospital for a throbbing headache that would not go away. Doctors prescribed various treatments and pain relievers, but nothing seemed to help.

Fuyan's ability to function was becoming increasingly impaired. Worried doctors took an X-ray of his head and found that a four-inch rusty knife blade was lodged in his head.

Thinking back, Fuyan remembered that he was attacked by a robber in his home four years earlier. He remembered that the attacker had lunged at him with a knife and cut his jaw, but what he did not realize at the time was that the knife blade plunged into his skull and broke off of the handle. Over the years his body had been rebelling against that foreign object.

Just as our bodies rebel against objects that should not be there, our souls rebel against something that should not be there. Sin. What would an X-ray of our soul reveal? Regrets over an improper relationship? Remorse over a poor choice? Shame about the marriage that didn't work, the habit you couldn't quit, the temptation you didn't resist, or the courage you couldn't find?

Feelings of guilt and shame are the soul's way of telling us something is wrong. Guilt lies hidden beneath the surface, festering, irritating. Sometimes so deeply embedded you don't know the cause.

The good news is that we can experience freedom and forgiveness. The Bible tells us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

What a wonderful promise! Through confession and repentance we can know full and complete forgiveness. Every spot of guilt and shame can be taken

away. How is that possible? Because of the cross.

The Bible tells us that Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). Through His death, He paid the penalty for our all our sins so that through faith we might experience forgiveness in His name.

God gives us His unbreakable promise of forgiveness and cleansing through our faith in Jesus. Whatever the failure, He forgives. Whatever guilt, He atones. Whatever the sin, He cleanses.

As the hymn writer Horatio Spafford wrote:

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!  
 My sin, not it part but the whole,  
 Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more!  
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

The shepherd loves the sheep!  
 Pastor Brian

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Daniel Waters	4th
Casey Patrick	7th
Pete Brown	8th
Margie Elston	9th
Lisa Clement	11th
Brent Martwick	13th
Kristen Todaro	13th
Eva Gonzales	14th
Bobbie Branch	17th
Shelbie Ponder	21st
Jere Grice	22nd
Ruby Wood	23rd
Michelle Lemoine	27th
Darcia Beckstrand	29th
Tamara Miller	29th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dennis & Linda Young	3rd
Danny & Lou Jones	6th
Brian & Carole Pucey	12th
David & Michelle Lemoine	29th



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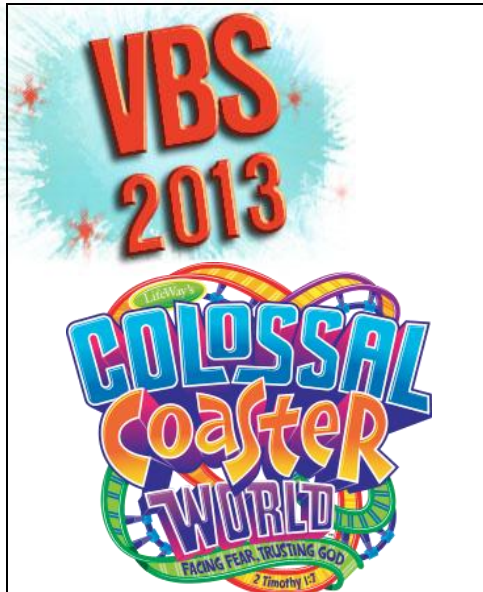
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**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

I'm excited about our plans for the Christmas program this year, it's coming together.

If you have a song you would like for us to sing during Sunday Morning Worship just jot it down on the back of the perforated portion of the bulletin and we'll try and include it in our worship service!



**July 22-26**

**6 to 8:30 p.m.**

for K - 5th grade

register on line at [www.elmgrovebaptist.com](http://www.elmgrovebaptist.com)

**VBS NEED:**  
Old shirts for kids to paint in



**Welcome to Our Church Family**  
Susan Barnes  
Steven Rice



at 9:30 a.m.

**There's a class just for you!**



**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

to help in the Baby and Toddler area during Morning Worship.  
If you are willing to help please contact the church office.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Church Council**

Wednesday, July 3rd  
at 5:30 p.m.

**Monthly Business Meeting**

Sunday, July 21st  
after Morning Worship

Church Office will be closed July 4th for Independence Day

