TWO PATHS

James 1:15 provides what is sometimes called "The Life-Cycle of Sin." The verse tells us, "Then when lust is conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death." The passage describes for us the beginning, progression, and final result of sin in the life of man.

Two verses prior, James 1:12 gives what could be called "The Life-Cycle of Obedience." This verse says, "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." First, Christians must persevere, endure, and faithfully obey God's instructions. Next, Christians will be "approved" or proven faithful through their obedience. Finally, faithful Christians will be blessed recipients of "the crown of life."

Which of these two passages best describes our lives today? Is sin growing, flourishing, and thriving in us, or is our obedience to God's word nourishing our souls and preparing us for an eternal reward? Like a fork in the road, we must choose which path we will take; both have a beginning, a progression, and an end. Will we choose obedience or sin? Will we choose life or death?



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ORTH MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

WELCOME VISITORS

You are our honored guests! Please fill out a visitor card and put in collection plate. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you as a part of our family. If you would like for someone to visit you or have some other need, please let us know. WE HOPE YOU WILL WORSHIP WITH US AGAIN SOON!

NORTH MAIN EVENTS

<u>February 2 Today</u> Elders Meeting See elders for time if you would like to meet with them.

<u>February 3 Monday</u> JCM Bible Study is cancelled this week. Class will resume next week.

February 15 Saturday Parents Afternoon Out from

3-5pm for children ages three and up. Parents, drop your kids off at the fellowship room. They will be entertained and fed a spaghetti dinner while you enjoy some adult time. Anyone interested in helping watch the kids, see Deborah Dull.

<u>February 27 Thursday</u> Digging Deep Ladies Class at 10am <u>April 5 Saturday</u> Betsy Forrest Wedding Shower <u>May 2-19</u> Dulls Mission Trip to Cuba

AREA EVENTS

March 3-6 Gospel Meeting at Jericho church of Christ
 March 7 Saturday Ladies Day at Cary church of Christ
 March 8-11 Gospel Meeting at Jericho church of Christ
 March 14 Saturday Ladies Day at South Stokes
 March 14 Saturday Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Road in Fort Mill, SC

April 17-19 Youth Rally at Lake Norman church of Christ April 25 Saturday Ladies Day at Jericho church of Christ August 12-20 Polishing the Pulpit

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THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Edwin Boger continues to recover from a recent procedure. Jimmy Watkins continues to suffer with declining health. Bubba Cannon, Daniel Forrest, Phyllis Foster, Glenn Koontz, Sara Koontz, Waylon Kuklentz, Bobby Lankford, Brenda May, Mildred Phelps, Steve Short (former preacher at Broad Street in Statesville), Jay Stanley, Jerry Stanley, David Whitley



SHUT-INS

Robert Cole, Vergie Farmer, Estelle Kluttz, Sadie Rice, Wanda Scott, Bailey Walker

USED MUGS NEEDED

Search your cabinets and storage boxes. Carolina Bible Camp needs used mugs. Preferably mugs with fun messages, styles, etc. There is a box in the fellowship hall for the mugs.





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Aileen Potts Tuesday February 4
Timothy Johnson Thursday February 6

PROVERBS 3:1-6

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

PRIVELEDGED TO SERVE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader Announcements Opening Prayer

Lord's Table

Phil Forrest Brandon Maurer

Jimmy Snow Rick Brown

Steve Brown Ortie Boyd Oscar Koontz

David Capps

Scripture Reading Edgar Markman Preacher Matt Langfield

Closing Prayer Scott Tesh

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Opening Prayer Preacher Rick Brown Matt Langfield

Lord's Table Closing Prayer Phil Forrest Daniel Forrest

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader

Gary Dull

COMMUNION

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LAST WEEKS NUMBERS

Sunday Bible Class 61 Sunday Morning Worship 77 Sunday Evening Worship 50 Wednesday Bible Study 54 Offering \$2517 Weekly Budget \$2200

SCHEDULE of SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Class 10am
Morning Worship 11am
Evening Worship 5pm
WEDNESDAY
Bible Class 7pm

PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17
Believe in Jesus, God's Son
Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6
Repent of Sin Acts 17:30-31
Confess Jesus as God's Son
before Men

Acts 8:36-37, Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized (immersed) Acts 2:38 Live Faithfully 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

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