



Tallapoosa church of Christ

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

Prayer Request

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Jason Rowell
Teddy Cauthen
Maddox Willingham
Pete Bridges
Ann Smith
Bonnie Godwin
Jeremy and Candyce

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Joe Mallory 1
Kim Payne 2
Drew Davis 9
Kelly Cauthen 13
Angie Cauthen 27
Kitty Shaw 29

Troy and Sarah 27

Making a Bad Choice

Let's take a moment to imagine a game show in which the contestants are given really easy choices to make. Really, really easy choices. Choices which should be so blindingly obvious that only an idiot would choose poorly.

Consider how you choose...



This week, for instance, the lead contestant's choice is between having a million dollars paid into his bank account each year, every year, beginning in a year, or eating a slice of apple pie right then. And just to make the choice more interesting, the pie is poisoned and sure to bring a slow, painful death over the course of the next few days.

Now let's take a moment to imagine the contestant choosing the pie. We would all, of course, think him a great fool, but that is what he is going to choose. He is going to forego a lifetime of wealth and eat a pie guaranteed to painfully kill him.

His rationale is that he really, really likes pie; it's a very good-looking pie; and he's not sure he'll be alive in a year anyway.

Most people would think the contestant to be crazy. And yet, if we were making a spiritual comparison to ourselves, and the choices God gives us, most of us choose to eat the poisoned pie. Moreover, most people look askance at the ones who decide to go for the long-

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{proverbs 3:5 }

God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful

This Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:



Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Alan Wilkerson
Table	Kenny Laminack
	Wayne Aldridge
Assisting	Caden Mallory
	Brennan Mallory
Closing Prayer	Tony Hotalen

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Harel Otwell
Scripture	Cory Payne
Song Leader	Joe Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Shane Buchanan

Next Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:



Announcements	Cory Payne
Scripture	Brennan Mallory
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Tony Hotalen
Table	Joe Mallory
	Cody Payne
Assisting	Shane Buchanan
	Korbin Cauthen
Closing Prayer	Caden Mallory

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Scripture	Brandon Estvanko
Song Leader	Alan Wilkerson
Opening Prayer/Table	Kenny Laminack
Closing Prayer	Cory Payne

term prize.

For instance, the Bible tells us of a certain man who was given a choice. He could enjoy the luxuries of life immediately. He could be one of the most powerful men of one of the most powerful nations in the world. Or he could give that all up, and choose to leave his position of power, become a wanted fugitive, and be counted amongst a group of people who would be poor in this world, but yet have great spiritual promises for an age yet to come.

Quite a few people would think that choosing the wealth, power and privilege to be the right gamble.

Moses disagreed and chose the other.

We read in the Bible, “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.” ([Hebrews 11:24-26](#); NKJV)

Moses understood the real choice he was being given: momentary pleasure which would end badly, or an everlasting heritage.

The pleasures of sin are indeed a poisoned pleasure, for the Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death, and misery is in its path. (cf. [Romans 3:16, 6:23](#)) It looks very tempting in the moment of decision, and it seems, to many, to be the smart choice, but the wise man knows that it’s a lie. Sin is always a bad choice.

God cautions us in His word, “the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” ([1 John 2:17](#); NKJV)

The reward that God offers may often be in the future, but it is also guaranteed by the word of God, and God cannot lie. Thus, the apostle Paul reminded Titus that the faith of which he was an apostle, the same faith shared by all of God’s people, was, “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.” ([Titus 1:2](#); NKJV)

We don’t have to worry that we won’t be around to get the prize, and thus reason that we might as well eat the pie while we have the chance. God cannot lie, and God says that those who are faithful to Him will be rewarded with eternal riches and everlasting life.

It should not be, when we boil it down to its basics, a hard choice.

So why do most of us tend to make the wrong choice, choosing instant gratification, no matter the consequence, and eschewing the greater reward that is to come? Instead of making the choice that Moses made, forsaking the passing pleasures of sin, we instead follow in the footsteps of Demas, whom Paul lamented “loved this present world,” and thus departed from his place in the faith. (cf. [2 Timothy 4:10](#))

Reminders:

Check bulletin board

Remember Service change on Sundays

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 1:30PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

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Whatever the reason, lack of faith, lack of self-control, lack of wisdom... we should recognize that whenever we choose sin over God, we are making a bad choice. A very bad choice. Let's be smarter than that and make the choice that Moses made.

