

Church News

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Two kinds of prayer

Jesus told his disciples another parable story aimed at those religious leaders who prided themselves in doing everything just right, and despised others who didn't. As Jesus started his story His friends must have leaned in to catch every word. Two men went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other was a publican tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and proudly prayed.

"Dear God, I thank You that I'm not like others are, money grabbers, liars, adulterers or even this tax collector. I fast twice each week, and pay an honest tithe of all my income." The tax collector stood toward the back and he didn't even feel worthy to look up to God and prayed quietly he felt so bad he humbly prayed, "God be merciful and forgive me a sinner."

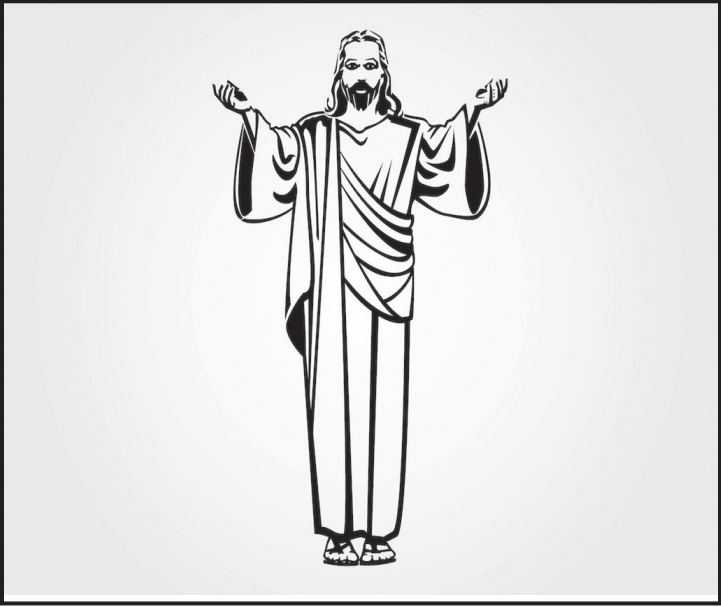
Jesus ended His story by saying I want to tell you that the tax collector went home forgiven, not the Pharisee. Those who think they are righteous and are filled with pride don't feel their need of help, but those who realize their need of help, are

humble and can be honored of God.

The Pharisee judged his character not by the holy character of God, but by the character of other men. His mind was turning away from God to people. This was the reason he was satisfied with himself. His self righteousness led him to accusing other men of breaking God's law. So he was showing the character of Satan who loves to accuse us of our sins. With this spirit the Pharisee could never enter into communion with God.

On the other hand the publican tax collector was overwhelmed with a sense of guilt, he stood like he was alone in God's presence. His only desire was for pardon and peace, his only plea was the mercy of God ... and he was blessed. He went back to his house justified rather than the other.

As we come to God in prayer, the sense of our need, and the recognition of our poverty and sin, is the first condition of our acceptance with God. "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:3* You can read this story in *Luke 18:9-14*



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Healing Touch

Can you imagine stumbling through life without being touched? Without someone holding your hand when you are lost? Without someone rubbing your back when it is sore? Without someone slapping you on the shoulder for a job well done? Without being embraced after being gone on a two-week business trip? Some of us don't have to imagine. For some of us, it's a reality.

Sometimes our isolation is self-imposed. We disconnect from others in order to hide our hurts and our flaws from others. What problem are you trying to conceal? What hurt are you trying to cover up? What prevents you from getting close to other people? Where do you need to be touched?

To hide our disfigurements, we be-

come very proficient at covering up our problems. But by covering them up, they never truly heal. We need God's healing touch. We, too, like the old spiritual says, "It's not my brother or my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."

So, what do we do? Where do we find help? Where do we go for healing? We can't call the disciples and ask them to round Jesus up and bring him by the house for a one-on-one, hands on healing. But Jesus has shown us what it takes in order to find what we need.

The antidote for our woundedness is to reconnect with Christ. He knows and reveals the way of restoration. He heals us. He gives us a hand in our daily struggles to stand upright and maintain the vertical connection. Christ's hand touches our lives,

breaks the cycle of suffering, restores the spiritual connection, lifts us up, and raises us to new life. I know this to be true. I've felt and continue to feel the hand of Christ lifting me to new life and breaking the fever of death.

Jesus looks past our job titles, our bank accounts, our cars, and our houses, and sees our loneliness and our need and our hurt. He reaches down to touch us at our point of need. He calls our problems like he sees them and reveals our blind spots. And he loves us enough to try to keep us from making stupid mistakes.

Christ's hand of resurrection breaks the bonds of death. Christ's hand of forgiveness breaks the bonds of guilt. Christ's hand of mercy breaks the bonds of self-condemnation. Christ's hand of peace breaks

the bonds of conflict and violence. Christ's hand of consolation breaks the bonds of sorrow and grief. Christ's hand of hope breaks the bonds of despair. There is no bond the hand of Christ cannot or will not break. Christ breaks every chain. He breaks our chains and restores our connections. In him every flat life is lifted up, and every horizontal existence is raised to a new life on the vertical axis.



Community Bible Church

The Unclouded Day

"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you." *1 Peter 1:3-4*

"The Unclouded Day" is a song written by Josiah K. Alwood circa 1880. His view of heaven resonates with me. I can see so clearly those clear, blue, spring days on the farm. The clouds and storms of winter are past, and spring is at hand. The song goes like this:

"The Unclouded Day"

O they tell me of a home far beyond the sky.
O they tell me of a home far away.
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise.
O they tell me of an unclouded day.
O the land of cloudless day.
O the land of an unclouded day.
O they tell me of a land where no storm clouds rise.
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

It's hard to imagine what heaven will be like, but the apostle Paul wrote the following in *2 Corinthians 12:2-4*. "2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago ... was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man ... was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." Paul also made this declaration in *Philippians 1:23*. "23 For I am hard-pressed between the two (to go to heaven or to remain here on earth), having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." He looked with great desire toward his heavenly home. The older I get, the more I look forward to heaven. I picture heaven in two absolutes. One absolute is – the absence of sin, no temptation, no struggle; and the second absolute is – the presence of Jesus.

Everything else that makes up heaven will be wonderful, but it wouldn't be heaven without Jesus. The Bible tells us the way to heaven in no uncertain terms. In *John 14:6* Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me." Religion might give you some limited help in this life, but only Jesus gives eternal life. Do you know Him?

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Sunday, Feb. 11
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7
A.W.A.N.A. 6:30-8 p.m.
Preschool – Grade 6

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – 12th grade

Free Senior Exercise Class
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9-10 a.m.
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Saturday Worship 9 a.m.
Bible Study 11:15
Pastor Charles Byrd
Church (541) 592-3218
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children

Illinois Valley Praise Center
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ
Non-denominational
Bible-believing Church
Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Seekers 7 p.m.
Youth group Thursday - 7 p.m.
www.ivpraisecenter.com

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 541-592-3896
Email: cbcca@gmail.com
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
Pre-K to 12th grade
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
541-592-3658
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10343 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m

First Baptist Church of Selma
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
541-597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street
& Lewis Court, CJ
Annemarie Richardson
Lay Pastor.
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Church Phone: 541-592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
541-592-6160

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
541-592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Morning Worship
9:30 & 11 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

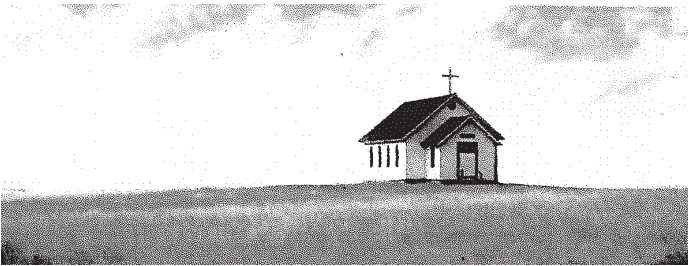
ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ
541-592-2006
Rev. Bryant Bechtold
Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.
Bishop
Larry Hammersmith
541-592-3919

Illinois Valley Baptist Church
541-592-6149
Located in the old Chapel on Lister St.
(between Caves Ave & Junction Ave)
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer & Youth Program 7:00 PM
Ladies Bible Study
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Youth group meets
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