the Gospel

Look around. The world is broken. That is not to say there aren't some good things in the world, but you don't have to look far to find darkness and evil. The Bible calls this *sin*. Sin is present everywhere and in everyone. It is easy to say, "Well, I'm not as bad as _____," but the truth is that there's no one perfect in the world.

- "Both Jews and Greeks are under sin.... None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God." (Rom 3:9–11)
- "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23)

According to the Scriptures, sin and death are inextricably linked. Death exists because sin exists. The world is dying because of sin. We die because of sin.

- "Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." (Rom 5:12)
- "The wages of sin is death." (Rom 6:23)

The only remedy for sin and death is Jesus Christ, who being sinless, took our sin, and in dying and being raised from the dead, gave us life.

- "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8)
- Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit." (1 Pet 3:18)

What is required of you? To simply believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and declare it to be true.

• if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." (Rom 10:9–10)

Financial Summary

2023 Budget \$224,885 **Budget to Date** \$147,050 **Weekly Budget** \$4,325 **Giving to Date** \$151,906

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Creating environments where people encounter Jesus and journey together

Today's Worship

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- Lord's Table -

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- Exploring the Scriptures Together -

Upcoming Events

August

27 **TODAY!** Barbecue Lunch after worship gathering New Members' Workshop after lunch

September

- 2 Southern NH Rescue Mission
- 3 Ministry Team Leaders Meeting, after worship
- 10 God's Backyard Launch
- 13 Perspectives on the Church, 7:00pm
- 23 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am
- 30 Ladies' Ministry, 9:15am

We are excited to be planning another BAPTISM SUNDAY! If you are ready to be baptized as a public profession of faith, see Pastor Erik so we can schedule appropriately.



The Mess They Made of the Gospel

(1 Corinthians 15:1–58)

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Nursery is provided 9:30-11:30am for children ages 0-3. Our children's ministry (God's Backyard) for ages 4–10 will be dismissed right before the message.