

PASTOR'S LETTER - JUNE, 2021



*"My ground is the Bible.
Yea, I am a Bible-bigot.
I follow it in all things, both great and small."*

--John Wesley's Journal: "June 5, 1766"

Methodists in years gone by were Bible-toting Christians who proudly considered themselves people of the Book, the Bible, yes, "Bible Bigots". Though the Bible is primary for understanding our faith and history, most of us would not consider ourselves to be "Bible Bigots" and thank God for that. Keep in mind, in the Bible, you can find a whole lot of racial and gender discrimination, misogyny, and abuse across the board. I'm sure the women who are reading this remember the words of Paul, 1 Corinthians 14:34–35, "...women should be silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak but should be subordinate, as the law also says. If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church."

This being said, it is important for Christians to keep the Bible in proper perspective. Yes, there are many truths in the Bible that can be helpful in our daily walk with God. But, there are also a lot of untruths that can be harmful and even deadly.

One might say, "But isn't the Bible inspired, and aren't we to follow its every word?" Simple answer, "No.". This is why we are to study the Bible, day in and day out so that we can "rightly divide the word of truth" from untruths (2 Timothy 2:15).

(For you Greek scholars out there, the word "inspired" (θεόπνευστος) as found in 2 Timothy 3:16 should be correctly translated, "life-giving" and not inspired.)

As we move forward to new normalcy, I hope you will join me in learning more about the Bible in our worship services and Bible studies so we can learn more about our faith as followers of Jesus. Come to worship and to our Bible studies with the expectation of learning something new, something you have never thought about before. Join me as we open the Bible for the first time, once again.

JUNE 2020 SERMONS

- 6th Befriending Your Brokenness
- 13th Living The Priesthood
- 20th Without Spot Or Wrinkle
- 27th Embracing The Paradox

Blessings, Brett