

Welcome Guest Preacher
Let's give a warm welcome to
Dr. Eric Cook this morning!



September 21, 2025



**Memorial Service for
Tammy Lovingood**
Thursday, September 25th
1:00 PM
Oakland Baptist Church

Lunch Bags for the Homeless

Julie's Sunday School class is looking to start packing & delivering lunch bags to a homeless camp off Sutherland Ave. in Monroe. If you would like to bring items to fill the lunch bags, Julie's Sunday School class will be collecting different items each Sunday.

1st Sunday: Peanut Butter & Jelly

2nd Sunday: Snack Bags of Chips & Little Debbie Cakes

3rd Sunday: Brown Lunch Bags & Sandwich Bags

4th Sunday: Canned Drinks & Bottled Water

Bring in peanut butter and jelly on Sunday, October 5th and drop them off in Julie's Sunday School classroom (close to the Fellowship Hall) or in the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please see Julie or someone in her Sunday School class!



THEREFORE I TELL YOU, EVERY SIN
AND BLASPHEMY WILL BE
FORGIVEN MEN, BUT THE
BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE SPIRIT
WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN.

- MATTHEW 12:31



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The Greatest Sin

Matthew 12:22-32

The Point: The greatest sin is never trusting Jesus.

The Bible Meets Life: What do the following people have in common: F. Lee Bailey, Richard “Alex” Murdaugh, Edward Snowden, Benedict Arnold, Pete Rose, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Tim Donaghy, Donald Sterling, and Ben Affleck?

The quick answer is that, in one way or another, they are all controversial figures. This list includes lawyers, political figures, athletes, an NBA owner, a referee, a military hero, and even an actor. So, what do these individuals have in common beyond being controversial?

They have all, in one way or another, committed an “unforgiveable” sin and have received lifetime bans for their actions. The lawyers were disbarred for unethical practices, the athletes for gambling, the political and military figures for treason, and, yes, the movie star even received a ban from certain casinos for card counting at blackjack. Perhaps society may one day change its opinion and forgive them.

Not so with the sin Jesus described in the passage we’ll study today. Jesus was addressing an astonished crowd that had just witnessed Him miraculously cleanse a demon-possessed man. This dramatic event led to a broader conversation about sin, including one particular sin that would spark theological debate for centuries to come. What sin could be so horrible that God would not forgive it?

Live It Out: Get off the unpardoned list. Have you resisted the Holy Spirit drawing you to Jesus? Jesus is the way to heaven. Embrace the forgiveness of sins provided by his life, death, burial, and resurrection. **Give up the critical attitude.** It’s so easy to develop a critical spirit, just like the Pharisees. Sit quietly and ask God to examine your heart for a critical attitude. Is there a sin for which you need to repent or someone with whom you need to reconcile?

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

The Greatest Truths of All Time

Sunday, September 28 The Greatest Gift
(Romans 5:6-11, 18-21)

Sunday, October 5 The Greatest Command
(Mark 12:28-34)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Living Streams

Worship Center

Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Resumes 9/30

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, September 14



Indoor: 49

Online: 299

Wednesday, September 17

Online: 65

Youth: 15

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$17,571.84

September

Offering

To Date:

\$5,362.00

Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson

Dianne Avery

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Mike & Renee Helms

Rodney Johnson

Lillian Lewis

Richard Lovingood & Family

Pam Majewski

Debbie McKnight

Jennifer Price (Jeremy’s Mom)

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Irene Welch



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