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## What About John 7:53-8:11?

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### SECRETARY

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In our Bible reading for this previous week, John's Gospel includes the story of a woman caught in adultery. Quite possibly, your translation has some note reading: "The Earliest Manuscripts Do Not Include 7:53-8:11." It is true that a substantial and diverse group of manuscripts from about the fourth century skip this passage altogether. Based on this and other considerations, textual scholar Bruce Metzger writes, "The case against its being of Johannine authorship appears to be conclusive."

However, Metzger goes on to acknowledge that there is more to the story. In the very next line, he states, "At the same time the account has all the earmarks of historical veracity." In other words, while he is adamant that it does not originate with John, Metzger acknowledges that it seems to be a true recording of something Jesus actually did. In fact, the manuscript evidence supports the claim that this is a true story about Jesus. While some of the oldest manuscripts lack the passage, the overall and overwhelming majority of manuscripts contain the passage, at least somewhere. A few move the story to an earlier place in John 7 and some even move the story to Luke, but the story is at least present and most often in John 8.

Furthermore, some notable early Christian writers acknowledge the story. Jerome included this passage in his late-4th century Latin translation of the Bible. Even more interesting, Augustine writes a book in 419 AD on the topic of marriage and retells this story to encourage husbands and wives to forgive each other. He even seems to explain why some manuscripts lack the passage:

*"Some men of slight faith, or, rather, some hostile to true faith, fearing, as I believe, that liberty to sin with impunity is granted their wives, remove from their Scriptural texts the account of our Lord's pardon of the adulteress, as though He who said: 'From now on, sin no more,' granted permission to sin, or as though the woman should not have been cured by the Divine Physician by the remission of that sin, so as not to offend others who are equally unclean. The ones whom that act of the Lord displeases are themselves shameless, nor is it chastity that makes them stern. They belong, rather, to those men of whom the Lord says: 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone at her.'"*

So which is more likely, that scribes craving mercy added this passage to John, or that hypocrites fearing mercy tried to remove it? I'm inclined to agree with Augustine. The passage has all the coloring of the true Jesus, adamantly opposing sin of every kind while making his life's work the task of overcoming and forgiving it.

by Benjamin J. Williams

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am  
Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

## The Lord is My Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verses. Little Rickey was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Rickey was so nervous that when it was his turn, he stepped up the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

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## CLEVELAND



Cleveland is hosting an Area Wide Singing Saturday, April 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm. We will be taking the van and will leave the building at 5:00 pm and return about 9:00 pm.

- If you would like to ride the van please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board.
- If you would like to **lead** a song please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board under the heading song leaders.

Cleveland's Spring meeting is April 7th-10th; there is a flyer posted on the bulletin board with more information.

## GRADUATES

It is time to start gathering information about our graduates. Who in our congregation is graduating this year? Do you have a family member that is graduating from high school, college, vo-tech, etc.? Let the office know and include a picture with the graduates information (student name, school, degree etc.) and we will try and put it on our 'graduates of 2013' page later this year. If you have any questions see Karen. Thanks!



### Sunday, March 17th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting at 3:30

### Saturday, April 6th

Area Wide Singing at Cleveland 6:00-8:00 pm

### Sunday—Wednesday, April 7th-10th

Meeting at Cleveland church of Christ

### Sunday, June 2nd

Ladies meeting 3:30 pm

### Sunday—Saturday, June 9th-15th

Frog Road camp session

### Wednesday - Friday, July 24th-26th

Vacation Bible School - "Daniel"

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Bobby Hill went home from the hospital Tuesday evening after having chest pain over the weekend. They think most of his pain is from coughing so much. He does have a small amount of blockage in his veins which they will be treating with exercise, medicine and adjusting his diet.
- Megan Parker's cousin, Emma, gave birth 8 weeks early. The baby is not doing well and is in NICU.
- Nick & Stephanie White are asking for prayers for comfort and strength on behalf of their friends Lauren & Jeremy Wilhite. Their baby died in utero at 8 months. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. (Lauren & Jeremy are members at Tahlequah)
- Barbara Girod's family friend, Natalie Kilgore, had bone marrow transplant surgery last week. The surgery went well, but she will be in the hospital for a month.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Kylie Aaron (cystic fibrosis); Leola Harmon (stroke); Robert Johnson (liver transplant); Rob Swaim (head injury); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Cameron Hill (son of Robert & Marcia).

## MEETING

There will be an Elder's and Deacon's meeting today at 3:30.

## MEMBERSHIP

We are sorry to report that the Aycox and Burris families have moved their membership to the Park Plaza congregation.



## CAMPERS

Camp applications are available in the foyer for those who are interested. Faith Week is June 9th-15th.



## THANKYOU

A big thank you goes out to everyone (especially the Chris & Leasa) that helped during the Hope Harbor phone campaign. The kids really appreciate all of your efforts.

## THANK YOU!

## YOU ARE INVITED...

The children of Oleta Exendine would like to invite you to Oleta's 90th birthday party! Saturday, March 30th in the fellowship hall from 2:00 until 4:00. No gifts please, birthday cards would be appreciated. See flyer on bulletin board.



## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

We are invited to a come-and-go reception honoring Vance and Darla Smith. It will be at the Oologah church of Christ on Sunday, March 24th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. No gifts please, cards are appreciated. See invitation on bulletin board.

## LOST-N-FOUND

There are a few items in the lost-n-found box in the foyer. PLEASE take a look and see if the glasses or jacket or whatever else is in there belongs to you or your family.

Thanks! ---Last Chance!---

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sarah Jones, Mar 17	Johnny & Marcia Riggs, Mar 23	Lonnie & Donna White, Mar 25
Ryan McCafferty, Mar 17	Janice O'Shields, Mar 24	Dan Jones, Mar 28
Jack Lierly, Mar 18	Vickie Crawford, Mar 24	Alex Riggs, Mar 29
Bruce Rothell, Mar 19	Henry & Winnie Lack, Mar 24	Rob & Susan Kress, Mar 29
Mason Bennett, Mar 22	Hayden Bullinger, Mar 25	

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	102
Sunday AM Worship	133
Sunday PM Worship	Canceled
Wednesday Bible Classes	83

## Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$3,840.23
Budget	\$4,041.00
Budget	<\$386.37>
Building Fund	\$360,782.36

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Randy Brown
Opening Prayer	Chris Mulkey
Closing Prayer	Bruce Rothell
Scripture Reading	Hayden Bullinger
Lord's Table	Bobby Hill
	Topper Causby
	Steve Aycox
	Steve Rucquoy

### Ushers

Matt Caldwell  
Scott Lack

### Lock Building

Bob Simmons; Jim Yeager

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Steve Estep
Opening Prayer	Mike O'Neal
Closing Prayer	Jerry Buller
Scripture Reading	Darrell Burcham

### Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	Robert Hill
Closing Prayer	Mike O'Neal
Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Invitation	James Hamilton

## Communion Preparation

3/3	Marcia Riggs
3/10	Shirley Hood
3/17	Earline Lierly
3/24	Cathy Burcham
3/31	Rita Risley
4/7	Marilyn Pulliam
4/14	Stephanie Bullinger
4/21	Janice O'Shields
4/28	Shirley Hill

## Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, June 2nd  
3:00 pm

## EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

3/17	Num 16; Ps 70; Jn 12
3/18	Num 17-18; Ps 71; Jn 13
3/19	Num 19-20; Ps 72; Jn 14
3/20	Num 21-22; Ps 73; Jn 14
3/21	Num 23-24; Ps 74; Jn 16
3/22	Num 25-26; Ps 75; Jn 17
3/23	Num 27-28; Ps 76; Jn 18



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Mar 17—Pearl of Great Price  
Mar 24—Must Do  
Mar 31—The New Covenant  
April 7 - The Church Jesus Built  
April 14 - Just A Christian

## Sunday Morning Sermon

The Light of the World  
John 8:10-12

## Sunday Evening Sermon

The Law, The Priests, & The Prophets  
Numbers 12:1-5