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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Aug. 12 Living in this world
Aug. 19 Living in this world
Aug. 26 Living in this world

SUNDAY PM

Aug. 12 Original sin? (#379)
Aug. 19 Who answers for me? (#380)
Aug. 26 It is too late now (#381)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.
Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

August 12, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Tyler's friend Allee (Military)

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: 1 Cor. 10:23-33 **PM:** Eze. 18:19,20

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Aug. 19 – Potluck, Business meeting, Military Packages
Aug. 24 – Singing at 5 p.m.

FAIR BOOTH: The week at the fair is over. Several good discussions were had with some of the people who came by. We also gave away some tracts and books as well as about 166 DVDs. There were 11 people who signed up for Bible Correspondence Courses. Please keep this work in your prayers.

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THE FAILURE TO SAVE YOURSELF

Charles Coats

In the last few days, I heard the news report of a man who lost his life trying to save his wife from drowning. He managed to get his wife to safety, but he was swept away and drowned. When we hear of these things, we honor the one who was willing to give his own life that another may be saved. However, we are saddened that

he could not save himself. In the physical world, we have mixed emotions about such a situation.

The desire to preserve life is a natural response in man. If at all possible, we will do whatever is necessary to keep harm or death from coming to us. Sadly, though, we recognize that there are those who could have saved themselves but refused the means to do so. For these, we consider them fools. How could one not want to save themselves when all they needed was right there for them?

Yet, every day we watch millions go about their lives lost eternally when the means of salvation is right in front of them. If there was ever a time in history when man could not say he did not have the opportunity to hear or read the word of God, it is now. With the copies of the Bible readily available in almost every part of the world and with the technology that allows us to preach the word even in very restrictive places, people have before them God's power to salvation – his word (Rom. 1:16; 1 Pet. 1:23-25).

Even those who have become members of the church often refuse to remain saved, choosing rather to go back to the pleasures of the world. In the end, they will be just as lost as those who have never obeyed the gospel (Matt. 25:14-30).

While we may not be able to save anyone else, we can certainly save ourselves (Acts 2:40). Paul buffeted his body daily lest he himself may be lost (1 Cor. 9:27). In our spiritual lives, we want everyone to be saved, including ourselves! The encouragement of much of the New Testament record is to get those in error to turn back to God. "Once-lost-always-lost" is not the teaching of God's word. If we turn back to God, he will forgive us (1 Jn. 1:9).

What a tragedy – to fail to save yourself! We worked hard on everyone else, but neglected ourselves!