

3 Ways We Grow in Serving Others

By Ken Lockling, Elder of Clay Center Christian Church

Sin, oh no -- a bad word!

The church is many times taken to task: "Christians are always talking about what they are NOT supposed to do." Being a follower of Christ, we are expected to follow in his footsteps. Jesus didn't steal, cheat, lie, or commit fornication -- in fact, he didn't do anything wrong. None of us will live up to that goal. The Church should and will always teach about the pitfalls of sin and its consequences:

LOVE GOD
start a new habit
to live your life as
a life of service

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

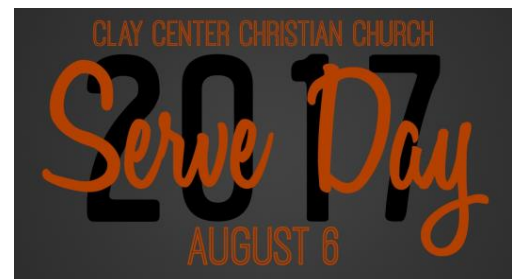
That truly does have negative connotations to it.

Today, I want to talk about a different kind of sin -- the sin of NOT doing.

"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." James 4:17

This is the sin of being passive, lackadaisical, immovable, resistant, or even lazy.

There are so many needs in our communities, and with our busy lives, it's easy to get to a point of passivity. Yet, God instructs us to love and serve those in need. This is how we are planning [Serve Day](#). On **Sunday, August 6**, the church body will be out and about serving Clay Center and surrounding communities in various ways from about 9 am-12 noon.



This is about more than just 3 hours of service. Take this opportunity to start a new habit in your life -- to live your life serving others. Through Serve Day, we each will grow in our:

1. **Humility** -- Being willing to do menial tasks, because someone needs to do them.
2. **Unselfishness** -- Whether we would like to admit it or not, we all like to give and receive. However, I believe it truly does our soul more long-term good to give, especially if we can develop it into a habit of giving to, and serving others.
3. **Focus on Others** -- Many of us have been greatly blessed by God! I believe the sharing of those blessings, whether it be our health or our wealth or both, does 2 things: blesses those who receive, and blesses those who give and serve. I have seen time after time God rain down blessings greatly those who freely give and serve.

Please consider how God may use you, starting with
[Serve Day, August 6.](#)

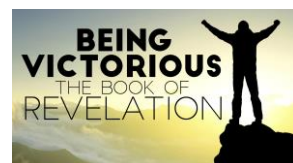
Upcoming Events



All VBS children are invited back to [Clay Center Christian Church](#) on **Sunday, July 23**, to sing during the Worship Service -- meet at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall



THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped or are helping to make this week's VBS a success!



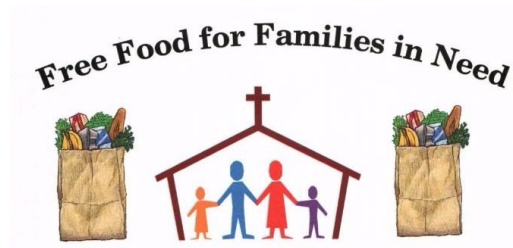
Pastor Kevin Whitmore will be giving the message at 10:30 am this **Sunday, July 23** -- listen to past sermons [here](#)



Worship the Lord through serving our neighbors and communities on **Sunday,**

August 6 -- [meet](#) at Clay Center Christian Church at 8:30 am for a short time of corporate worship, then serve with your project teams from about 9 am-12 noon. Sign up for a team in the church lobby. There is something for everybody, all ages and abilities --

contact Monica Whitmore at 719-568-1697 or joyfulmj@hotmail.com



The Mobile Food Pantry is coming to [Clay Center Christian Church](#) at 4-6 pm on **Friday, August 11** -- contact Cheryl Blome at 402-762-5451



All ladies are invited to a meeting at 7 pm on **Thursday, July 27**, to plan for fall [events](#) -- contact Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3707



Help us lead worship for the residents of the Sutton Community Home at 3:30 pm on **Sunday, July 30** - contact Ken Lockling at 402-762-5315 or nelogpro@gmail.com

MISSION of the MONTH:



Read the latest [news](#) from **Kulpahar Kids Home & Christian School (India)**

THANK YOU for all the donations to Kulpahar, this year's VBS Mission -- your gifts go toward NEW BEDDING AND SHOES for impoverished children in India



All ladies are encouraged to attend [this simulcast](#) from 8:30 am-3:15 pm on **Saturday, September 16** -- tickets are \$15 per person before August 15 (\$20 after) and includes lunch -- contact Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3707

3 Ways to Give

-  In Person: put your offering in the plates as they are passed
-  Online: give from your computer at www.ccchristian.org/give
-  On our App: Search "ccchristian", download and give

Giving [online](#) is easy -- thank you for helping people to know and love Jesus!