

YOU ARE MY *God.*
MY TIMES ARE IN YOUR HANDS.

PSALM 31:14-15 (NIV*)



TURNING POINT
CHURCH of League City, TX

Welcome to . . .

Turning Point

CALL US FAMILY! CALL IT HOME!

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!"

-Matthew 23:25

We've all been there before, caught between the intention of our words and the reality of our actions. We've become what we say we despise – a hypocrite. But when it comes to hypocrisy, there's something we may have never considered.

God sees everything – every action, every word, and every thought we have. No matter how many masks we try to wear in front of others, no mask can hide us from God. And He gives us a strong warning not to say one thing while doing another. The great news is that, even though He calls us out, He still loves us!

Because of God's love, we have the power to remove the mask of hypocrisy in every area of our lives. Remember to be honest and authentic in every situation. And discover the freedom that comes from being the person God has truly created you to be!

Thank God for loving you even in the face of your hypocrisy. Thank Him for the fact that there is nothing that He does not see. And pray for the strength to take off the mask of hypocrisy in your life today.

AUG 7, 2022

SUNDAY – AUG 7

10:00 am **Worship Service**
Children's Church
Men's Monthly Meeting

WEDNESDAY – AUG 10

10:00 am **Intercessory Prayer**

SUNDAY – AUG 14

10:00 am **Worship Service**
Children's Church

MORNING OFFERING

*The offering today will go to our
Missionaries fund.*

SPECIAL PRAYER

Dahlia Hall
Lauretta Maxwell
Patsy McCarley
Meri-Lyn Evans

Bonnie Hatfield
Carollon Kivch
Raye Murphy
Cheryl Zielke



Please join us tonight for Men's Monthly Meeting here at the church at 6 pm. We will have a great fellowship and wonderful time in God's Word.

Come and join us for a special Sunday evening service here at the church starting on Aug 14th at 6 pm, daycare will be provided, and it will be a three week series.

ONLINE GIVING! Just Google "Turning Point Church League City" to find our website, click "Giving" (upper right on home page) and follow the easy directions

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 7 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 Men's Monthly Meeting
- Aug 10 Intercessory Prayer
- Aug 14 Worship Service
 Children's Church

AND MORE TO COME

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SUNDAY EVENING SPECIAL SERVICE

AUGUST 14th, 21st, AND 28th

6:00 – 7:00 to 7:30PM

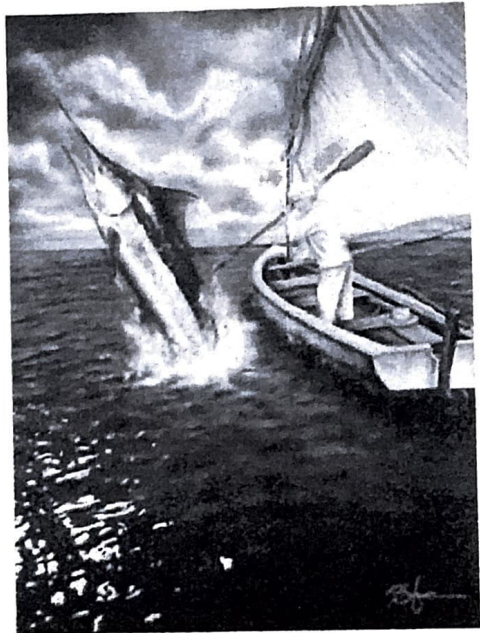
(CHILD CARE PROVIDED)

Starting on Sunday, August 14th we will begin a special 3 week casual gathering and teaching entitled "It's Only Money." It will be an indepth study of what God says about you and the money you control and distribute. With our country looking at recession and possibly worse, we need God's instruction to prosper during this time. Invite your friends and family. Everyone is always welcome. Bring your notepad and let's refresh our knowledge of God's plan for us to live the Abundant Life.

My Gains Eaten Away

Jim Elliff

In Earnest Hemingway's *Old Man and the Sea*, the superstitious old man on his dilapidated skiff had no luck catching any big fish for a long time, but this day as he allowed the wind to carry him out much further than before, and after nearly dying from exhaustion, he battled and conquered the big one.



Strapped to the side of the skiff, he began his arduous trip back to the beach in Cuba where he would finish out his life of poverty and past memories, patronized by his friends. They would be proud of him. But soon the sharks began to attack the fish, taking chunks out of its carcass. The old man fought them with whatever club or weapon he had until nothing more was there and his strength was gone. Though they eventually left, they had eaten away the fish to its bones and head. That's what people saw the next morning on the beach — the old man's skiff and the bones and head of a once mighty fish strapped to the side of the boat, a trophy that provided no worth.

There are numerous ways perhaps to interpret what Hemingway wrote in his classic novella, but they are all based on the ironic truth that most of the world gains very little, if anything, in life that is not eaten away.

Haggai the prophet reported something similar to Judah after they had returned to the homeland. Because they would not focus on the worship of Yahweh, but rather on their own houses and prosperity, they realized little of their supposed gains. They were being judged by God.

So now, thus says Yahweh of hosts, "Set your heart *to consider your ways!* "You have sown much, but bring in little; *you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.*"

"You look for much, but behold, it comes to little; and you bring it home, and I blow it away." (1:5-7)

Even as you read this some of you are losing percentages from your retirement every day (if you have one at all), while at the same time prices rise at the pump and in the grocery store and literally all across the board. And the prospect is that we will experience a more serious inflationary period due to inordinate government spending and low productivity in the pandemic and failure to be prepared with fossil fuels.

Are we experiencing judgment from God?

There are many reasons why we should think that we are. As a whole, we are an immoral people, and selfish. We have displayed anger and polarization as never before. Wickedness abounds. Deceit is in every corner in the high places and the low. We bite and devour each other like the sharks did the big fish. It would not be out of character for God to bring bone-cracking judgment on us.

For the people of Haggai's day, there was yet a promise of recovery in the future, however. And there is the same for the people of God who have lived among the sins of the people, sometimes as guilty in particulars as the world around them. Yes, surprisingly, Haggai received promises from God that there would be a future deliverance.

And there is hope for the people of God today. We also will be delivered, not necessarily during our days on earth, but by the future visitation of Christ to his earth to bring judgment and rescue. "Look up! Your redemption draws nigh!" said Jesus. This is your hope. And with that coming will be an inheritance, a shared inheritance with Christ as joint heirs.

While we face our immediate trials, let's not complain as our money means less, as our earthly riches dwindle, as the rising waters of wickedness reach flood stage. Look up and beyond this present dark age to the coming of Christ and the consummation of his promised kingdom!