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## *As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory*

In Joshua chapter six, Israel has begun to enter into the Promised Land and defeats their first obstacle, the mighty city of Jericho. God proved through great and powerful ways He was fighting for them. However, they were not allowed to loot the city in any way. Everything of value was placed under a ban to be dedicated to the Lord.

In chapter seven, they come against the small city of Ai and rightly expect to swiftly defeat them. Upon beginning the attack they are repelled and quickly retreat when several of them are killed. When Joshua and the elders turn to God about this, it is revealed there is sin among them. Someone (whom we later learn is Achan) has taken some things under the ban and hidden them among his own possessions. When this is ultimately found out, Achan, his family all his possessions are stoned and burned with fire (Jos. 7:24-25).

If we back up a few verses, we see God declares He will not be with Israel unless they destroy the things under the ban from their midst (Jos. 7:12). How often are we held back from victories in life and keep God away from us because of sin? How often are we like Achan as we try to hide sin in our midst, thinking no one else knows while forgetting God does? How many sins are we keeping secret out of fear of embarrassment, shame, possible jail time, losing a relationship, etc. . . ? While these fears are very real and have a powerful way of keeping sin hidden, the truth is they also keep God away from us and prevent us from being what we should and could be.

Another important truth we learn is, sin has consequences that can and do reach far beyond ourselves. Thirty-six people were dead because of Achan. Achan, his family and livestock were killed also. Hidden sin will always force us to pay a price we never wanted to (Rm. 6:23). The good news is since Jesus has shed His blood so we don't have to. 'If we confess our sins, (even the hidden ones) He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 Jn. 1:9).

*Brian*

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:****SOUTH GATE MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**Bill & Leah Fuller**  
**3623 Trousdale Ln.**

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:**

Jim Thomas, father of John - recovering from surgery, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo for brain tumor, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - broken hip, Life Care, Rm. 113, Travis Jett - Hillview, Rm. 107, Rick Luna, Tristen Kelley, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Willie Farless - brother-in-law/Reba Jones, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Adrian Johnson - friend/Nicholson's, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Imogene Purdom, sister/Helen Lusk, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, , Carla Ragsdale, Little Gatlin Macer, Karen Lockridge, Patricia Luther, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Sherry Nicholson - sister-in-law/Larry Nicholson, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Joan VanHooser, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Faye Kelley- Jason Kelley's aunt, Erin Morris family

**Sympathy to Libby Moss in the death of her cousin Jimmy Johnson last week.**

**Trevor Scott was restored last Tuesday evening. We commend him for his desire to serve the Lord.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 20, 2014****SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Randy Jones  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....John Thomas  
 Serving:  
     Alex Jones                      Jesse Gilliam  
     Bryan Farris                  J. W. Gilliam  
     Donnie Davis                David Gray  
     Sonny Hargrove              DeWayne Hickman  
 Read .....Blake Daniels  
 Sermon: .....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling  
 Read.....Kevin Mick  
 Sermon: .....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Barry Cross  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

**Ladies Bible Class goes to Cracker Barrel on Bear Creek Pike for lunch tomorrow at 11:15. Men are also invited.**

Ushers: Jerry Williams, Bobby Daniels, Mike Lyle  
 Greeters: Richard, Rhonda, and Baylie Farris, and John Thomas  
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

**If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)  
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014****NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Sharon and Jennifer Davis  
 P.M.....Aubrey Brown, Sara Farris

Song Leader .....Dennis Thomason  
 Speaker:.....Steve Baggett  
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling  
 Announcements.....Brian Gregory