

COVECHURCH

NEWSLETTER

Week of 5/12/2025

Theological Terms

Sanctification is the process of being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. This process begins simultaneously at regeneration and continues throughout a Christian's life. Below are excerpts from [this article](#) to help us understand more:

Definitive sanctification, which John Frame calls a “once-for-all event, simultaneous with effectual calling and regeneration that transfers us from the sphere of sin to the sphere of God’s holiness” (Systematic Theology, 986)... Definitive sanctification entails the single act of God by which he sets the believer apart for his divine purpose... Definitive sanctification is an act of God’s grace, not our effort, to which we contribute no virtue, but only receive by faith. (Romans 8:29-30)... Progressive sanctification is the practical development in our earthly lives of the definitive sanctification that God accomplished once-for-all. Progressive sanctification, unlike definitive sanctification, actually empowers the believer to respond with diligent, God-supplied effort. “Think of [progressive] sanctification as the outworking of the new life given in regeneration” (Frame, 987). (Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:29)... The ultimate ordained means of redemption is the definitive sanctification that occurs simultaneously with regeneration and is accomplished solely by the atoning work of Jesus Christ, received by us through the instrument of faith alone. But the proximate means of redemption is the ordained response of the individual who responds in faith and then diligently makes faith-empowered war, in the strength God supplies, against sin and pursues conformity to Christ (Romans 8:12-13; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 5:3-4; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:29; 1 Peter 1:13-16; and more).

Attached here is another [article](#) that is particularly helpful with understanding sanctification.

Scripture Reading

Consider reading Proverbs 3:1-12 in preparation for this week's service.

Prayer Requests

- Nate Bauman - Please pray for increased missionary support.
- UPDATE: Chet Peterson - Thank you for your prayers and support for my recent trip to Southeast Asia. It was a beautiful time of prayer, encouragement, and sharing of the gospel. Please continue to pray for the darkness to be pushed back and the light of Christ to invade such a lost country.
- Misty Fowler - Please pray for my friend, Kaye, who was recently diagnosed with a life threatening illness. She is a believer and is married with 4 children. Please pray for discernment, strength, guidance, and wisdom.
- UPDATE: Please continue to pray for Ed Snipes as they navigate treatment of the seizures. Also, please pray for Ronna as she supports Ed through this season.

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Pray for the Unreached

Chadar People in India

Population: 1,310,000 | Primary religion: Hinduism | Percent Evangelical Christian: 0.00%

Pray that biblical materials would soon become widely and easily available in Chadar communities. Pray they would open their hearts to the King of kings. Pray they would receive and understand gospel materials in the Hindi language. Ask God to give Chadar believers courage and strength to live for him in their communities and that their friends and families would see the difference in their lives.

Calendar

- Sunday: 9:45 AM - Prayer Time for the Lost at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM - Worship Service

Upcoming Nursery Workers

- 5/18/2025: Nickie Sacco and Velina Netherton
- 5/25/2025: Keagan and Sarah Monteith
- 6/1/2025: Misty Fowler and Ava Kate Snipes
- 6/8/2025: Helen Coomer and Meghan Larose
- 6/15/2025: Chet and Bre Peterson
- 6/22/2025: Ronna Snipes and Ava Kate Snipes