

# A Look At Spiritual Malpractice

By Mike Riley

When we think of malpractice, we immediately think of a physician's dereliction of duty about the practice and care of his patient's well-being.

We are familiar with malpractice suits arising from surgical instruments, sponges, or other objects left inside patients after surgery, but have we ever considered preachers and Bible teachers? Have we ever considered malpractice in this area?

Have we ever thought that incorrect exegesis of a passage, or series of passages, or the twisting of the Scriptures can be even more damaging to us than any doctor might cause through an oversight?

Our Lord once warned that we need not fear the individual who can destroy the body, but rather, we need to fear God who can who can destroy both our body and soul in hell (Matthew 10:28-NKJV). A false teacher can help facilitate that possibility (2 Peter 3:14-17-NKJV; cf. Gal. 1:6-7-NKJV).

This is one of the reasons why the writer James emphasized the responsibility of spiritual teachers (James 3:1-NKJV), because teachers will receive the greater condemnation if they lead folks astray from the truth found in the inspired Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17-NKJV).

Brethren and friends, the Great Physician can be trusted in taking care of the spiritual needs of our soul (Luke 4:18-NKJV; Isaiah 61:1-2-NKJV), for His spiritual prescriptions are always correct (cf. Psalm 19:7-14-NKJV; Psalm 119-NKJV).

But how many in the day of judgment will be penalized by God for spiritual malpractice in religious matters? Let's beware, lest we be one of them (cf. Hosea 4:6-10-NKJV; Acts 20:28-31-NKJV; 1 Timothy 4:1-3-NKJV; Hebrews 3:8-12-NKJV; 2 Peter 2:1-3-NKJV).



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Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements**- Wayne Fowler

**Communion**- Ronnie Hayes

**Sermon**- Don Delukie

**Opening prayer**- Rick Cook

**Closing Prayer**- Gary Harris

### Next Sunday

**Announcements**- Travis Rogers

**Communion**- Wayne Fowler

**Sermon**- Don DeLukie

**Opening prayer**- Paul Simpson

**Closing Prayer**- David Repond

## Announcements

**—Potluck Today:** There will be a Potluck after AM services today. All visitors and members are encouraged to stay! **There will be no PM services this evening.**

**—Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

**—Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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## Please Pray For:

Dave Garris, Jean DeLukie, Larry Randolph, Vee Boren, Brenda Fricke, Joanne Alford, Jeanette Henderson, Kaylen Hill, Vinod Raje family, Danaya Ross, Louvenia Dickson, Shannon Boyer.

**Bereaved:** Family of Bonita Harrington, Carol Granger, Betty Wilson, Betty Bradshaw.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Melanie Christy, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



### April Birthdays

- 10 - Sydney Scharf
- 12 - Joanne Randolph
- 27 - James Johnson

### April Anniversaries

- 4 - Ronnie & Janice Hayes
- 28 - Larry & Joanne Randolph

