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****Correction from AUGUST**

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Expenses in July: \$ 6396.27
Ending Balance 07/31/2021: \$17366.72

Deceitful Heart

By Rev. Cody Mills

The hardest pill to swallow is the revelation that our hearts are the most deceitful thing in the world. From the heart comes lust and desire. That is to say that our passion and desire can take hold even how we understand Scripture and how we teach Scripture to others.

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?”

When Scripture seems to contradict what we desire, we are

angered, upset, conflicted, and even try to deny the very depth of the reproof and correction that Scripture offers.

Our hearts are so blackened from sin that we question what Scripture reveals to make ourselves feel better about our judgments.

Scripture is God’s Word, and God’s Word is meant to reveal our sinful nature, our separation from God, and how we cannot climb our way out of our depravity.

Because the function of God’s Word reveals our deepest desires and sin, even declares our hearts deceitful, we should recognize that Scripture interprets you.

Our hearts are so deceitful that we ask God, “What must we do to become right with God?” Or perhaps we even believe that we can do right with God. At this point, we believe in our hearts to do what is right, which God has revealed as deceitful.

Faith is what makes us right with God, and faith itself comes from God. Let us be the creatures we are meant to be by living day-to-day for our neighbor and stop trying to make ourselves right with God through our

works. God makes us righteous through His own strength and His own honor.

A NOTE OF



Thank you for the donations to the church for supplies. Hazel Run continues to thank you for financial support to stay open, but we need continued support.

Financial Report

By Lori Stevens

Beginning balance 08/01/2021	\$17366.72
Income:	\$ 3565.00
Expenses:	\$ <u>3765.38</u>
Ending balance 08/31/2021	+ \$17166.34

Repentance and Guilt

By Rev. Cody Mills

There is a long history of pain between members and families in churches. Sadly, this is nothing new, nor is it something that goes away on its own.

Before the healing can begin, we need to conquer fear and guilt, but we cannot do it independently. We can let guilt keep our fear in the forefront, or we can come together and find forgiveness preached when sinners confess.

When sinners confess together and receive the proclamation of forgiveness, we can come together as people suffering under the cross. That is to say; we realize our faults, hurts, and deceitful hearts.

Let us commune together as sinners, confess we have sinned against one another, and receive forgiveness for our failures.

