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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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BAPTISM DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD (Part 4)

IF IT IS NOT AN IMMERSION

- A. Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- B. Many advocate that one can be baptized by sprinkling, pouring, OR immersion.
- C. The Bible does not give such options, but calls baptism a burial. Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- D. It requires going down into the water. Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
- E. The word “Baptism” literally means, “to dip, plunge, or submerge.”
- F. If one was not immersed, then his “baptism” did no good.

If it is not followed by faithful Christian living.

- A. Acts 2:41-42 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- B. Occasionally, a person is baptized and never darkens the building's door again. Mt. 19:16-22 Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So he said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘YOU SHALL NOT MURDER,’ ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,’ ‘YOU SHALL NOT STEAL,’ ‘YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,’ ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER,’ AND, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.
- C. Some come for a time then fall away. Matthew 21:28-30 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. 29 He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented, and went. 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.
- D. Others may continue to attend services, but their lives mirror the world instead of the image of Christ. Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- E. In each of these cases, baptism did not really do any good because ultimately (without repentance) they will be lost.

—Paul

ELDERS CORNER:

FEELING SAVED

Q. I believe I'm saved; in fact, I'm sure I am; I feel it deep inside, so why all the fuss about biblical confirmation of it?

A. Just as a computer will produce its output based only on its programming, so we tend to do. Terrorists who are convicted enough to kill innocent victims are still wrong; those who routinely kill unborn babies are still wrong despite feeling justified (Proverbs 6:16-19).

Saul of Tarsus, an extremely devout and well-educated religious man of the first century, was so convicted that Christianity was pagan that he became a Christian-killer, later stating: "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison ... and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft ... and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly made against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities" (Acts 26:9-11). He was so "zealous toward God" that he persecuted Christians, "unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women" (Acts 22:3-4; cf. Acts 7:57-8-3).

But his zealotry and convictions were completely contrary to God's will because they were not based on a knowledge of and obedience to God's truth (Romans 10:1-3; Acts 22:1-16).

What we "Think" or "feel" simply will not save us on Judgment Day, if it is not accurately and obediently in accordance with God's Word, which will be the only basis of our judgment (John 12:48).

If we are truly saved, then why not study God's word to simply confirm it? If the study of God's Word alone reveals that we are not, it will surely show us what is lacking so we can correct it. Either way we win! Let us study only what God has to say.

IS YOUR BIBLE RED?

A preacher once observed in a sermon that every Christian should own a "red" Bible. At least that was what people heard. He actually said, "Every Christian should own a 'read' Bible." Regardless of the color, it should be well-worn by the constant study of its owner. It is amazing how little people know about the Word in this generation, even in a land with full access to the Bible (electronic, apps, websites). Tonight Show host Jay Leno frequently does man-on-the street interviews. One night he collared some young people to ask them questions about the Bible.

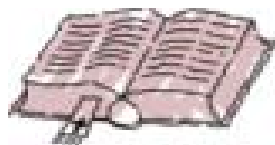
"Can you name one of the Ten Commandments" he asked two college-age women. One replied "Freedom of Speech?" He said to the other, "Complete this sentence: Let he who is without sin ..." Her response was, "Have a good time?" Leno turned to a young man, and asked, "Who according to the Bible, was eaten by a whale?" The confident answer was, "Pinocchio."

Such misunderstandings are both humorous and tragic. Make time for Bible study in your life! *"How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14)*

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2012

September 11 - 2 Cor. 4
September 12 - 2 Cor. 5
September 13 - 2 Cor. 6
September 14 - 2 Cor. 7



September 15 - 2 Cor. 8
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September 17 - 2 Cor. 10

OUR SICK

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Rick Clemmons will be undergoing neck fusion surgery on October 2nd.

Update - Continued prayers are requested for Virginia Elam's niece's husband, **Lew Poteat**, who will be undergoing surgery at the Duke Hospital sometime this coming week.

Prayers are requested for **Kari Woodbury** who is having some health problems and is undergoing testing. Jake has finished his MBA and they are looking to eventually move to our area again.

Prayers are requested by Andy Santiago in behalf of his sister, **Joanna Ayers**, who was scheduled to undergo tests this past week.

Catherine Cravy has requested prayers for her aunt Kathy Anderson's father, **Mr. Smith**. He had a pacemaker put in this past Tuesday and now has a collapsed lung. He is presently not doing well.

Prayers have been requested for Jane Shepard's sister-in-law, **Robin Crumpton**, who will be undergoing testing for a possible stroke.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

~In Sympathy~

Our sympathy goes out to Mary Seal and family in the death of her sister, **Mabel Wolfe**, who passed away on Tuesday, September 4th. Family night was held at Hayworth Miller in Rural Hall this past Thursday evening September 6th and a graveside service was held on Friday, September 7th at the Woodland Cemetery in Winston-Salem.

Christian Home & Bible School

Dear Brethren,

We are most grateful for the General Mills Box Tops that you have sent to the Christian Home & Bible School. Our pre-school, Harden Early Childhood Center, collects the Box Tops for Education. In that program General Mills sends a check for the box tops collected which allows our pre-school teachers some "extras" for their classroom.

Also, thank you for the UPC's from Campbell's products that you have sent to the School. Recently with the UPC's given to us, we were able to order dictionaries for our elementary classrooms. Also the elementary recess program ordered a megaphone and additional playground equipment. Our pre-school saved up enough labels to order a 12" Silver Rider Trike and six 8.5" playground balls. We appreciate it if you will continue to save these UPC's and send them to us at your convenience. Please give our thanks to all who helped in this project.

Thank you for your support in these programs.

James E. Moore, President
Mt. Dora, Florida

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SPONSORED BY ZONE 2.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

- Sept. 9** - **Pew Packers** will meet at 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 11** - **The Book of the Month Club** will meet Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Annex.
- Sept. 13** - **"50 and Older Class"** will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.
- Sept. 15** - **Warners Chapel Youth Rally** - 3-8 p.m. Mark Simons will be the Guest Speaker.

AREA EVENTS:

- Sept. 14-15** - **Singspiration** at the Carolina Bible Camp.
- Sept. 15** - **Oak Forest Church of Christ Ladies Day.** Theme "Strength and Honor Are Her Clothing"
- Sept. 16-19** - **Fall Gospel Meeting** at the Corinth church of Christ in Woodleaf, NC - Melvin Sapp speaking.
- Sept. 20-23** - **South Stokes church of Christ Gospel Meeting** - Mel Futrell, guest speaker.
- Oct. 13** - **Ladies Day** at the Eastside church of Christ.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

PAUL'S NEW OFFICE HOURS

Paul Kirkpatrick's new office hours is Tuesday, 1-4 p.m.

House To House/Heart to Heart

The new publication is available on the desk in the foyer.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Sept. 2, 2012	130
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	160
Contribution for Sept. 2, 2012	\$5,487
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	32
Chapters Read:	788
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	131
Wednesday Evening: September 5, 2012	136

Lord's Day Appointments - September 16, 2012

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture	- Trent Thomas	Morning - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Robbie Santiago
Song Leader	- Don Minor	Evening - Gene Ruark	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Randy Warner
Prayer	- Neal Harper		Wed. - Jason Allen	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>September</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning -	Jean Rose	Morning -	Gina Harper	<i>Zone 3</i>
Evening -	Jeannie Moore	Evening -	Nancy Minor	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday:	- September 16	Nathan Roy
Wednesday:	- September 19	Nathan Roy

**Serving this Week: September 9, 2012*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer	a.m. - Brad hoots	Scripture Reader	a.m. - Jake Thomason
Scripture: Robbie Santiago		p.m. - Curtis Doss		p.m. - Keith Warner
Song: Paul Kirkpatrick	Song Leaders:	a.m. - Clayton Workman	Nursery #1:	a.m. - Gaye Carothers
Prayer: Michael Cooper		p.m. - Tim Allen		p.m. - Mary Anne Allen
		Wed. - Wayne Allen	Nursery #2:	a.m. - Gina Strickland
				p.m. - Meredith Southern

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service	7:00 PM
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“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason