

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– The Claridy and Marschall families, Ken and Arlene Turner, Madge Hicks, Arlene Turner’s brother (James), Ed Lawson, David Williams, Edith Miller, Nadeen Fields (Moses’ sister) Bucky Day’s mom (Gerri), Larry Wisdom’s sister, and Keri Rice’s mother (Diane Fields).
- ◇ Please remember also our shut-ins:
- ◇ Group 3 meets tonight.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st and 3rd Friday each month - Teen Bible Study (*This Week!*)***
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Singing (*Today*)***
- 2nd Monday night of each month—Ladies’ Bible Class. (*Tomorrow*)***
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Class

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Assignments

Wednesday Night: 2/13/13

Song Leader: Clay Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Invitation: Bucky Day
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Keith Marschall
 Parking Lot: Colby Sadler

Sunday Morning: 2/17/13

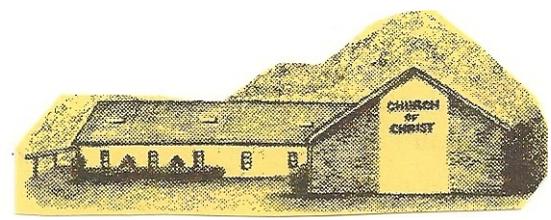
Lord’s Table: Jeremy Wharton (B)
 Clay Sadler (C)
 Serving: Keith Marschall
 Eddie Lawson
 Song Leader: Bob Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Moses Stevens
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Jim Abram
 (9:50) Mike Sadler

Sunday Evening: 2/17/13

Song Leader: Keith Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Nick Groenhof
 Lord’s Table: Jeremy Wharton
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: James VanDoorn
 Parking Lot: Ken Turner

Ladies’ Class Information:

Home: Kyoko Williams
 Lesson: Mary & Martha—Who Learned About the Good Part
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<p><u>ELDERS</u> Larry Hicks (863) 899-7405 Leon Miller (863) 640-6378</p>	<p><u>SERVICES</u> Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Morning Services 9:50 A.M. Evening Services 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p><u>DEACONS:</u> Robert Marschall Michael Sadler Eric Stevens Moses Stevens David Williams</p>
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Since about 1981, Leon Mauldin has conducted radio broadcasts using the Question and Answer format. The following is a representative sample of the questions he has received with callers from diverse backgrounds. It is Leon's desire that the research he has done on these questions will be helpful to you. Leon has given express permission for this material to be used in any fashion which is for the advancement of the Gospel of Christ, but not for any party's financial gain. Short version: Take it and use it, but don't sell it or claim it.

Question: "Do you think the world is coming to an end very soon?"

I have in my possession a booklet which lists "88 reasons why the Rapture will occur in 1988." We entered the year 1990, and time has marched on to the present moment. This is one of many erroneous efforts to set a date for the end of time (or for "end-time" events). William Miller set the date for Christ's coming at 1843/44. Joseph Smith gave 1891. Officials in the Jeho-

vah's Witnesses' organization have set the date as 1914, 1925, 1941, and more recently in 1975. All such predictions have proven to be false.

Deut.18:22: "When a prophet speaketh in the name of Jehovah, if the thing follow not, nor come o pass, that is the thing which Jehovah hatnot spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shall not be afraid of him."

Christ's coming will be sudden. 1 Thes. 5:3.

Some refer to Matt. 24, which speaks of 1) the appearance of false Christs (v.5), 2) wars and rumors of wars (v.6); 3) earthquakes, famines and pestilences (v.7); 4) persecution v.9); 5) many would stumble (v.10); 6) false prophets would arise (v.11); 7) the gospel would be preached unto all nations (v.14); and 8) they would see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place (v.15). These signs were to be to Jesus' disciples in Judea who were warned to flee (vv.16-20). Jesus was speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem. He said, "This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished" (v.34). Some of that very generation were still alive then Titus and his Roman army completely

destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D.

Christ gave no signs of the end of the world, only an admonition to watch (Matt.25:13: "Watch therefore, for ye now not the day nor the hour." (cf. 2 Pet.3:10-12).

The reason Christ has not returned yet is not because the Lord is slack concerning His promises. He is granting yet more time and opportunity for men to repent (2 Pet. 3:9). He desires that all be saved (1 Tim. 2:3,4). When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, time shall be no more. No more opportunities to prepare, to get ready, to obey the Gospel.

Question: *Does God hear and answer the prayer of an unsaved person?*

Prayer is a spiritual blessing. "What a privilege to carry, every thing to God in prayer."

But all spiritual blessings are in Christ (Eph.1:3). To have access to God in prayer, one must be in Christ, where all spiritual blessings are. When one is in Christ, he is saved. Matt. 6:9f. The only one who can call upon God as

Father is one who is His child, one who is in the family of God. Cf. 1 Tim. 2:1f.

There is one sense in which it can be said that God hears the prayer of an unsaved person. Cornelius (Acts 10) was a seeker of truth. He prayed to God. God heard his prayer in that God caused events to transpire that Cornelius could hear the truth, and be saved. Until he obeyed the Gospel, even though he prayed, he was lost (Acts 11:14). The application of that is that God can use persons and events to give one who is seeking truth the opportunity to know and obey truth. In fact, we pray that God will use efforts such as this program, for that very purpose. Perhaps this broadcast will be the means that God will use to give you the chance to understand His word, and obey Him.

Question: *WHY SPEND SO MUCH TIME DISCUSSING BAPTISM?*

Consider the relation of baptism to salvation... PASSAGES:

Mark 16:16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." 1) Believe. 2) Baptism 3) Saved.

Question: *Is baptism presented as a condition of salvation in Peter's sermon? Is there perfect harmony between the two statements==Acts 2:38 and Mark 16:15,16)?*

Acts 2:38: "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins." 1)Repent. 2) Baptized. 3) Remission of sins.

Acts 22:16: "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins." 1) Baptized. 2) Wash away sins.

1 Pet. 3:21. "After a true likeness doth now save you even baptism." 1) Baptism. 2) Save.

IN CHRIST:

SALVATION IS IN CHRIST (2 TIM.2:10) We are baptized into Christ (Gal.3:26,27)

WE ARE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST (2 COR.5:17) We are baptized into Christ (Rom.6:3,4)