

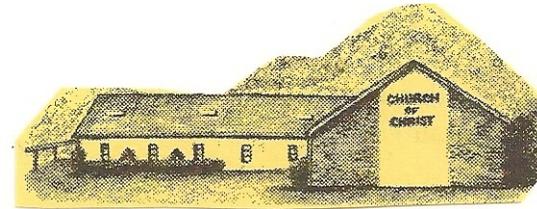
News & Notes

Upcoming events: Every 2nd Sunday of the month we have an afternoon song practice (Next week). Ladies' Bible class is held every second Monday of the month (Also next week), the men's Bible class is scheduled for the 4th Sunday of each month, and our next Young Adult's study is to on May 16th.

Keep in Prayer: Our members: Nick & Emilee Ross, Nick & San Groenhof, Linda James, and Butch Morgan. Many of our family and friends are also in special need of prayer: Betty Eubanks (Sandy Rawdon's mother) Karen Stanley (Bonnie's daughter), Jerry Jordan (Ken's brother), Nadine Fields (Moses' sister), Gary Jones (Paul Sullivan's brother), and Jimmy Johnson.

Out of Town: Larry & Cindy Hicks and Ronnie Henderson.

Group Meeting: Group (1) meets tonight after worship. We encourage all in this group to please meet and participate in this very important work.



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SERVICES

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.

DEACONS:

Robert Marschall
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Moses Stevens
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Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 5/7/14

Song Leader: Nick Ross
Opening Prayer: David Williams
Invitation: Larry Hicks
Announcements: Leon Miller
Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
Parking Lot: Kirk Marschall

Sunday Evening: 5/11/14

Song Leader: Nick Ross
Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams
Lord's Table: Colby Sadler
Announcements: Larry Hicks
Closing Prayer: Mike Sadler
Parking Lot: Leon Miller

Sunday Morning: 5/11/14

Lord's Table: (B) Colby Sadler
(C) Eddie Lawson
Serving: Ed Lawson
Clay Sadler
Song Leader: Nick Groenhof
Opening Prayer: Leon Miller

Announcements: Larry Hicks
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn
(9:50) Paul Lloyd

"I DON'T HAVE TO Be Baptized To Be Saved!"

This is a statement which is often adamantly made by those who are telling us that they are absolutely NOT going to obey the Lord's commandments to be saved from their sins. They are fully deceived into believing that they can be saved without obeying the teaching of Jesus and His apostles, which are recorded for us in the New Testament. Deception is a terrible state of mind and practice, especially when the sad consequence is spending eternity in Hell! So you and I continue to teach and persuade men to become disciples of Christ and to obey His commandments without questioning them. The doctrines of men have absolutely no saving power! **(Matthew 15:7-9) (Mark 7:6-9) (Colossians 2:20-23) (I Timothy 4:1-2) (II Timothy 4:1-4).** It has nothing whatever to do with how sincere or honest you are, as believing a lie will always lead you to eternal damnation. **(II Thessalonians 2:8-12) (John 8:40-47).** My friends, you cannot "receive the word of God" without being baptized. **(Acts 2:41).**

No, you “don’t have to be baptized”, but you cannot be saved and you cannot enter the Kingdom of God without being “born anew”, “born of water and the Spirit”. **(John 3:3-7)**. No, you “don’t have to be baptized”, but you cannot be a disciple of Christ without being baptized. **(Matthew 28:18-20)**. No matter how strongly you resist obeying the commands of Christ, you CANNOT BE SAVED without baptism! **(Mark 16:15-16) (I Peter 3:18-21) (Acts 2:37-41,47)**.

Are you still insisting that “you don’t have to be baptized” after reading all of the above scriptures? Have you taken the time to read each one of them very carefully? And, are you also aware that you cannot receive the remission of sins, you cannot wash away your sins without baptism? **(Acts 2:37-38) (Acts 22:16) (Colossians 2:8-13) (I Peter 3:18-21)**. Do you think that you can be saved “in your sins”? Please read all of these scriptures with

an open heart and mind. Surely you want to avoid any doubt about being saved from your sins! Baptism is that “circumcision of Christ” to put off the body of flesh, to be put to death and buried with Him and raised with Him, to be made alive and having our sins forgiven. **(Colossians 2:8-13)**.

One is baptized to get into Christ Jesus – baptized into the death of Christ – through baptism one is made dead to sin and raised to walk in newness of life – buried with Him through baptism into death - the old man of sin is crucified with Him to do away with the body of sin – this death to sin makes one justified from sin – dead unto sin but alive unto God in Christ Jesus! **(Romans 6:1-11)**. Are you also aware that you cannot “put on” Christ, you cannot be “in Christ” without being “baptized into” Him? **(Galatians 3:26-29) (II Corinthians 5:17)**.

Do you believe that you are in the Lord’s body, the Lord’s church?

Are you aware that one is “baptized into the one body”, the church of the Lord which He purchased with His blood? Baptism is that which puts one into the one body, the Lord’s church. It is an absolute falsehood that “one gets saved” and then “joins the church”. Jesus built only ONE church, His Body – not a human denomination, and just as the scriptures teach that we must be baptized to be saved, it is that same baptism by which one is to get “into” that one body! **(I Corinthians 12:12-14) (Ephesians 4:4-6) (Colossians 1:18) (Ephesians 1:22-23)**. Yes, there is only one baptism! As we have clearly pointed out from the Word of God, it is a baptism in water for the remission of sins. Just as much as there is only one body (church), one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one hope, and one God – there is only one baptism! **(Ephesians 4: 1-6)**.

My friends, I am earnestly pleading with you to stop saying that

you are not going to do what the Lord has commanded. Stop following the teaching of error which is based in human wisdom. Stop trying to serve the Lord in a church which was started by men, which follows the doctrines of men, and which is totally unknown to New Testament teaching! Open your New Testament and read for yourself – and then open your heart to do the Lord’s will! We can never be saved until we are totally sincere and honest with both ourselves and the Lord. Jesus said, “..If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” **(John 8:31-32)**.

- Dennis L. Reed -