

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– Louise Mosley, Mike Sadler, Jo Anderson, Rachel Miller, Addy Anthony, Ned Hicks, Brian James, Kathy Gray, Alma Townsley (Angela Wisdom’s aunt), Nadine Fields (Moses’ sister), Jimmy Johnson (member at the Trilacoochee church of Christ), Paulette Sills, Ted Penland, Joshua Dykes (Butch Morgan’s cousin), Bob Calkins (A friend of the Millers), Dorothy Wilson (a friend of Marian Church in MI), Hal Lewis (Suzette’s brother), Jane Halbert, Karen Stanley (Bonnie’s daughter), Melanie Moore, Tammy Parker, and Jerry Jordan (Ken Jordan’s brother who has stage 4 throat cancer)
- ◇ Out of town: The Elliotts and Groenhofs.
- ◇ Group 2 meets tonight.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Last Friday of each month - Teen Bible Study
 - 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Song Practice
 - 2nd Monday night each month - Ladies’ Bible Class. *(Next Week)*
 - 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Bible Class
- ⇒ *There will be a teacher’s meeting this afternoon at the building. Please make plans to attend.*

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Assignments

Wednesday Night: 11/6/13

Song Leader: Butch Morgan
 Opening Prayer: David Williams
 Invitation: Bucky Day
 Announcements: Bob Marshall
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Parking Lot: Leon Miller

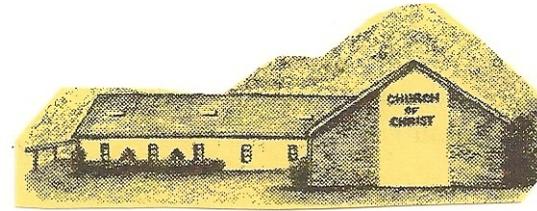
Sunday Morning: 11/10/13

Lord’s Table: Colby Sadler (B)
 Eddie Lawson (C)
 Serving: Jordan Lawson
 Keith Marschall
 Song Leader: Nick Groenhof
 Opening Prayer: Clay Sadler
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Ben Cunningham
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Jim Abram
 (9:50) Norm Blackburn

Sunday Evening: 11/10/13

Song Leader: Ronnie Henderson
 Opening Prayer: Nick Groenhof
 Lord’s Table: Colby Sadler
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Parking Lot: Paul Lloyd

Rudolph “Rudy” Mosley passed away early Wednesday morning. Please keep Louise and family in your prayers. A memorial service is being planned for this Wednesday.



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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:

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“One Verse Only” Salvation

The following is an actual Bible discussion between two men searching for truth. Only slight variations exist. We hope that by printing it here we can bring our readers to a better understanding of Bible teaching concerning what to do to be saved.

Joe: The Bible tells exactly what one must do to be saved in Romans 10:9: ``That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

John: Yes, I believe that verse, but we must not isolate one verse and ignore other passages which give additional information on the subject.

Joe: But other verses confirm this teaching. The thief on the cross and the publican in the temple were both saved in this way. The publican just smote his breast and prayed, ``God be merciful to me a sinner," and then went down to his house justified.

John: Did the thief and the publican believe that God had raised Jesus from the dead?

Joe: Of course not, for Jesus had not died.

John: But **Romans 10:9** says that one must believe "that God hath raised him from the dead." So, in our acceptance of Romans 10:9 as being applicable to the sinner today, we rule out the thief and the publican as examples of how present day conversions take place.

Joe: I see what you're saying, but I still believe that Romans 10:9 contains the full plan of salvation, for it says "Thou shalt be saved."

John: But **Romans 10:9** doesn't mention repentance. You believe that one must repent, don't you?

Joe: Yes, one must repent to be saved.

John: Then you acknowledge that to learn what one must do to be saved, a person must accept all that the scriptures say on the subject rather than simply rely on one verse, such as **Romans 10:9**, isolated from

the rest of the Bible. But when we study further we learn of a penitent believer, Saul of Tarsus, who was instructed to, "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (**Acts 22:16**). We conclude, therefore, that in addition to doing those things mentioned in **Romans 10:9**, one must also repent and be baptized to be saved.

We urge our readers to study for themselves. The conversion of the 3,000 (**Acts 2:22-41**), the Samaritans (**Acts 8:5-13**), of the Ethiopian (**Acts 8:35-39**), of the Philippian jailer (**Acts 16:25-34**) ought to be carefully considered. Observe what each one did to be saved, and "go, and do thou likewise."

-Bill Hall

"Considering Christ the Firstfruits, Afterward Those..."

The apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preemi-

nence." (Colossians 1:18) Jesus had previously raised others from the dead. He raised Lazarus (John 11) and the widow's son (Luke 7:11), so what is meant by Jesus being the firstborn from the dead?

The first thing for us to remember is that the scriptures teach us that Jesus was raised incorruptible to never taste death again. This was accomplished at His resurrection. Although Lazarus and the widow's son were raised, they would eventually die again.

Also consider Paul's words to the saints in Rome, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:29) Paul is expressing to the Christians throughout Rome that they indeed could find faith in the fact that they would one day be raised with a new body to live eternally. We as followers of Christ can find comfort in that as well!! So, Christ was the first among many! Read the admonitions in Hebrews 12:23, "to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of

all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,". This passage refers to the church of the firstborn! Many will be raised immortal like Jesus was. The congregation of believers will join Him in the resurrection of which He was first!

Take comfort in the words of Paul concerning the firstborn... "For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming." (1 Corinthians 15:16-23) I want to be a part of the resurrection from the dead... don't you?

- I.R.