

**Noteworthy**

**Prayer Requests:** Jo Anderson, Margaret Blackburn, Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church (*neck and back*), Mildred Church, Jim & Mary Elliot (*taking care of Jim's sister*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Yvonne Jordan, Paul Lloyd, Neil Miller (*will treat back with cortisone and therapy, for now*), and Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds, Suzette Stevens, and Wayne Ryland. (*The group here has also been greatly affected by varying illnesses, lately. Let's be mindful of all who have been affected.*)

*Our family and friends:* Tonya Bryan (*Dottie's Reynold's daughter*), Ned Hicks (*ongoing medical*), Plen Hicks, Herb Grannemon (*Bucky Day's uncle*), Brian James (*cancer*), Jesse Jordan (*Yvonne Jordan's husband*), Ardis Tucker (*ongoing medical*), Bob Waldron (*ongoing medical*), and Charles Woods (*Ed and Terrell's brother-in-law*).

**Out of Town: Keith Marschall is out of town. Also,** Paula Sullivan is traveling to visit with family (*grandchildren's birthdays, she'll be back Feb. 8th*).

**Bible Class Review:** The kid's review class was postponed for two weeks, but we'll have one tonight after the evening services, in classroom # 7.

**Group Meeting:** The NEW Group 2 will meet NEXT WEEK. (*Please check to see what new group you are in*).

**Ladies Bible Class:** The next Ladies' Bible class will be held on Monday, February 13th at Kaitlyn Sadler's home (*@ 7PM*). In preparation, please study lesson number VIII that begins on page # 137 in the book, "Some Do's and Don'ts for the Christian". (*See the sign-up sheet in the foyer*)

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 1/25/17**

Song Leader: Clay Sadler  
 Opening Prayer: David Williams  
 Invitation: Colby Sadler  
 Announcements: Mike Sadler  
 Closing Prayer: Trent Stevens  
 Recordings: Bob Marschall  
 Usher: Bucky Day

**Sunday Evening: 1/29/17**

Song Leader: Nick Ross  
 Opening Prayer: Bucky Day  
 Lord's Table: Jeremy Wharton  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: Paul Lloyd  
 Recordings: Clay Sadler  
 Usher: Gus Johnson

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**Sunday Morning: 1/29/17**

Lord's Table: Jeremy Wharton (B)  
                   Jerry Williams (C)  
 Serving: Ed Lawson  
               Jordan Lawson  
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler

Opening Prayer: Leon Miller  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: David Williams  
 Recordings: Clay Sadler  
 Usher: Gus Johnson



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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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 David Williams

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***The Burning Question***

Did you know that Jesus is "coming back" one day? Do you know what He is going to do upon His return? He will, ***"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"*** (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9) The Bible says that upon Jesus' return, He is going to take vengeance on those who do not obey the gospel. The dividing line between those who will receive rest, versus those who will be punished (1 Thessalonians 1:7, 9) is obedience to the gospel! So the urgent question is, "Have you obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?"

The original word that's rendered "gospel" means, "a good message" (Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries). The word is defined by Thayer as, "1) a reward for good tidings; 2) good tidings". The good news of how Jesus Christ saves men from their sins was preached to those in Corinth, as Paul indicated, ***"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which***

also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; 4 And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) Paul was reminding the Corinthians of how he’d previously preached “the gospel” to them. In addition, he stated that they received, stood, and were saved; so long as they kept in memory what he had preached to them! He then reminded them of “the gospel” that, “**Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He arose again according to the scriptures**”. Therefore, the gospel concerns the historical facts of Jesus dying for our sins, being buried, and rising again! Yet the urgent question remains, “Have *you* obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?”

If the gospel is the “good message” of Jesus dying for our sins, being buried, and rising again; then how does one obey it?? Using metaphoric language, Paul told the saints in Rome they were to live transformed lives, writing,

“Know ye not, that **so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death? 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**. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” (Romans 6:3-6) Paul said when they were buried with Christ in baptism, saints must put to death their former lives devoted to sin, (Romans 6:20-23), and rise out of the water restored spiritually, in view of living life now devoted to God (Romans 6:7, 10). Our obeying the gospel is likened to the good news of what Jesus Christ did for us! Jesus died, was buried, and rose again! Likewise, when man puts away his sinful lifestyle, is baptized into Jesus Christ (through water immersion), and therefore lives a new kind of life that is devoted to God, he thus obeys the gospel!

- Have you heard the good news of Jesus Christ? (Romans 10:17; Acts 2:37)

- Do you believe in the good news of Jesus Christ? (Mark 16:15-16; John 3:16)
- Will you turn away from the sins that have separated you from God? (Isaiah 59:1-2; Acts 2:38, 26:20)
- Confess your belief in Jesus as the Christ. (Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37)
- Be baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of your sins. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16)
- Be raised from the watery grave, fully committed to serving God for the rest of your life! (Revelation 2:10)

The Bible says that upon Jesus’ return, He is going to take vengeance on those *who do not obey* the gospel. The burning question is, “Have *you* obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?”. (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:3-6) If not, why are you waiting (Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21)? Please, respond.

*All Bible Quotations are from The King James Version.*

- Ian Rice

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt.7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3; 24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)