

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: The Boyette family (*sickness*), Joe Brown (*ongoing medical*), Mary Elliott, Vernita Goodall (*with the recent passing of her sister, Joy Blaine*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Sylvester Johnson (*upcoming treatments & bone marrow transplant*), Leon Miller, Neil Miller, Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*daughter is in ill health*), DeeAnn Sprott.

Family and friends: Curt Boyette, Vivian Dillman, Ned Hicks, Brian James (*cancer*), Rowena Lawson (*with her mother's recent passing*), Paul Lloyd (*still at rehab facility in Ohio*), John Marschall (*Bob Marschall's father*), Kirk Marschall (*with rehab*), Ricky Ross (*Robyn Day's father*) and Dorothy Trice (*Carla Moore's mother*).

Group Meeting: Group 1 will meet next week after the PM worship service.

Ladies' Bible Class: February 10th (in Kyoko Williams's home (*Tomorrow*)). Please study lesson number 6 on page 33, "Trouble Over Death (1)" in the book "Troubled Over Many Things," by Connie Adams.

Area Meeting(s): The Zephyrhills Church of Christ will have a meeting February 13-16th (*this week*). See bulletin board for the flyer and more details. Also, be sure to mark you calendars for our meeting April 5th-8th with Derek Long.

Men's Bible Study: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Feb 23rd*).

Kids' Review Class: February 23rd, immediately following the evening assembly.

Remember and encourage those who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 2/12/20

Song Leader: Joe Brown
 Opening Prayer: David Williams
 Invitation: Leon Miller
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Sherman Johnson
 Recordings: Clay Sadler
 Usher: Mike Sadler

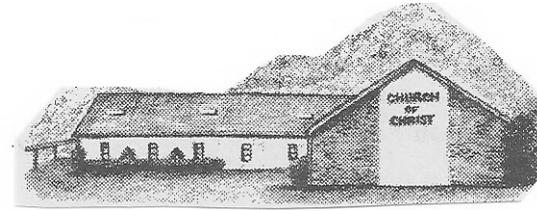
Sunday Evening: 2/16/20

Lord's Table: Steve Parker
 Song Leader: Joe Brown
 Opening Prayer: Eric Stevens
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Terrell Boyett
 Recordings: Bob Marschall
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 2/16/20

Lord's Table: Steve Parker (B)
 Clay Sadler (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 David Williams
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom

Opening Prayer: Ryan Boyette
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Jimmy Fields
 Recordings: OPEN
 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 7:00 P.M.

DEACONS:

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"What is a Christian?"

"Daddy, what is a Christian?" a boy once asked. His dad described the "good neighbor, honest, kind" person usually associated with the name; and then the boy asked, "Dad, have I ever seen one?" That's a good question son; a very good question!!

We have obligations of a social, civil, domestic and economic nature because we have such relationships in life whether we are "Christian" or pagan. As the pagan can sin in these realms (ROM.1:28-f); he could also be friendly, obedient to government, a good husband and father, and honest in business-yet not be a Christian. "Christian" relates the individual to Christ (as "Caesarian" to Caesar; see Deissman, LAE, p.377) and can rightly apply in no other way. Vine says the primary significance of the word was to express "business dealings with Christ. (p. 164, Chrematizo).

ACT.11:26 says "disciples" were first called "Christians," but these were more than just "learners." JOH.6:60, 66, tells of "learners" who would not receive Jesus teaching, so they "walked no more with him." Only when we apply Jesus definition of an acceptable

"disciple" do we begin to appreciate the requirements for this noble position. We must love Him more than father, mother, wife, children — than our very life — or we cannot be His disciple. (LUK.14:26-f.)

To be a "Christian" one must be an acceptable "disciple;" and to be an acceptable "disciple" one must put Christ absolutely first — love Him above all else (LUK.9:57-f.; MAT.10:37-39). But what does this entail? Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me..." "If a man love, he will keep my words..." (JOH.14:15, 21, 23). Christ has content. He is our Prophet (ACT.3:22-f.), and there is no separating "Christian" from doing truth" (1JO.2:3-6, 3:7, 10).

But there is more! If we stopped here some might get the idea that one who does this and that is thereby a "Christian." Examination of passages cited would show we are not saying a Christian is one who punches the correct buttons. The "doing" is there as act of faith (JAM.2:17-f.) but in the process one becomes something. We must not simply "do" — but we must BE A CHRISTIAN, for "Christian" tells what we are — tells of our character and peculiar nature. God intended for those who would to "conform to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren" (ROM.8:29). We "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into

the same image ..." become "partakers of the divine nature" (2CO.2:18; 2PE.1:4).

A "Christian" is "of Christ" "in Christ" and "belongs to Christ." He moves in that realm, is motivated by his love for Christ — or, as Paul tells the Corinthians, "the love of Christ (His love for us) constraineth us" (2CO.5:14). Again "For to me to live is Christ," and "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." (PHI.1:21; GAL.2:20). Have You Ever Seen A "Christian"?

~ Robert F. Turner

“What Will You Do With Jesus?”

As Jesus was standing before Pilate, "Pilate said to them, 'What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?'" (Matthew 27:22). Every person who has ever lived has to answer this same question. The answer to this question will determine the eternal destiny of either Heaven or Hell for every living soul when this life is over.

Jesus says, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). The vast majority of the world will reject Jesus (Matthew 7:13-14) because they do not believe Him (John 8:24). Included in this ma-

ajority is the denominational world who choose to do things their own way. They have come up with their own plans of salvation, their own forms of worship, and their own churches. Even by the names they call themselves they have rejected Jesus. They do their own will and not the will of God. Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). They call Him their Lord and claim to know Him, but they do not keep His commandments, but their own. God's word says, "He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4).

There are many people who reject Jesus because they are ashamed of Him. But Jesus says, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38). One who is ashamed of Jesus who gave His life for us will be eternally lost.

There are people who say they believe in Jesus but will not obey Him. "Nevertheless even among the chief rulers many believed on Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42-43). There are many people like this today.

Some brethren will follow Jesus for a while but will become unfaithful and reject Him. "From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?' But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'" (John 6:66-68). A child of God who falls away and becomes unfaithful to the Lord is likened to "A dog returns to his own vomit, and a sow, having been washed, to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Peter 2:22). The Hebrew writer asks, "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:29). If one continues to be unfaithful and does not repent, "there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment" (Hebrews 10:26-27).

To be pleasing to the Lord so we can go to Heaven we must "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Jesus has promised us, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Lets "be even more diligent to make your call and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10).

~ Jimmy Fields