

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Joe Brown (*ongoing medical*), Larry & Cindy Hicks (*sickness*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Sylvester Johnson (*upcoming treatments & bone marrow transplant*), Leon Miller (*effects & complications caused by brain tumor & treatments*), Neil & Ahreah Miller (*He with his blindness and she with her broken leg & rehabilitation*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Steve Parker (*recovering from heart surgery and fall*), Dottie Reynolds (*her daughter is in ill health*).

Family and friends: Jim Beckley (*Tabitha Sadler's grandfather continues to recuperate from surgery*), Curt Boyette, Vivian Dillman, Ned Hicks, Brian James (*cancer*), John Marschall (*Bob Marschall's father*), Kirk Marschall (*doing well with long-term rehab*), Ricky Ross (*Robyn Day's father*) and Dorothy Trice (*Carla Moore's mother*).

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

Ladies' Bible Class: Scheduled for April 13th. Please study lesson number 8 on page 43, "Trouble Over Divorce" in the book "Troubled Over Many Things," by Connie Adams.

Area Meeting(s): Be sure to mark you calendars for our meeting April 5th-8th (*Next month*), with Derek Long.

Men's Bible Study: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*March 22nd, next week*).

Remember and encourage those who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 3/18/20

Song Leader: Bucky Day
 Opening Prayer: Jimmy Fields
 Invitation: Sherman Johnson
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Mike Sadler

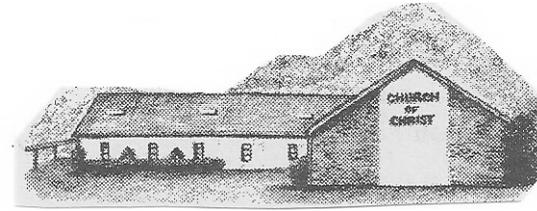
Sunday Evening: 3/22/20

Lord's Table: Ryan Boyette
 Song Leader: Joe Brown
 Opening Prayer: Eric Stevens
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Earl Branham
 Recordings: Bob Marschall
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 3/22/20

Lord's Table: Ryan Boyette (B)
 Jerry Williams (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 Bucky Day
 Song Leader: Clay Sadler

Opening Prayer: Jimmy Fields
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
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 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.

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"What About John?"

Peter therefore seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. (Jn. 21:21, 22)

Without impugning Peters motives in asking this question and without exploring all the implications of the Lord's answer, there is yet an important, if simple, lesson to be gleaned from these passages. Essentially, Peter is asking, What about John? The mild rebuke of Jesus reminds him that this matter is really none of his business. Your business is to follow me, as one version puts it. The Lords advice to Peter is good advice to all who would allow the affairs of others to deter them from the serious business of following Christ.

Further, it is timeless advice, because in different ways and for different reasons many have continued to ask Peter's question. The non-Christian, for instance,

when informed that the gospel plan of salvation involves faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, may ask, But what about the thief on the cross? or, What about my parents who died without doing that? or, What about the jungle natives who never hear the gospel? —in other words, What about John? Perhaps not all who ask such questions would appreciate a kindly paraphrased reply like, What is that to you? You follow Christ —but it would be appropriate since every man who seeks salvation must follow Him, regardless of all other persons, circumstances or consequences.

To some, the what-about-John issue with respect to baptism may be a sincere inquiry in the search of truth—but to the less-noble it may be nothing more than a diversion to avoid the demands of truth. Regrettably, some who like to be known as Christians manufacture excuses and self justification out of the same machinery. More often than not, when erring brethren are confronted with their sins or unfaithfulness, they respond with some form of What about John? With them, John and his real or imagined short-comings are not so much objects of concern as

crutches for their own sins. The implication is that since John is allowed to get by with it, their guilt is somehow diminished —or at least ought to be overlooked. Such reasoning, fallacious as it may be, is much more prevalent and influential than generally recognized —simply because it is not often expressed until the sinner is faced with his sins (an unpopular and infrequent type of confrontation practiced by early Christians such as Paul, Gal. 2:11). Then you hear about John! Then John's sins suddenly become important —but only for the purpose of being exploited, not corrected.

What about John? He may be wrong as accused. If so, he needs to be dealt with the same as his accuser —and his accuser should remember that he himself may well be the John used as an excuse by yet other sinners. He, and all, would better ask, WHAT ABOUT ME? Settling this question fits all for following Christ —and helping John to do likewise.

~ Dan S. Shipley

“11 Days to Kadesh-Barnea”

"It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea." A striking piece of information -- to those who see its significance in Deut. 1:2.

In Numbers 10: we can begin to trace the first journey of the Israelites from Horeb (Sinai). They "set forward" in the 2nd. year, 2nd. month, 20th, day, of their journey out of Egypt. On the 3rd. day of this trip they rested. (10:33) Here the people began to murmur and complain because they had no meat to eat. (11:4-f)

And God said, "Jehovah will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days, but a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you--." (11:18-f) That "shot" the travel schedule.

But they finally moved on to Hazeroth. (11:35) Here, Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because he had married a Cushite woman. Envy entered the picture, and they questioned his authority. (12:1-2) Then God caused Miriam to become leprous, as white as snow with

the disease. (12:9-12) Moses prayed for her, but God said she must be shut up without the camp for seven days; (12:13-15) "and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again." We can count forty days spent on that eleven day journey, to this point; and they have not yet arrived in Kadesh-Barnea.

And when they did arrive, and sent out spies to survey the land; these faithless, spineless characters were so fearful of the fight they sought to dissuade the people from doing as God instructed. (13:21-f) God finally caused them to wander another 38 years (including a return trip from Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea) before they were allowed to cross into Canaan Land.

It is a long trip from Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea -- when sin goes along. How long will it take you to mature as a Christian? A few years of happy development could become a life time, or never-never -- at present progress.

Travel advice?? "Take your burden to the Lord, and leave it there!!"

~ Robert F. Turner