

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****MAR 6, 2011 SICK****LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones, Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Paul Mays, Ed & Bettie Barrett, H.C. & Jimmie Nell Brown, Bettye Henderson**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Kimberly Wilcox, Jerusha Key, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Irene Palmer, Vera Fike, Sue Hinds, Harold Walton, Paul Lockhart, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell, Louise Alexander, Cindy Ruddard, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Amanda Gurganus, Frank Guthrie, Joe Windham, Vera Burke, Elmer Williams, Aspen White, Sandra Myers, Debra Webb, Sharon Lawson, Timmy Myers, Esther Sutton, Robin Harrison, Bill Hawkins, Tammy RayAM - BEN WRIGHT - THE DIVISIVE ISSUE OF BAPTISMPM - BEN WRIGHT - A VERSE OF COMFORT**READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- JOSHUA 12-14; MON- 15-18; TUE- 19-21; WED- 22-24; THUR- JUDGES 1-3; FRI- 4-6; SAT- 7-9; SUN- 10-12****BIRTHDAYS:**

Mar 6: Brenda Rushing

7: Frank Brown

9: Jamie McDonald

10: Hoyt Sims

12: H.C. Brown

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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THE DIVISIVE ISSUE OF BAPTISM

**(Romans 6:3-4)**

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ for baptism.**

- A. There is a reason people are to be baptized and the New Testament tells us that reason is to have sins \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Saul was told by \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized to have his sins washed away (Acts 22:16).
  2. Paul told Titus we are saved by the washing of \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 3:5).
  3. Those who are a part of the bride of Christ have been cleansed by the washing of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:26).
  4. Some of the Corinthians had been vile sinners but they had been \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 6:11).
- B. Sadly, this is where some \_\_\_\_\_ from the scriptures in their beliefs about baptism.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ for baptism.**

- A. Jesus said, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).
1. This tells us that one who is a candidate for baptism must be one who is able to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ on that belief in obedience.
  2. Also, one must be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel in order to obey it (Romans 10:14).
  3. Also the New Testament teaches that one must \_\_\_\_\_ before He is baptized (Acts 2:38).
  4. Also, one is to \_\_\_\_\_ with the mouth Jesus as Lord and babies can't do this (Romans 10:9-10).
- B. Lutherans, Anglicans, Catholics and others baptize \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ that washes us (Revelation 1:5).
- B. At baptism, we obey a \_\_\_\_\_ of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:3-4).
- C. At baptism, we put on \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 3:26-27).
- D. At baptism, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us to His church (Acts 2:47).
- E. Sadly, many in the denominational world teach that one is saved \_\_\_\_\_ baptism, but they do teach that one must be baptized to be a part of their denomination.

**RESPECT FOR GOD'S WORD**

We live in a time when many have little or no respect for the Bible. It is not uncommon in our day for skeptics to scoff at and to criticize the Bible as being a book that is out-of-date and full of ancient myths and legends. Such critics deny that the Bible is the Word of God. Others may acknowledge the Bible as God's Word, but then fail to allow the Bible to influence their daily conduct. All of us need to have the attitude the Psalmist had toward the sacred scriptures: "Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments" (Psalm 119:4-6).

If we have this level of respect for the Bible, we will spend time learning its contents. The Lord's desire is that we "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). We acquire knowledge of God's Word by turning off the television and computer and spending time studying the scriptures. Do we know more about sports, the latest movies, or FOX news than we do about the Bible? Such questions honestly answered will help us determine how much we, personally, respect God's Word.

In addition, respect for God's Word is shown by obedience to its precepts. James wrote, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). If one wanted to prove that he had respect for the laws of the land, one would have to strive to obey such laws. Even so, one who wants to show respect for God's Word must strive to obey the commandments of the Lord. When one learns from the Bible the need to make personal changes in attitude, conduct, or lifestyle, respect for the Bible demands that one make the needed changes.

Also, respect for God's Word is shown by striving to keep all the teachings of the New Testament. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). One should never choose to keep the commands which may be easy or convenient, while rejecting those which are not. Which New Testament commandment can be laid aside by one who is serious about showing respect for God's Word? The command to love one's enemies? The command to forgive those who sin against us? The command to be baptized for the remission of sins? The command to repent of sins? If one has the proper attitude toward the Bible, one will make it his aim to obey all the teachings of the New Testament. In view of these thoughts, let us all demonstrate high respect and honor for the Bible.

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