

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SEP 14, 2014**

### **SICK LIST:**

### **HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison, Cynthia McMeans (Ridgeview, Rm 171)

**HOME:** Freddie Alexander, Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bessie & Michael Files, Henry McDonald, Lizzie Banks, Kristee McDonald, Jack Wright, Allie Roden, Karen Griggs

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PM - BEN WRIGHT - THE MINISTRIES OF PAUL

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO BETTY HONEYCUTT DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER SISTER JOYCE BLANKENSHIP. SERVICES WERE THURSDAY IN FLORENCE**

**REMEMBER OUR SINGING SCHOOL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 21 WITH ROB GURGANUS. WE WILL HAVE A MEAL AFTER MORNING SERVICES, SEVERAL TEACHING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND OUR NORMAL SINGING NIGHT AT 5 PM**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT CURRY, SEP 14-17**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN, SEP 14-16**

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Sep 19: David & Margaret Barton

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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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### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

## **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 1:5)**

### **I. What is meant by Holy Spirit baptism?**

- A. 1 Corinthians 12:13 does mention the Holy Spirit and baptism in it but it has \_\_\_\_\_ to do with the subject of Holy Spirit baptism.
- B. When thinking about what this means, we need to remember that this was a \_\_\_\_\_ and not a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. It is described as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Holy Spirit baptism was an \_\_\_\_\_ of the spirits of certain people with the Holy Spirit.
  - 2. This made their minds, mouths and pens under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
- D. It is not the same thing as being \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit.
- E. So we see that Holy Spirit baptism was an \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

### **II. Who received it?**

- A. There are only \_\_\_\_\_ occurrences of this in the New Testament.
- B. The first is that of the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ being overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit.
  - 1. We know this was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Joel's prophecy because the inspired apostles said it was (Acts 2:16-17).
  - 2. The 12, upon being overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit, then began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The second is that of the Gentile \_\_\_\_\_ and those of his household who were preached to by Peter (Acts 10:44-47).

### **III. Why was Holy Spirit baptism given?**

- A. In each case it was for a \_\_\_\_\_ reason.
- B. For the apostles, it was to fulfill the promise \_\_\_\_\_ made to the apostles the night before His death.
- C. For the Gentiles, Cornelius and his household, it was to show the unbelieving Jews that God wanted the gospel taught to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **IV. Is Holy Spirit baptism for today?**

- A. In neither case was \_\_\_\_\_ obtained by baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- B. Those who argue that Holy Spirit is for us today totally miss the \_\_\_\_\_ of it when it did occur.
1. It was never for \_\_\_\_\_ to the church.
  2. It was not for \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Paul wrote to the Ephesians and told them, and us, that there is \_\_\_\_\_ baptism (Ephesians 4:5).

### **The Joy of Hope Joe Chesser**

Sometimes the best part of taking a vacation is the time spent gathering information and making plans for it. Anticipating what you will do when you go camping or traveling or to Disney makes the vacation that much more enjoyable. Getting brochures or checking out the web sites, studying the maps to learn what is available along the way, and marking the days on a calendar fill you with excitement. In fact, there are times when the anticipation of the vacation far exceeds the actual event.

Anticipating heaven should be even better than anticipating a vacation. It's too bad that many Christians haven't learned to enjoy the preparation for heaven. Instead of finding joy in the present (John 10:10), some Christians (and I hope you are not one of them) view the present Christian experience as one of drudgery and travail. They see their walk with God in this life as one of hardship and suffering, and only view heaven as a rest from their current troubles. But the hope of heaven is not intended to be restricted to eternity. There is joy in the hope of heaven right now! The hope of heaven serves to bring meaning and enjoyment to this present life in several ways.

(1) Hope in God serves as an anchor for the soul. The world is constantly in a state of flux, yet God gives Christians the ability to live in this world with stability in the present because of hope for the future. Instead of being "blown here and there by every wind of teaching" (Eph. 4:14) Christians are offered "hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Heb. 6:19). Christians have the security now that the world longs for!

(2) Christians are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24). This hope is a "confident expectation" that removes fear and doubt. Since we are confident of receiving the salvation of Christ that comes by faith and obedience, joy fills our souls. We find joy in doing whatever God expects of us because of the hope of what He has promised those who are faithful.

(3) Happy is the soldier that is properly equipped to wage war. While we are in the flesh we are in a constant battle with Satan, but God has given us all the equipment we need to successfully defeat him. A part of that equipment is having "the hope of salvation as a helmet" (1 Thess. 5:8). Christians are assured that Satan cannot defeat the army of God. We can celebrate our ultimate victory right now, today! Live joyfully as God's soldier.

(4) Christians know "how great is the love the Father has lavished on us" (1 John 3:1). We know we are the children of God right now! What we don't know yet is what we

will be like when Jesus appears the second time, but we do know this: that when Jesus appears the second time, we shall be like him (1 John 3:2). Having this hope gives us the assurance we need to live pure lives in the present (1 John 3:3). Learning to live like God today gives us a joy that anticipates the day we can live with Him forever!

(5) Despite the trials of life, Christians can “be joyful in hope” (Rom. 12:12). If we choose, nothing in this life can rob us of the joy and anticipation of life with God.