

Family Matters

Illness

- Agnes Head has been ill for a couple of weeks.
- Continue to pray for Verlan Wilson, J.R. Rose-Graham, Barbara Wall, and Victor Studdard as they struggle with health concerns.
- Eddie Bowen requests prayers for his sister who is diagnosed with heart failure.
- Homebound: Barbara Green, Nelda Clifton, Connie Pagan, Stephen Cooper. Donald Hejl, and Doris Smith continue in hospice care facilities.
- Continue to pray for the Jordans as they are still impacted by flooding.

Today 3PM Devotionals

Brad Smith has decided to worship with the congregation in Cleveland due to health and distance concerns.

The Flores Family has decided to worship with another congregation. We were not told which congregation.

The Update from the men's meeting last Sunday is on the table in the foyer.

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Assembly Times

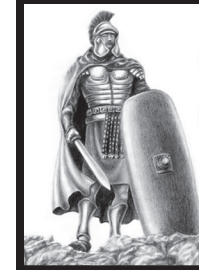
Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Psalm 22:18
2. Isaiah 53:12
3. Isaiah 7:14
4. Micah 5:2
5. Zechariah 9:9
6. Hosea 11:1
7. Psalm 16:10



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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O Happy Day!

Do you remember the day you were baptized? That day stands out in my memory very clearly. I remember my entire immediate family had come to worship services that day, because my intentions were announced the night before. I remember my father crying as I came forward to obey the gospel. I remember the congregation singing. But more than anything else, I remember the feelings I had after being baptized.

I felt clean. Not physically clean, but spiritually. I felt the burden of all my sins disappear. There was a sense of wonderment and sense of innocence I don't think I've ever felt again. It was not a feeling of the Spirit of God causing my to speak in tongues, or a feeling that I had been given some special revelation from God; rather, I believe I was experiencing the feelings that every Christian from every time has felt just after being baptized. Acts 22:16 says it this way, my sins had been “*washed away*”. Through the blood of Jesus we are able to stand before God as a pure, clean, believer. We seem to forget these feelings after awhile. Our thoughts return to the day-to-day grind of living life with its temptations. We gain consolation by the fact that the cleansing blood of Jesus does not stop when we come out of the watery grave of baptism, but instead continues throughout our life. “*If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin*” (1 John 1:7). John says that after we have obeyed the gospel and are walking in the light, the blood of Christ cleanses us. He did not say it cleansed us, but that it keeps on cleansing us. The point is made very clear in 1 John 1:9 where it says of God: “*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” So the feelings we had after coming out of the water CAN be our again, each and every time we repent, confessing our sin” We can feel clean again!

After being baptized, I felt joy! There was great rejoicing in my heart because I knew my sins had been forgiven, and that I was in fellowship with God. The only time a Christian can ever feel that kind of joy again is by returning to fellowship with God.

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Eddie Bowen
Announcements: Billy Lovell
Encouragement Talk: Todd McAdams
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson
2 Timothy 3:12-17
Song Leader: Jacob McAdams
Table Talk: Tyler Blazek
Contribution: Pete Galvan
Helper: Theo Edge
Fruit of Vine: Josh Emerson
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Helper: Lester Mabry
Closing Prayer: John Van Baale

Sunday Afternoons

May 19 3PM Devotionals
May 26 Parent Planned Youth Devotional
June 2 3PM Encouragement (cards and calls)
June 9 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson
Speaker: John Franks

It is a joy much greater than anything this earthly life can offer, for God is the source of the joy! His willingness to extend salvation to men, should result in our joy when we take advantage of it. In the same way, we should be able to recapture that joy whenever we feel the need to seek God's forgiveness. 1 John 1:9 says "He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins", which should bring great joy to the life of the one who is forgiven!

My enthusiasm for the Lord and my zeal for His cause has never been higher than it was 30 seconds after my baptism. I wanted to tell the whole world about Jesus and what He did for me! I wanted everyone to hear what God offers them! Somehow the zeal fades over the years, but it can be regained. Each time we study a passage of Scripture that talks of the love of God, or the particulars of the plan of salvation, we should imbibe deeply of the things said so that we might more fully comprehend and appreciate what God has done for us. As we continually bring these thoughts into our mind, we cannot help but have a zeal for serving God and telling others. When we look through the bubble of our existence and see all of those living around us in sin, we should desire all the more to tell them of Jesus and the saving power of His blood.

Do you remember the day you were baptized?

By Charles Willis

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth



but only such a word as is good for **EDIFICATION**

according to the need of the moment,



so that it will give

GRACE

to those who hear.



Ephesians 4:29

Know Your Bible

Prophecies of the Messiah

Name the book with the prophecy.

1. Casting lots for Jesus' robe.
2. Jesus crucified with two thieves.
3. The virgin birth.
4. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.
5. Entry into Jerusalem on a donkey.
6. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus leaving Egypt and returning to Galilee.
7. Jesus' resurrection.

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



How Would You Describe Your Faith?

What words would you use? Revelation 3:15-16 uses the terms hot, cold, and lukewarm. We sometimes have trouble knowing when hot stops being hot and becomes lukewarm. Generally our conscience will let us know, but I think it is helpful to use some very specific descriptive words to analyze our faith. I hope the list below is useful to you.

Charles Willis

Is your faith: HOT

Bold	Grand	Outspoken	Spontaneous
Consistent	Happy	Pleasant	Strong
Contagious	Hopeful	Purposeful	Trusting
Demanding	Knowledgeable	Quick	Vibrant
Effective	Large	Responsible	Watchful
Exciting	Obedient	Rich	Working
Fulfilling			Yours

Is your faith sometimes: LUKEWARM

Absent	Dejected	Lacking	Reprimanding
Bothersome	Dull	Lonely	Slow
Brash	Forgetful	Longing	Self-centered
Choked	Grey	Puny	Stuttering
Confused	Hurting	Painful	Wishful
Cowering			Withdrawn

Is your faith: COLD

Argumentative	Easy	Hopeless	Neglected
Black	Failing	Lifeless	Poor
Closed	Gaping	Lost	Quiet
Deaf	Guilty	Mindless	Sad
Disobedient			Slothful