# Family Matters

## New Caney Church of Christ

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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. Eutychus (Acts 20:9)
- 2. Elisha (2 Kings 13:17)
- 3. Jezebel (2 Kings 9:30-32)
- 4. Rahab (Joshua 2:15-21)
- 5. Michal, wife of David (2 Samuel 6:16)

### This Week's Assignments & Events

## Sunday Worship

### **Sunday Afternoons**

Greeter: Corwin Richardson Nov 10 Nothing

Announcements: Billy Lovell

Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: John Franks
Nov 17 3PM Marriage Tune-Up

Scripture Reading: Kevin Buckner

Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Luke 3:1–10 Nov 24 Nothing

Song Leader: Josh Emerson
Table Talk: John Van Baale
Contribution: Casey Thomas

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Nothing

Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Truett Blazek
Helper: Lester Mabry

Wednesday Evening
Song Leader: John Franks
Speaker: Tyler Blazek

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"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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# A Response To An E-mail Question

This question came to me last week: "what helps you to trust that what the disciples say is true and that it wasn't some sort of conspiracy to protect themselves. For example, to try to gain a following and protect against persecution after Jesus had been crucified, since they originally believed that he would reign as king during their time?"

A very good question. Many today say we all believe different things but that's okay because we all believe in God. Or men say all Christian religions are right and all will be saved (though we believe different things). God did not leave us to our own imaginations. He did not leave us questioning how to please Him. God has given us His Holy Word that we might know how to please Him. Everyone needs to have authority from the Word of God for what is believed and practiced. God gave all authority to Jesus (Ephesians 1:20-23; Matthew 28:28). Jesus said (John 12:48) "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him in the last day." Jesus is the authority. We must follow His word. His word was given to the apostles who taught it to men and they preached and wrote it down. But how we can trust what they wrote is accurate and true?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." Why I trust the word of the disciples is because of the inspiration of God. I do not believe the writing of the disciples was to protect themselves, because they suffered greatly as they continued preaching the truth. Just read the last 10 chapters of Acts and look at how Paul was suffering for teaching the truth.

"Inspired" (2 Tim. 3:16). The word in Greek (theopneustos) means "divinely breathed in: - given by inspiration of God" (Strong's concordance Greek definition G2315). Literally it came from the breath/mouth of God. God gave it to man who wrote it down.

Jesus told the disciples this is what would happen. Even in Mark 13 (again) in verses 9-11 "but be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak,

but it is the Holy Spirit." Jesus told the apostles in John 14:26 "the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." Here we see they would remember all Jesus said, but also they would be taught things. More truth would be given to them. A little later in John 16:13-15 Jesus told the apostles "when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth..."

The Apostle Paul speaks of this in 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 using "we" and "us" as a reference to the Apostles. "For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words." Earlier in verse 4-5 Paul said the message preached was also accompanied by "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (miracles) "so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God." I encourage you to read verses 1-13 for the extended context.

Just before His ascension, Jesus told the apostles in Acts 1:4 "He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, which, He said, you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." And again in verse 8 "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be Mt witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 2 records this baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon the Apostles. A great noise of a rushing wind and tongues as of fire over each one, and (in 2:4) "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance."

I very strongly believe all Scripture is inspired of God. God brought about the writing of the Scriptures (Old and New Testament) that we might know His will. He directed the very words that were written (1 Cor. 2:13 - quoted above). Romans 1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

By Charles Willis

# Know Your Bible

#### Windows

- 1. Who died after falling out of a window during Paul's sermon?
- 2. What prophet ordered a king to shoot arrows out of a window?
- 3. What wicked queen was thrown out of a window by her servants?
- 4. Who let spies escape through a window by using a rope?
- 5. Who looked out her window and was ashamed to see her husband dancing in the street?

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



# Salvation By Blood

## **GRACE PROVIDES**

Ephesians 1:7

WHAT

## **FAITH OBEYS**

WHEN Romans 6:17-18

Matthew 26:28 REMISSION Acts 2:38
1 John 1:7 Ephesians 5:36
Hebrews 9:14 GOOD CONSCIENCE 1 Peter 3:21
Revelation 1:5 WASHED Acts 22:16
Acts 20:28 PURCHASED 1 Corinthians 12:13
Romans 3:25 SALVATION Galatians 3:26–27

BLOOD SHED IN HIS DEATH BAPTISM IS INTO HIS DEATH

**Romans 6:3-4** 

BLOOD MAKES FREE WHEN
ONE IS
BAPTIZED

Marriage Tune-Up

Next Sunday at 3PM

A 90 minute class with discussion for married couples of all ages.

Come and consider what God has revealed about how we are to live in a marriage relationship.