

The Church of Christ Bulletin

**"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."
-Ecclesiastes 12:13**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES _____ 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP _____ 10:30 A.M.

EVENING WORSHIP _____ 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

CLASSES/WORSHIP _____ 7:00 P.M.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT BAPTISM

Shepherds Notes by Boyce Edwards

It would be difficult to find a more controversial religious subject than baptism. The reason is because most religious people accept what their denominational creed books and manuals teach rather than accepting what the bible teaches!

WHO AUTHORIZED BAPTISM?

Jesus authorized baptism when He said, *"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen"*-Matthew 28:18-20. So, NT baptism is by the authority of all three members of the Godhead!

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM?

1. To be saved. Jesus said, *"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved"*-Mark 16:16. By the use of the word "and," the Lord shows the necessity of both belief and baptism! The bible no more teaches "justification by faith only" than it teaches "justification by baptism only!" According to the Lord, both belief and baptism are essential to salvation!

2. For the remission of sins. The apostle Peter said, *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"*-Acts 2:38. The word remission means dismissal, discharge, or setting free, and it refers to the complete removal of sins in a persons life! Peter makes it crystal clear that both repentance AND baptism are necessary for the remission of sins!

3. Baptism puts one into Christ. Paul said, *"Know ye not that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"*-Romans 6:4. In a kindred text, Paul said, *"For ye are all*

the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ"-Galatians 3:26 & 27. According to Paul's teaching in II Timothy 2:10, salvation is "in Christ," therefore when one is baptized into Christ, he is also baptized into salvation. We also learn from the Galatian text that one becomes a child of God by faith in Christ because he was baptized into Christ!

4. Baptism is to wash away sins. Ananias told Saul, *"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and, wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord"*-Acts 22:16. In the parallel account in Acts 9, we learn the command to be baptized and wash away sins came to Paul after he had seen the Lord, believed on the Lord, confessed the Lord, and had been fasting and praying for three days which was indicative of Paul's penitent state of mind, see Acts 9:1-11. Even so, his sins were not washed away until he was baptized on the third day after he had seen the Lord!

WHAT IS THE MODE OF BAPTISM?

The bible shows the mode is by immersion (burial). *"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death"*-Romans 6:4. Colossians 2:12 also teaches that baptism is a burial.

CLOSING COMMENTS

It is the appeal of this writer for all men to let the bible alone settle questions pertaining to baptism! While denominational preachers stress that baptism is non-essential to salvation, the Lord said, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"*-Mark 16:16. Will you believe the denominational preachers, or believe the Lord? May God bless you in your study of what the bible says about baptism-Boyce Edwards.

THE FAMILY OF GOD

From the Desk of Dan Carter

I moved to Killeen, Texas, the last part of 1997. I have been acquainted with many good and wonderful people at the W.S. Young congregation. Recently, I ran across a Pictorial Directory of those days gone by. I was so taken when I began to look again at dear friends who have passed. I saw the joy in their eyes and the smiles on their faces. It just set me to thinking of all the ones I have known, and, now miss. I thought about using their names, but decided better. I do not want to cause sorrow again to those who have lost loved ones.

What I do want to say is this: "Life goes on!" The ones who are faithful in life will be living with God in a better place. I do not know all that is involved in that heavenly place, but it must be beyond all our imaginations. What I do know is that those who are in the family of God will one day be together, forever. In that place, there will be no good-byes. We will be together in heaven. Look at this verse: "*Of whom (Jesus Christ) the whole family of God in heaven and earth is named*"-Ephesians 3:15. In I Tim.3:15, this family is called 'The House of God.' In other words, those who follow Christ in obedience, in this life, are in the family (household) of God!

I love family reunions. The Carter's have one every year. I get to see loved ones I have not seen in a long time. I also get to see little children who are now growing up. We have a grand fellowship. Can you imagine the joy that we will have being with our loved ones again? And, think about all the faithful of all ages being together. What a grand reunion that will be!

I want to meet Moses and David. I want to talk to Abraham and Noah. I want to see Mother and Dad, again. Jeannie's sweet smile will greet me. I know that we will have different bodies, but somehow, I believe, I will know her. Oh, how I want to be there! We will get to see God in our glorified bodies (Rev. 22:4). So many things will be known that I have wondered about. I don't want to miss that grand reunion--do you?

Well, having looked at an old directory and brought back memories of dear ones I have known and loved, makes me more determined to "keep the faith!" It causes me to look forward to a place where we never grow old. Where we will be together forever. No more death. No more sorrow. We will live in a day that shall never end!

The bodies of my dear mother and dad, along with my two brothers, lie over in east, Texas. I laid Jeannie to rest on Oak Mountain, in Burnet, County. I know that they are not there, but I keep going back. I keep them in my memory. One day, we will reunite and will be together forever. I look forward to that grand place where the Family Of God will live eternally.



WE REJOICE! We rejoice for Morris Brown, our new brother in Christ who was baptized Monday evening. Please keep him in your prayers.



**New Testament Study
(Chronological Order)**

- Day 1 - Luke 1; John 1:1-14
- Day 2 - Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
- Day 3 - Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
- Day 4 - Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
- Day 5 - Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
- Day 6 - John 2-4
- Day 7 - Mark 2
- Day 8 - John 5
- Day 9 - Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
- Day 10 - Matthew 5-7
- Day 11 - Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
- Day 12 - Matthew 11
- Day 13 - Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11
- Day 14 - Matthew 13; Luke 8

**If you would like to join the forum to ask questions, share insights, or to receive encouragement, please see Gaylen or Nichole Williams.*

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 18, 2018:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: TONY SHELTON

HALL MONITOR: ROGER DEEM

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR FEBRUARY:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DAN CARTER

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, JACOB BRYANT
CHARLES CULVER, GREG CULP

(SOUTH) BOYCE EDWARDS, REY CRUZ
BRETT LINGLE, TREVOR HEILMAN

SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS: BO BRYANT
RANGER SANDERS

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, GAYLEN WILLIAMS
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, TREVOR HEILMAN

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
VICTORIA POLANCO & CHERYL FLORES

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS

EVENING COMMUNION:
BOYCE EDWARDS, JACOB BRYANT

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
ZACK PETTIES

WEDNESDAY PRAYER:
JOHN LLEWELLYN

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY:
BARBARA HUGHART

**Save the Dates:
June 2-6!**

WE WILL BE HOSTING A MARRIAGE RETREAT & GOSPEL MEETING, STARTING JUNE 2 (WITH A MARRIAGE RETREAT, THEN JUNE 3-6 (OUR ANNUAL GOSPEL MEETING), WITH OUR RETURNING GUEST SPEAKER, DR. BILL DAVIS, EDITOR OF FOCUS PRESS MAGAZINE, AND ELDER AT ARLINGTON ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

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OUR SICK: Mildred Butlar was admitted into Scott & White Hospital on Monday for a stroke. She is unable to swallow and has a feeding tube. Please keep her in your prayers and the family has requested no visitors at this time.

-Pat Bruner has suffered a stroke and is currently in Scott & White Hospital, in room 400. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Kenneth Sellers is recovering from bacterial pneumonia. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Trudy Perrault is recovering from numbness in her left hand and leg. Trudy's grandson's wife and children are recovering from a car accident. Please keep them in your prayers.

-John Llewellyn had a successful hand surgery on Tuesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, was unable to have surgery on Tuesday. She has to complete a series of steroid shots first to see if there's improvement. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Trudy Perrault's daughters, (Trudy & Carol), Dan's friend (Patsy Cathey), Gaylen Williams' co-worker, Zack Petties' co-worker, Linda Moore's brother (Carl Britton), James & Tammy Garner & family members (Christel Algozer & Mary Mosley), Dora Ray Chanslor, Connie Cruz and her friends (Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) & Rey & Connie's family, Willard Dunn, Linda Walts, Tina Pallo, Jim Dukes, Kyle Pocanowski's mother, Scott Davis, David Shilling, Brett Lingle, Brenda Sellers' mother, stepmother, & her sister (Jesse), Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), Alice Saffor, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Nelda Cox, Mary Culp, Sybil Cason, Jonathan Simmons Sr., Janet Simmons, Jonathan Simmons Jr., Garnie & Nada Miller, Gail Mende's son (Eric), Shirl Foster, Zack & Amanda Petties' son-in-law's stepmother (Vivian), Amanda's nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

NEW GRANDBABY! Congratulations to Dennis & Sandra Marler, on their new granddaughter, Kinsley Grace Cuba, who was born February 15 to their daughter Shanna Cuba and her husband. Please keep this family in your prayers.

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Team #2 will meet with their leader, Reggie Bass, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Reggie & Janet Bass, Boyce Edwards, Zack & Amanda Petties, Gaylen & Nichole Williams, and James Garner.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: On February 24th, at 2pm, Gaylen & Nichole Williams will host a service opportunity/ & devotional for the teen class. *We will be going out for something sweet afterward.

-On February 25th, at 3:30pm, Gaylen & Nichole Williams will host a mini devotional for children of all ages followed by slime making, building candy shacks, catching love bugs, and more! ***Please sign up in the foyer as soon as possible. We'll need to see the youth earlier that day to prepare something special!**

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S CHURCH THAT MEETS HERE!

Our mission is to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our neighbors for their soul's salvation.

**Our speaker today is Al Washington.*

Please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the inner aisle so we may have a record of your attendance.

THANK YOU!

☞FEBRUARY☞

18-Ladies Bible Class, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

19-The office will be closed in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

24-Teen service project & devotional.

25-Youth devotional & activity.

25-Farewell fellowship for the Lane family following the evening service.

☞MARCH☞

3-Men's Breakfast

4-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service, Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties (Judy Wall, Debbie Edwards, Heather Heilman, Luke & Sharon Martin, and Dennis & Sandra Marler).