



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Cote Family - mourning the death of Diane's father who passed away on March 14th
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Erik Grabowski - chronic neck pain
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Jim Miller - suffering with chronic back pain
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; recovering from pneumonia
- Ernie Perry - suffering with pain in his hip and leg; tests are being run to determine the cause; also dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - diagnosed with advanced ALS and now in hospice care at home; prayers needed for the family
- Henry Terrill - now in PT after back surgery
- Tornado & Flood Victims - please pray for those who have suffered loss and damage from the tornado in Beauregard, AL & flooding in mid-western states (many of whom are our brothers & sisters in Christ)
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

Not Baptized to be Saved?



Recently, while listening to a well known radio "evangelist," I heard him make the following statement: "We are baptized...not to be saved...but to obey the command of God." How do you feel about this statement? Does it make sense? How does it stand up when compared to the word of God, our standard for all matters of faith and practice?

Perhaps what he is actually saying can be clarified and better understood by breaking down his statement into two separate parts: (1) We are not baptized to be saved; (2) We are baptized to obey the command of God. The problem with this proposition is that one part of his sentence clearly contradicts the other!

We would wholeheartedly agree with the second part of this statement. We are baptized to obey the command of God. Jesus himself commanded us to be baptized (Mt 28:19). And this same Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mk 16:16).

Is Jesus saying here that we are baptized to be saved? If he is not saying this, what is he saying? So, if Jesus is saying that we are baptized to be saved, how can this guy on the radio say that we are not baptized to be saved? Is he not openly contradicting what is plainly taught in Scripture?

I wonder how he would explain Peter's statement: "this water symbolizes **baptism that now saves you....**" (1 Pt 3:21). How does his statement, "We are baptized...not to be saved..." harmonize with this verse? The fact is – it doesn't! It teaches the direct opposite of what God's word teaches. And we have a major problem!

This man is a popular and highly respected denominational preacher. Much of what he has to say is very good and harmonizes with the teachings of God's word. But we in the Lord's church must be careful to search the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things are so! (Acts 17:11).

And when we find some teaching that does not harmonize with the truth of God's word, we must reject it as false.

Furthermore, with God's help and by His strength, we need to stand for what is true (1 Cor 15:1-2; 2 Jn 4), defend the gospel (Phil 1:16; 2 Tim 1:13-14), and "contend earnestly for the faith!" (Jude 3; 1 Tim 6:12).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12



We will enjoy our potluck fellowship next Sunday after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart.

Have a great week!



~ Announcements ~

- **Potluck Fellowship:** Next Sunday, April 14th, after services. This will be followed by the men's business meeting and the ladies' meeting.
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

Happy Anniversary

Rod & Shirley - April 28th
Jim & Pat - April 28th



Points to Ponder

Those who will talk about others
to you, will most likely talk
about you to others.

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 973

This Month: 973



Snacks!

April 7: Cathy
April 14: Connie

Contribution & Attendance for March 31, 2019

Attendance — 21
Contribution — \$433

Order of Worship

April 7, 2019

*"Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD
with my whole heart, in the assembly
of the upright and in the congregation."*

- Psalm 111:1 -

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Song

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Song

Scripture Reading: George Nick
~ Hebrews 11:1-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"Noah's Ark & the Church"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

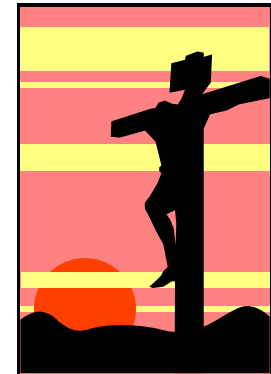
Alternate/fill-in: Jim Miller/ Paul Bullock

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Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

## April 7, 2019

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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