

Baptism & Remission of Sins

According to some who profess to be Christians, baptism is merely an outward sign of an inward grace; a symbol of salvation which has already been attained either by faith alone, or by grace alone, depending upon whether the disputant has been influenced more by Martin Luther or John Calvin. This view has caused contradictory teachings which, although acknowledging baptism as a command, deny its necessity by reducing it to a vain work of human merit, and concluding that obedience to a divine command is unnecessary to salvation. Let us understand that one who refuses to obey a command of Christ is not His friend (Jn. 14:15), does not love Him (Jn. 14:15, 23-24), and will be judged by Him (Jn. 12:48).

John the Immerser taught and administered "the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Mk. 1:4; Lk. 3:3). In Mark's and Luke's records, baptism and remission of sins are connected by the Greek preposition *eis*, meaning, "into, unto, to, towards, for, among," requiring that remission of sins follows repentance and baptism. After the death and resurrection of the Lord, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Peter preached the same solution for sins (Acts 2:38), asserting that repentance and baptism in the name of (by the authority) Jesus Christ are requirements for everyone who would enjoy remission of sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter used the same Greek preposition as did Mark and Luke to connect baptism and the remission of sins, making it impossible for remission of sins to occur before baptism, or in the church age apart from it. Additionally, the commands of repentance and baptism are connected by a conjunction, in Greek and English, that show that they are equally necessary to salvation. Regarding the remission of sins, the Scriptures clearly teach that repentance must precede baptism for either to be valid, and that repentance and baptism precede the remission of sins. It takes a gross distortion of the inspired words of the Holy Spirit to be able to conclude otherwise.

-- Randy



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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, March 11th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Scott
Song Leader:	Rod
1 st Prayer:	Allan
Table:	Dave H.
Serving:	Dick, Adam N., Brian, David N., sub: Gary
2 nd Prayer:	Scott
Scripture:	Adam N. - Romans 5:6-11
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Dick

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Scott
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Rod
Sermon:	Song Service
Closing Prayer:	Doug

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

3/7 - Rod
3/14 - Allan
3/21 - Dave
3/28 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Jack Wyatt |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | Paul and Linda Smith |
| Tom and May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | June Rhines |
| Linda Reichart | Adam Neill |
| Florence Homolek | Justin Seigworth |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |
| Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Prayers have been requested for Waylan Whitten, a 2-yr-old with neuroblastoma. He is on his 5th round of chemo-therapy. The Facebook group is “Pray4Way”.
- Warren is having a Gospel meeting April 8 – 11. There will be a group going up if you’d like to ride with someone.
- There will be a fellowship meal today from 12:30 – 2:30 at the Heritage House after morning services. Please come and enjoy fabulous food and stimulating conversation!
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- The next Ladies’ Bible class will be tomorrow, March 12th. It will be held at Norma Thomas’ house from 6:30 – 8:00. The topic of study is “Counting Our Blessings”. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend! If you wish to

attend and need a ride, please see Pam to make arrangements.

- There will be a brief meeting for the ladies next Sunday after morning services to discuss our next service project. Please make plans to stay.
- The Gospel meeting here at Brookville is fast approaching. It will be held on April 29th through May 3rd with Mr. Willie Franklin. There are flyers in the foyer to give out.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



No birthdays or anniversaries this week.

Memory Verses of the Week:

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

Bible Question of the Week:

How long was Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, unable to speak due to his unbelief of Gabriel’s message of John the Baptist’s birth?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

Who used unfair labor practices in his brick-making establishment?

Pharoah, Exodus 5:6-9

Sue: I must have sneezed fifty times today. Do you think there’s something in the air?

Allan: Yes, your germs!