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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
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THE “WHY” AND “HOW” OF BAPTISM By Jonnie Hutchison

Baptism has been a controversial subject down through the years. Many believe and teach that water baptism is unnecessary to salvation. They believe that one is saved at the point of “faith only” before and without baptism. They argue that we are not saved by works and that water baptism requires one to work, therefore we are not saved by baptism. Their error is apparent when one considers that the Bible speaks of different kinds of works such as the “works of the flesh” (Galatians 5:19-21), works originated by men in an effort to save themselves apart from and in addition to the commands of God (Matthew 15:8-9; Colossians 2:8) and the works of the Law of Moses which has been replaced by the law of Christ (Galatians 2:16; 5:4; Colossians 2:14-16; Hebrews 8:7; 10:9-10; Romans 8:2; 10:4). None of these “works” will save those who do them. However, there is another kind of works which the Bible says justifies. The book of James tells us, “*You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.*” (James 2:24). In the context Abraham is held up as an exam-

ple of one who was justified before God by “works of faith.” Since faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), then to do “works of faith” is simply obedience to God. Abraham expressed his faith in obeying God’s command to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Today we express our faith by obeying what God has commanded us for salvation including baptism into the death of Christ, thereby spiritually contacting His blood and having our sins washed away (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27).

Have you been baptized? Why were you baptized? How were you baptized? Were you “baptized” believing you were already saved, that your “baptism” was an “outward sign of an inward grace”? Jesus put salvation **after** baptism not before when he said, “*He who believes AND is baptized shall be saved....*” (Mark 16:16). Peter wrote, “*...baptism doth also now save us....*” (1 Peter 3:21). How can Peter’s statement be true if one is saved before being baptized?

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Peggy Jarvis Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Junior Morris. And Mary Vincent (Centennial Hospital in Nashville).

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Tommy Boggess and Tish Clarke. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS January 2023: 1—Carrots; 8-Canned Meats; 15—Green Peas; 22—Paper Towels; 29-Black-eyed Peas.

January 2023; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 18-Karen Elkins; 26-Marjorie Grady. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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THOSE TO SERVE JANUARY 2023

Announcements—James Pigg

Preside at Lord’s Table—Bobby & Mike

Lord’s Table PM: 1-Bobby; 8-Mike; 15-Bobby; 22-Mike;
29-Bobby

Opening Prayer AM

1-Jonnie; 8-Chad; 15-James; 22-Jim L.; 29-Mike

Closing Prayer AM

1-Perry; 8-Dave; 15-Junior; 22-Roy; 29-Jesse

Song Leaders

AM– Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Bobby & Mike



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Were you “baptized” to “join” a denominational church? On the Day of Pentecost those who obeyed the command given by the inspired Peter to “repent and be baptized” joined no denomination for no modern denomination existed then neither was it their choice. Rather the Bible tells us “*and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved*” (See Acts 2:38, 41, 47). To what church were the saved added? To the one Jesus built (Matthew 16:18-19). Who added them? The Lord did the adding.

Were you “baptized” by having water sprinkled or poured on you. The Greek word *baptizo* that is transliterated as baptism in our English versions means to plunge, dip or immerse. It is never used of pouring or sprinkling. Baptism is a “burial” in water. Romans 6:4 reads, “*Therefore we were **buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***” There is no burial or resurrection in either the sprinkling or pouring of water, but there is in immersion. (See also Colossians 2:12).

Were you “baptized” as an infant? The Bible gives these requirements that must be met before one is qualified to be baptized. 1)

Hearing the gospel (Romans 10:13-17). 2) Faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Mark 16:16; John 8:24). 3) Repentance of sin (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 17:30). 4) A verbal confession of faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37; romans 10:9-10). No infant has the ability to obey any of these prerequisites to baptism. Babies have no sins of which to repent and therefore do not need to be baptized for the remission of their sins.

Why be baptized? Because God commands it (Acts 10:48). Because in baptism one reaches the blood of Jesus which He shed in His death and that washes away sin (Rev. 2:10b; John 19:33-34; Romans 6:3-4). Because baptism puts one **into Christ** where salvation is found and only those in Christ are the children of God (Galatians 3:26-27; 2 Timothy 2:10). Because baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:26-28; Acts 2:38). How is baptism to be administered? By a burial or immersion in water.

Is **your** baptism scriptural? Does it meet the criteria of WHY and HOW as given in the New Testament? If not, we plead with you to “**...arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord**” (Acts 22:16). If you have questions we would love to study with you. May God bless you as you seek His truth.

A NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with quivering lips -
The lesson was done.
Dear teacher, I want a new leaf,” he said, “I have spoiled this one.”
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled; “Do better now, my child.”



I went to the throne with quivering soul—
The old year was done.
“Dear Father, hast thou a new year for me? I have spoiled this one.”
He took the old year, stained and blotted,
and gave me a new one, all unspotted.
And into my sad heart smiled: “Do better now, my child.”

—Author Unknown



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1. Give God the **FIRST HOUR** of the day.
2. Give God the **FIRST DAY** of the week.
3. Give God the **FIRST PORTION** of your pay.
4. Give God the **FIRST CONSIDERATION** in all your decisions.
5. Give God the **FIRST PLACE** in your heart.

To
God
be the
GLORY

Great Things He Hath Done!

Bible Study



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
"The Book of Acts"

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Walking With God"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
"Healing of the Nobleman's Son" John 4:43-54

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
"A Study of the Book of Matthew"



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