

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Billy Box

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill
Servers - Eddy Dickinson
Greg Lowery
Charles Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Ralph Burleson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Bearing The Marks Of The Lord Jesus



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Christ Is The Realm of My Life (2nd Cor. 5:17-19)

By Garland Elkins

Time is short and the psalmist stated it correctly and concisely for us all when he said, “Remember how short my time is” (Ps. 89:47). Eternity is never ending and there are only two possible destinies, heaven or hell. Jesus said, “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal” (Matt.25:46). There are only two spiritual realms: we are either in Christ or in Satan. Jesus said, “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth aboard” (Matt. 12:30) and “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24). Everything that really matters, the most important things depend upon our being in Christ: happiness and peace of mind in this life (John 10:10; Phil. 4:7); hope in death (1st Cor. 15:1-58); and salvation in eternity (Mark 10:29-30; 1st Peter 1:9; Rev. 2:10).

All Spiritual Blessings Are In Christ

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). Many and great are the spiritual blessings and all are in Christ. To name a few of them, we have forgiveness; redemption (Rom. 3:24); sanctification (1st Cor. 1:2); we are a new creature in Christ (2nd Cor. 5:17). As long as we walk in the light the blood of Christ cleanses us (1st Jn. 1:7). In Christ there is joy (Phil. 4:4); consolation (Phil. 2:1); strength (Phil. 4:13); victory (1st Cor. 15:57; 2nd Cor. 2:14); heaven (2nd Tim. 4:8).

Baptized Into Christ

Baptism is the act of faith that puts one from without Christ to within Christ. “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27). In Galatians 3:27 and 29 the order is: baptism into Christ, Abraham’s seed, heirs. The negative is: no baptism, not in Christ, not Abraham’s seed, not heirs. Isn’t it incredible, and amazingly amazing that much of the religious world teaches that baptism is non-essential! Truly Satan has many devices and he knows how to blind people to the truth (2nd Cor. 2:11; 4:3-4). Salvation is in Christ, but salvation follows baptism (Mk. 16:16). Therefore one is not in Christ until he is baptized into Him. Freedom is in

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: he is fighting cancer, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

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Tammy Dodd: recovering from recent stroke, please pray she makes a full recovery

Jeff Upton (Donna Martin's Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin's Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Tyler Upton: is in Atlanta going through rehab for injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Winfred York: doctor said he was able to remove all the cancer from his bladder, please continue to pray for him and Mrs. Vertie

Larry Eads: (member at Carbon Hill) diagnosed with stage 4 esophagus cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge's Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Cody & Amber Corkren's unborn baby will have tests to determine if his kidney is functioning at Children's in February, so they can come up with a plan for when he is born in March.

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Ruth Addison: is in Fayette Nursing Home room 115a going through rehab, please pray that she regains her strength and returns home

Carl Dunlap: needs back surgery but is having seizures, please pray that the seizures can be controlled and that he can have the surgery to help his back

Christ, but one is free following obedience to the form of teaching (Rom. 6:17-ff.). Therefore, one is not in Christ until he obeys Christ. Newness of life is in Christ, but newness follows the burial in baptism (Rom. 6:4). Therefore, one is not in Christ until he is baptized into Him.

Faithfulness Is Required

As Christians we must abide in Christ (Jn. 15:4). The command to abide implies the possibility of not abiding. The reason for abiding is to bear fruit (Jn. 15:4). If one does not abide he will be cut off and burned (Jn. 15:6; Heb. 6:4-8). It is possible to: fall from grace (Gal. 5:4); depart from the faith (1st Tim. 4:1); deny the faith (1st Tim. 5:8); and overthrow the faith of some (2nd Tim. 2:18).

To abide in Christ means to: abide in the teaching of Christ (2nd Jn. 9-11); to abide in purity (2nd Cor. 5:17; Jm. 1:27; 1st Jn. 2:15-17). The faithful Christian falls asleep in Jesus (1st Cor. 15:18). Faithfulness unto death is necessary for the hope of heaven. We must be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and die is gain (Phil. 1:21). The reason he could say that was that he had been baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3), and then he had lived the Christian life which was in Christ (2nd Tim. 4:8). All Christians should add the Christian graces, in fact to go to heaven this is a necessity. Peter wrote, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfaithful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2nd Pt. 1:5-8). The faithful Christian will at death be blessed forever. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13).

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God Always Feeds His Saints

By Dan Jenkins

The saints of God have often found themselves in dire circumstances. In the first century when God’s just judgment was about to come against the Jewish nation, it was preceded by wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes. Christians were in the midst of all these troubles. What hope did they have?

In addition to this, their faith in God created even more adversity. Hebrews 10:32-34 vividly describes what was happening around them. “You endured a great struggle with sufferings...both by reproaches and tribulations...the plundering of your goods.” Shortly after the church began, Saul led the assault against the church which brought great adversity. “As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging of men and women, committing them to prison” (Acts 8:3). What hope did they have?

The same happened to Old Testament saints. Think of those many years when David fled from King Saul and later from the Jewish army led by his rebellious son. He and his men lived in the wilderness where there were caves in which they took refuge. He had to flee from the Promised Land to even survive, living among the enemies of Israel. Once he had to feign insanity before the pagan king to keep from being put to death. What would have been our thoughts if we had been with him. What hope did he and his followers have?

Hear the words of David: “I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread” (Psa. 37:25). There were times when it appeared that this man after God’s own heart failed. David speaks of this in this same psalm and then turns his eyes toward God. “Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand.”

Hear the words of Jesus, given first to those who would suffer the ravages led by Saul. He told them to look at the birds. God feeds every one of them. Not a single bird has even fallen to the earth without God being aware of it. He feeds every bird. Look at the birds! (Matt. 6:26; 10:29-31; Luke 12:6-7, 24). The practical results of this is His promise to the faithful. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).

There is a vivid application in what is happening all around us. We have seen the horrendous storms which swept through the Bahamas, just fifty miles from West Palm Beach. We have listened as our brethren describe what they have endured. However, in the midst of all of this there is one thing which we must always remember. You will never see a skinny bird in the Bahamas! God feeds His birds and His saints!

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Upcoming Events

Today	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm
March 1 st	Country Place	2:00 pm
March 8 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
March 15 th	Fellowship Meal	