

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance:

Contribution:

Weekly Budget: \$ 2920.00

Thought for The Day

“Today the greatest single deterrent to knowledge of Jesus is his familiarity. Because we think we know him, we pass him by.”

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MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Marty Wingo
Songs: Tim Simmons
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Bill Burnside

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell
Songs: Tim Simmons
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Glen Law

COMMUNION

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God's Plan for Your Salvation

The scriptures show that many things must take place in order for someone to have his sins forgiven:

One Must Hear The Message Of The Gospel

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? (Romans 10:14)

One Must Believe The Message

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And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

One Must Repent Of One's Sins

Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. (Luke 13:3; cf. 13:1-9)

Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. (Acts 3:19)

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

Elders

Delbert Leavens
Wayne Vowell
Ted Wheeler

Minister

Ted Wheeler

Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am
Worship-I 11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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This means a change of heart. It is shown by a change of actions:

Therefore bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance. (Matthew 3:8)

One Must Confess His Belief In Jesus

Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 10:32-33)

One Must Then Be Baptized

Which means immersed, in the name of (by the authority of) Jesus for the forgiveness of sins:

Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. (Acts 2:38)

This is done in water:

who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (1 Peter 3:20-21, NKJV).

And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36)

Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he? (Acts 10:47)

One who is immersed, or baptized, is buried in water as Christ was buried in the ground, and then raised, forgiven, to walk in newness of life:

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (John 3:5)

God saves those who do these things, and adds them to his church:

And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

(Acts 2:47)

When one does these things, he calls on the name of the Lord:

for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

And now I put a question to you that was put to Paul before he became a Christian:

And now why do you delay? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name. (Acts 22:16)

David Blackstone

Enriching Every Sphere

Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only 3. Yet the influence of Christ's 3-year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these men who were among the greatest philosophers of all antiquity. Jesus painted no pictures; yet, some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci received their inspiration from Him.

Jesus wrote no poetry; but Dante, Milton, and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by Him. Jesus composed no music; still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach, and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in the hymns, symphonies, and oratorios they composed in His praise. Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth.

Henry G. Bosch

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to bro. Glen Law and family at the passing of Glen's sister-in-law, Bobbie Law, this weekend.



Remember in Prayer

KERRY KEATHLEY
JANET WEBER
DORIS WHITE
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
PATRICA SMITH
FRANK SMALL
IVA & LEM TURNER
PATRICIA FORD
JEANETTE THOMPSON
TED WHEELER

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Dec. 25: Holiday Dinner @ the Navarre's - 1 pm
- ✓ Dec. 31: Song Service @ 6 pm
- ✓ Dec. 31: New Years Party @ building til midnight
- ✓ Jan. 15-18, 2007: Florida School of Preaching. *32nd Annual Lectureship: Do You Understand The God Of The Bible?* The 15th is a holiday and hopefully we can get a group to go up on that Monday.