

Welcome To...

*"Where God is worshiped,
the Bible is preached,
and people are loved."*



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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Study—10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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To Each His Own

How we do like to have our own way! We certainly hold ourselves in high esteem. Instead of praying as the Savior did, "Not my will, but thine, be done," it is hard for us to keep from having this spirit: "Not thy will, but mine, be done." Somehow there is too much selfishness and egotism in the hearts of all of us.

They even emphasize the fact that He bought the church with His blood. They like to think of His glorious promises. Many religious leaders like to "strut in borrowed finery." They revel in the glory which the character and religion of Jesus Christ have reflected upon His disciples, and yet they are not willing to be His disciples. They are willing neither to learn nor to follow.

A semblance of unity is being provided by religious leaders after this method: "Every one of us will recognize everybody else as a child of God, provided he does not question anything we do or teach as religion." Some of these men are getting so "broad" that they take in Buddhism and Islam. It is hard to see how anyone can call such a mess "unity in Christ."

Why try to do a thing in a way that is absolutely contrary to the spirit of that thing? Why attempt to honor Christ by stripping Him of His authority? Why call him "Lord" and do not the things which He says? Christ prayed for His followers to be one, but He didn't pray for that to be accomplished by deposing Him as the head of our spiritual government. And yet, that is the way men are trying to bring about modern religious unity. The slogan is, "You in your way, and me in mine." This leaves out God's way altogether. It turns Christ out into the cold. These folks talk about the church as if it were some sort of plastic thing like clay, which they could mold after their own fashion. It all resolves itself down to this: who is the ruler in the kingdom of Christ? Whose church is it?

Jesus said, "*Upon this rock I will build my church...*" It is Christ's church. It belongs to Him. He made the laws by which men can become members of it. He made the rules by which it shall be governed. We have no right to change them; Jesus made them the way He wanted them to be.

If we had built a church, then we could make any kind of laws we wished, and we could change these laws as often as we wanted. We could do any way we wanted with our church. But our church would not be worth anything in saving men from sin. The Scripture says that we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone may give an account of his deeds in the body (2 Cor 5:10).

If we had a church of our own, how much liberty we would have! If anybody did not do to suit us, we would let him start himself a church and run it to suit himself. Then if his rules and way of doing things did not suit those members, they could start themselves a church and fix a plan to suit themselves. They could all just agree to disagree. But the trouble about such an arrangement would be that God has not promised to have anything to do with it except root it up: "*Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up*" (Mat 15:13).

The only safe way is to belong to the church that Jesus built, abide by the laws He has given, and trust Him for the promises. Paul said, "*I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day*" (2 Tim 1:12). That way is right and cannot be wrong. That way shows respect for the Lord, who died to provide the church for us. We are baptized into that church by being baptized into Christ (Gal 3:27).

Batsell Barrett Baxter

If you're visiting with us today, welcome to our services! We consider you an honored guest and we're grateful that you've chosen to worship with us. We'd like a record of your attendance. Please fill out the **blue** side of the attendance card (members please fill out the **black** side of the card). We hope you'll find that at OceanSide... **WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!**

SAVED BY _____ ALONE?

By Wayne Rodgers

When someone singles out any element in God's plan of salvation and says that element "**alone**" saves us, without regard for any of the other elements of salvation, he is at best, ignorantly guilty of wresting (or twisting) the Scriptures to his own destruction (2 Peter 3:16), or is at worst, a false teacher. Jesus said, "beware of wolves in sheep's clothing" (Matthew 7:15). Paul warned, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).

For instance, some people teach we are saved by Christ's sacrifice (or the grace of God) **alone**. But if that is true, then universal salvation exists, for Titus 2:11 says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." However, Jesus forever destroyed the false notion of *universal salvation* when He said, "many" are walking the broad way which leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13). Do these verses contradict one another? Absolutely not! The harmony of these verses is that salvation is universally offered through the blood of Christ to all mankind (Romans 5:6-10, Hebrews 9:12). Sadly, however, not all men will receive Christ's salvation because most reject one or more elements in God's plan of salvation, which when coupled with all the other elements, would have availed for them salvation by the blood of Christ (Romans 6:3-5).

Others note Ephesians 2:8, which says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith..." Although this passage is a favorite of the "salvation by **grace only** crowd," it clearly teaches we are **not** saved by grace alone! Evidently, at least one additional element, "faith" plays some part in our salvation. In support of this some cite Acts 16:31 which says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." With these verses in hand, many misguided and mistakenly declare, "We are saved by **faith or belief alone**." However, if we are saved by faith alone, then the grace of God plays no part in our salvation. You can't have it both ways. You can't be saved by two or more things "alone" or "only." Besides, James said we are not saved by faith "only" or "alone" (James 2:17 & 24). He also wrote, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19). Obviously, the devils are not saved, even though they believe in God, because their "faith" does not motivate them to obey God. Again, the harmony of the Scriptures is that we are saved by grace through faith when our faith motivates us to fully obey God.

Still others teach we are saved **only** if we are willing to confess Christ as Lord, and they might even cite Romans 10:9 which says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." However, Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Evidently, there is more to salvation than just giving **lip service** to the Lordship of the Savior.

Some might even teach that baptism **alone** saves us, yet nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, the Bible clearly teaches baptism is an essential element of man's salvation. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." (Mark 16:16). The Apostle Peter even declared, "The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us..." (1 Peter 3:21). Once again, however, these verses do not teach that **baptism alone** saves us, for unless baptism is coupled with the other elements of God's plan of salvation, it is pointless and vain so far as any spiritual value is concerned. Indeed, many have been immersed in water in some type of religious ceremony, who have never been Scripturally baptized. They just "got wet" because they have not, as a penitent, confessing, believer, been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), to wash away sins (Acts 22:16), or to get into Christ (Galatians 3:27).

Friends, we need to open our eyes, dust off our Bibles, and start studying the Scriptures diligently that we might present ourselves approved unto God, as unashamed workmen who know how to rightly divide the Word of Truth (2 Timothy 2:15). Sadly, many deceivers have gone out into the world (2 John 1:7), to mislead the gullible into believing man can be saved without obedience to the Lord's plan of salvation. However, the truth of the matter is, God's plan of salvation is a process which began at Calvary and will end at Judgment. In between those two monumental events, men who want to be saved must "work out their own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12), as they "give diligence to make their calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). If we would see heaven, we must not reject anything which the Lord has commanded us to do.

Clearly, Christ's terms of pardon include the following elements: **belief** (John 8:24), **repentance** (Luke 13:3), **confession** (Matthew 10:32), **baptism** (Mark 16:16), and **faithfulness** in Christian living until the day of one's death (Revelation 2:10). Surely, no God-fearing person would deny any of these requirements which came from the very lips of our Lord. Have you fully obeyed all of the Lord's commands?

FISHERS OF MEN

The Fishers of Men class has begun. It takes place each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.. Those attending the first session are: Jesse Baird, Diana Baird, Barbara Bone, Rebecca Bryant, Bob Ford, Peggy Ford, Nathan Franson, Katy Franson, Bill Horne, Chris King, Cory Landolt, Larry Paulk, Emily Paulk, Sharletta Roberts, Kevin Walker, and Jen Willett.



THE FISHING REPORT

It's week 8 of the class, and there are 23 current Bible Studies going on, with more potential studies waiting to be started! What great success we have been blessed with! Please continue to pray for our students!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sunday, November 1—Diana Baird
Sunday, November 1—Kristen Kreuzsch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Thursday, November 5—The Rodgers

BENEFIT DINNER

There will be a **Latin American Missions** Benefit Dinner on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakeside church of Christ. If you are interested in attending, please see Wayne, as he must RSVP for you. Latin American Missions operates under the oversight of Forrest Park Church of Christ's eldership and is one of the works we support here at OceanSide.

GET TOGETHER

There will be a brown bag luncheon and card-making class for the Widows Group on Tuesday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. It will take place at **Jean Rhodes'** house.

KISSIMMEE LADIES' DAY

The Kissimmee Church of Christ will be hosting a Ladies' Day on Saturday, November 7. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and **Katy Franson** will be the speaker. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet in the foyer. If there is enough interest, the bus will be taken.

FEED HUNGRY HENRY!

Hungry Henry is sitting in the foyer and waiting for you to fill his big belly with items for the pantry! The pantry items are currently: **juice, snack crackers, and baked beans.**

WILL YOU SERVE?

The sign-up list for 2010 to prepare communion and clean the main building is hanging up on the wall in the foyer! Will you serve next year? Please sign up and help with this good work today!

RICHMOND HILL LADIES' DAY

The Richmond Hill Church of Christ will be hosting their Ladies' Day on Saturday, November 14. There is a flyer for this event on the bulletin board in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November is going to be a busy month, and there's nothing wrong with that! We will be doing our annual "Holidays for Heroes" on Saturday, November 21. Our Young Men will be heading to Darien Church of Christ and also leading Evening Worship here on Sunday, November 29. Please be ready to support these great events!

LADIES! DON'T FORGET!

The Ladies' Class, taught by Cindy Rodgers, is each Monday night at 7:30 p.m.! Come out for education and fellowship!

NEW ADDRESS

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TRACT OF THE WEEK

The world deceives itself by believing he does not exist, or that he is a mere child's tale. The world is caught unknowingly in his grasp, however. It is with the world that he tempts us and attempts to draw us away from God and His Word. Who is this person or thing? It is the devil, Satan himself. Find out about his works and his nature in Allen Webster's tract, "**A Decent Devil?**" Don't be deceived any longer!

PRAYER LIST—WEEK OF 11/01/09

HOME

1. **George Cousnard**, 2. **Lilly**, cancer. 3. **Myana Best**, medical. 4. **Donnie Vick**, brain tumor, student at MSOP. 5. **Ervin Godboldt**, back problems. 6. **Pat Gordon**, breast cancer. 7. **Waddell Peacock**, cancer. 8. **Wayne Reynolds**, medical. 9. **Louise Cauthen**, breast cancer (Dean Rd). 10. **Wanda McInturff**, Loraine Lyons' daughter, medical. 11. **Brad Powell**, medical. 12. **Storm Norman**, medical. 13. **Landon Parsons**, recovering from surgery. 14. **Mary Meess**, medical. 15. **Helen Jepsen**, medical. 16. **Melissa Hogan**, Kasey's cousin, cancer. 17. **Rene Koenig**, medical. 18. **Ruth Crosby**, medical. 19. **Karen Minor & husband**, Arlene's daughter, medical. 20. **Palmer Minor**, medical. 21. **Austin Minor**, medical. 22. **Prince Davis**, medical. 23. **Ray Alcorn**, lymphoma. 24. **Maxine Wells**, medical. 25. **Jean Rhodes**, medical. 26. **Frank Justice**, medical. 27. **Eva Wisdom**, Kasey's grandmother. 28. **Arlene Wiles**, medical. 30. **Shar Russell**, medical. 31. **Erin Marshall**, bedrest (Tara's cousin). 32. **Melissa Bundrick**, pregnancy complications. 33. **Lorraine Lyons**, having tests run. 34. **John and Kay Cunniff**, medical. 35. **Gerry Ozemba**, medical. 36. **Diana Baird**, medical. 37. **Darrell Powell**, medical, recovering from hospital stay.

HOSPITAL

Bobbye Kinchen is recovering from gall bladder surgery. She is now at Consulate Health Care, room 510. 296-6800
Rene Koenig is in Tampa recovering from surgery last week.

MILITARY

Please pray for all those who are serving our country.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS

<u>Oct 25</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Sunday Bible Class	70	68
Sunday AM Worship	105	104
Sunday PM Worship	63	70
Wednesday Evening	76	57
Daily Bible Readers	13	14
Contribution	3087	3176
Budget	4258	4290

SERVANT'S CORNER

So much goes into planning, preparing, and getting supplies for an event. Sometimes we don't see all the work that individuals put into their responsibilities for these occasions. We would like to recognize Brad Willett and Keith Landolt in their efforts for finding a place for us to have our Family Day, as well as planning and getting all the materials needed to make it a success! Thanks to them and all who serve!

Gospel Plan of Salvation

... And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, *Sirs, what must I do to be saved?* (Acts 16: 27-30)

HEAR THE GOSPEL

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

BELIEVE JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins (John 8:24).

REPENT OF SINS

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish (Luke 13:3).

CONFESS THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

That is thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10).

BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38).

LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTO DEATH

... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Communion Preparation—Cameron/Grafe
Clean Main Building—The Willetts

"If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair."

C.S. Lewis

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE WEEK 45—CHRISTIAN LIVING

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men"
Romans 12:18

Those Who Serve

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? Honoring God through service—Week of November 1, 2009

Funny how a \$10 bill looks so big when you put it in the collection plate, but so small when you take it to the store.

Funny how long an hour serving God looks and how short 60 minutes are when spent playing golf, fishing, or playing cards.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at worship service are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into overtime, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible and how easy it is to read 200-300 pages of a best-selling novel.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how people scramble to get a front seat at any game, but scramble to get a backseat at worship.

Funny how much difficulty some have learning a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is to learn enough gossip to tell someone else about another person.

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader	Rodney Renfroe
Opening Prayer	Kevin Walker
Scripture Reading	Adam Peters
Communion—Lead	Larry Paulk
Communion—Bread	Greg Bryant
Communion—Fruit of Vine	Larry Cameron
Communion—Offering	Bob Ford
Communion—Assist	Brad Willett
Communion—Assist	David Henson
Closing Prayer	Brett Horne
Usher	Louie Bone
Usher	Gilbert Gardner
Greeters	Bill and Beverly Horne
Nursery	Jennifer Swims

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader	Rodney Renfroe
Opening Prayer	Cory Landolt
Scripture Reading	Bud Bonner
Communion	Michael Roberts
Communion	Trevor Kinchen
Closing Prayer	Paul Henson

WEDNESDAY EVENING (11/4)

Song Leader	Jesse Baird
Invitation	Larry Cameron
Closing Prayer	Larry Paulk

CHAIR ELDER for the month of **NOVEMBER**
Larry Paulk—249.3366

THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READING

SUNDAY	II Chr 30	Daniel 10	Acts 10
MONDAY	II Chr 31	Daniel 11	Acts 11,12
TUESDAY	II Chr 32	Daniel 12	Acts 13
WED.	II Chr 33	Hosea 1	Acts 14,15
THURSDAY	II Chr 34	Hosea 2	Acts 16,17
FRIDAY	II Chr 35	Hosea 3	Acts 18,19
SATURDAY	II Chr 36	Hosea 4	Acts 20