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Bible Class LESSON TEXTS		
Sunday, August 22, 2021 #236	Wednesday, August 25, 2021   #237	
Shipwreck	Paul in Rome	
Acts 27	Acts 28	
GOD'S SALVATION PLAN Divine Love:		
SUNDAY:	WEDNESDAY:	
Bible Class 9:30ar Worship 10:25 arr	-	
Worship 6:00 pm Bible Classes 7:00 pr		
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## Happenings in God's Family



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The Seven Beatitudes of Revelation – Part 5 -Blessed and Holy is He Who Has Part in the First Resurrection

The fifth blessing concerns the "first resurrection." Revelation 20:6 states, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." The first resurrection concerns Christian baptism, which embodies death to sin, the burial of the dead man of sin, and his resurrection to walk in a new life. Paul discusses this in Colossians 2:11-13.

In whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, I say, did he make alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

Christians were spiritually circumcised when they were baptized. By identifying with Christ, they cut off all their fleshly sins and put them aside. When one is baptized, he identifies with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, and just as God gave Jesus a new life, God gives the baptized new life also. He is forgiven of his sins. "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new." This is the first resurrection. The second death, eternal separation from God in hell (Revelation 20:13-15), has no power. The gates of Hades do not prevail against them (Matthew 16:18). Instead, they become priests and they reign with Jesus Christ. They are part of God's holy and royal family. The 1000-year reign is for all Christians.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION Wednesday, August 11, 2021 Evening Bible Class48	
SUNDAY, August 15, 2021	
AM Bible class42	
AM Worship71	
PM Worship 33	
Contribution\$2,784.82	
Average to Date\$2,915.18	
Budget\$3,100.00	

August 22, 2021 Servants		
Announcements: Jim Patterson		
AM Prayers	PM Prayers	
Jimmy Smith	Blake Tyndell	
Johnny Thomas	Justin Tyndell	
Lord's Table		
Jody Thomas	Justin Arsenault	
Ben Dooley		
PM Communion: Jody Thomas		
Pick up cards: Maddux Tyndell		
August 29, 2021 Servants		
Announcements: Jim Patterson		
AM Prayers	PM Prayers	
Thomas McGee	Mike Raney	
Dave Conley	Jim Patterson	
Lord's Table		
Jody Thomas	Justin Arsenault	
Ben Dooley		
PM Communion: Jody Thomas		
Pick up cards: Gavin Cauley		
If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or		

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Please Prav for ... Don Grider Mary Hankins Meg Shelton Winnie Tucker Marie McPherson James Love Clara Inman Mary Hankins Amanda Georgakis Charles Downs Stephanie Wages Norma Crawford Stephanie Lebsack James Posey Janiece Richardson Jimmie Thomas

## <u>Birthday!</u> Stephanie Wages



Peanut butter or jelly

Wyvon May

Faith Salfen

Gerald Watkins

Robin Upson

Blake Drinkard

Keith & Helen

**Ginger Plumlee** 

Kimberly (Shute)

Henry Murray

Cayden Harris

Linda Roberts

Vince Hardage

Virginia Parrish

August 22

Marc Higgs

McDaniel

Clark

## Reminders

- Potluck luncheon was on August 15. Thanks to Jimmy & Juanita Smith for hosting. Your hard work is appreciated.
- Sept 8—Ladies' Bible Class Wednesday morning meetings at 10 resumes.
- 3. Jimmy Smith will preach for us Sunday Morning on the 29th of August.
- 4. We'll have a speaker from <u>Lads to Lead-</u> <u>ers</u>on September 5.
- 5. There is a Men's Breakfast at Mt. Vernon church of Christ on August 28th at 8:00 am. Kerry Clark is the speaker immediately following (*during* for some).

## 18 Questions about Attendance (part 1)

These are questions regarding attending the meetings arranged by a local church for the benefit of the members, especially the Bible classes, Sunday evening assembly, and mid-week meeting. The focus here is not on people who miss for obviously legitimate reasons such as sickness, but on those who really could come but deliberately and repeatedly miss because they do not think it is necessary to come or they simply choose not to. (To really benefit from the questions, you need to read the passages listed.)

- 1. Should a Christian try to do as much as he can to please God or try to seek minimal service and avoid opportunities to do God's will (1 Cor. 15:58; Titus 2:14; Gal. 6:10; Matt. 22:36-38; John 14:15; 2 Cor. 8:5; Rev. 3:15,16)?
- Would Jesus attend as often as He could, or would He choose to stay home when He could go? Are we following His example if we stay home (Luke 2:46-49; 4:16; Matt. 15:32; Mark 10:1; 1 Peter 2:21,22; Phil. 2:3-8; 1 John 2:6)?
- 3. Are we studying the word and growing in knowledge as diligently as we should when we attend or when we refuse to attend (Psalm 1:1,2; Prov. 2:1-12; Matt. 5:6; Acts 17:11; Heb. 3:12-14)?
- 4. Are we doing our best to edify and encourage others when we attend or when we stay home? (Rom. 14:19; 15:14; 1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Tim. 2:2)
- 5. Do we show a sincere devotion to giving thanks and praise to God for all His great gifts to us when we stay home or when we come (John 4:23,24; Luke 24:52,53; Acts 2:42; Heb. 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5, 9,10; Psalm 95:1-3; 122:1; Rev. 19:1, 4-6; Rom. 1:21)?
- 6. When our brethren in Christ assemble with one accord to worship God, do we manifest sincere oneness of heart and soul with them when we stay home or when we attend (Acts 1:14; 4:24,32; Phil. 1:27; 2:1-4; Eph. 4:2,3; Rom. 15:5,6)?
- 7. Which member demonstrates the greatest commitment to cooperating in the work of the church, working diligently and serving his brethren: the member who has the desire to stay home or the member who desires to attend (Acts 2:42; 9:26-29; Eph. 4:16; Gal. 4:13; 6:2)?
- 8. When God's ordained leaders have arranged times for the members to study and be edified, is a member showing respect for these leaders when he comes or when he stays home (Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:1,2, 5; Heb. 13:17; 1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:11,12; Eph. 5:21)?
- 9. Do we imitate the example of faithful men of God when we attend or when we stay home (Phil. 3:17; 4:9; 1 Peter 5:3; Heb. 6:11,12; 13:7)?
- 10. Who sets the best example for the new converts, weak members, and children: the member who comes or the member who does not (Matt. 18:6,7; 5:13-16; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:5)?

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