

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship10:00 AM
Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 PM

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Evangelistic Outreach

Mailer: House to House/Heart to Heart
Small Group Study / Linda Hays Home
Thursday Prayer Meeting

God's Gift of Salvation

The Cross: Eph. 1:7,8a
Hear: Romans 10:17
Believe: John 8:24
Repent: Luke 13:1-3
Confess: Matthew 10:32
Be Baptized: Acts 22:16
Live Faithful: 1John 1:6-7



Prayer List

Spiritual/Personal

- * Oretha Burns had two sisters pass away recently, Wilma Sams and Carolyn English
- * Joshua March, is beginning an outpatient drug rehab program.
- * Stephen Cline is looking for work.
- * Lynda March is looking for work.
- * Sarah March and family – pray for spiritual hunger and guidance.
- * Austin Rattiff, Jan Buettners grandson is in Afghanistan.
- * Karen Chance is in need of a job.
- * James Harper is in Afghanistan.
- * Keep Seth and Raechel, Dora's grandkids in prayer.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles.

Health

- * Joe & Josie Foster auto accident, not seriously injured.
- * Peggy Dale - ovarian cancer, begins chemo in about three weeks
- * Joanne Garrett, James Dale's mother has terminal brain cancer.
- * Lew Clark, massive stroke, Horwitz's son's Father-in-law
- * Bob, neighbor of McGrew's in a medically induced coma.
- * Cecil Murphy, serious pain and problems walking.
- * Vicki Garry in need of expensive dental work.
- * Art & Delphina trying fertility drugs in hopes of having a child
- * Jerri Chic, Marie Hul's daughter – medically induced coma
- * Ken Simpson chemo and radiation treatments.
- * Josh Casselman's Uncle Clarence trouble with his kidneys
- * Virginia Walker possibility of more fractures in her hip/back.
- * Sarah Gildenmeister is having ongoing health issues
- * Thelma Mock, Nancy Sparks aunt diagnosed with cancer.
- * Hailie Dale, 10 yrs old, undergoing chemo.
- * Sarah Blomburg – 24 yrs. old, has colon cancer.
- * Rodney recovering from cancer treatments.
- * Katie Wagner, 14 years old, Stage 4 lung/bone cancer.
- * Sandy Price is slowly recovering from surgery.
- * Phyllis, Marilyn's sister – cancer.
- * Jim Greene continued recovery from bone marrow transplant.
- * Tracy Schnur, has stage 3 ovarian cancer.
- * Donald Moorehead, in need of a Kidney transplant.

THE GUARDIAN

"Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in Thee." Ps. 25:20

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Is Bible Study Important?

The Bible is the one book in this world that teaches us what God requires that we must do to be saved and go to Heaven. We are "to receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). There is no excuse for man's ignorance of God's word today. "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). A person is unwise not to study the Bible. The only way we can understand the will of the Lord is through Bible study. Those who do not study God's word are not able "to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). Those who do not study God's word are "Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them" (Ephesians 4:18).

People will be eternally lost if they don't know what the Bible says, so they can obey God. To keep from being destroyed in the eternal torments of Hell, we must "desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

Those in the church who have not studied God's will are being shamed, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God" (Hebrews 5:12). The only way we can receive God's word is to "dust off our Bibles" and study them both privately and in Bible classes and hearing God's word preached. We should take advantage every opportunity we have to know God's word.

by Ron Boatwright

If you have small children, 3 yrs and younger, we provide an attended nursery. We also have a worship training room for children 3 and up.

Welcome to the services of the Church. If you are visiting with us, we appreciate your presence and invite you to stay a few moments after worship so we may have an opportunity to meet you. Please feel free to pick up one of our Visitors Packets or other literature in the foyer.



Reasoning Together

What is the Purpose of Baptism?

Many people believe and teach that we are saved without water baptism. They will tell us that baptism is important, and that we should be baptized someday, but it is not necessary for our salvation. Is this true?

If baptism is not necessary for our salvation, what is it for? This is a good question deserving of an honest answer. There is a reason behind everything that God requires of us. We all understand that baptism is a part of the gospel of Christ, but what purpose does it serve?

1. Saves Us. *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”* (Mark 16:16). Notice, the Lord did not say, “He who believeth is saved and should be baptized.” The Lord placed baptism **before** salvation. Man places it after. The apostle Peter said, *“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us”* (1 Peter 3:21).

2. Remission of Sins. *“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’”* (Acts 2:38). Remission, or forgiveness, of sins comes **after** baptism, not before.

3. Washes Away Our Sins. *“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (Acts 22:16). According to this verse, when Ananias found Saul in Damascus, Saul was still in his sins. Yet, we hear people today affirm that Saul was saved on the road to Damascus. How can people be saved from their sins while still being in their sins? That just does not make sense. This verse plainly says that baptism washes away our sins.

4. Contact the Death of Christ. *“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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”* (Romans 6:3-4). Jesus shed His blood at His death. We contact that cleansing blood, shed at His death, through baptism.

5. Places Us in Christ. “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27). Paul said that every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places was found in Christ, blessings which include the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:3, 7). How does one get into Christ, where every spiritual blessing is found? The Bible says we are baptized into Christ.

6. Places Us in the Church. *“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”* (1 Corinthians 12:13). The church is identified as the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). The only way we enter the church is through baptism. Since the church is the body of Christ, the same thing that would place us in one would place us in the other - baptism.

Think seriously about our question. The Bible tells us what baptism is for. Have you been baptized for the remission of your sins?

by Heath Rogers



Special Announcements

(1) **Two precious souls have been added** to the body, Scott Roper, and Jay Hunger. Please keep these fine men in your prayers as they begin their walk in Christ.

(2) There will be no **Odd Job Crew** workday this month.

(3) **Our food pantry** is still in need of some items. We need dried beans, juice, cold cereal, beef stew and spam.

(4) **The Song Leader Training class will begin next Sunday April 22nd, Sunday a.m. class.**

(5) **New copies of House to House are in.** You can pick one up in the foyer.

(6) **Memory Work Recap Week.** Our two verses for the past two weeks were on authority of the Scripture. Spend this week firmly establishing these two verses in your mind, **2Pet. 1:20,21 & 2Tim. 3:16,17.** If possible, have someone work with you and don't use your memory cards.

(7) Our regular **Wednesday night devotional time** has been moved to the 18th for April only.

Northside Calendar

Visit our online calendar at www.northsidechurchofchrist.org

Potluck: April 22nd – Evening Finger-Food – Everyone is welcome!

Ladies Class: Canceled - 5:00 p.m. (Please read Galatians)

Men's Business Meeting: Today - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: April 22nd - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 1

Communion to shut-ins: James D (15th), Joshua C (22nd), Chuck K (29th)

Monday Small Group Bible Study: Linda Hays Home – 6:30-7:30 pm – Gospel of John

Thursday Prayer Meeting: Every Thursday 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the building (1Tim. 2:1-8)

New Christians Class: “Now That I'm A Christian” - Wednesday evening - Chuck Kolinchak

Best Wishes This Week

Worth Watching

Have A Great Week Everyone!

“Search The Scriptures”
KAZT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.
“Gospel Broadcasting Network”
www.gbntv.org