



Prayer Concerns

Blake (Hanshaw's grandson) is in the hospital with a severe case of pneumonia.
Mike Gillespie (former member) had to have a cardioversion on Thursday due to A fib. They are also checking him for blood clots.
Rex Hembree (Della's brother) has started radiation treatments for lung cancer.
Lonnie Hewitt is dealing with shingles.
Nova Pearson (Inez's great-granddaughter) bacterial infection from previous surgery.

Please continue to pray for everyone recovering from the past two hurricanes.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Juanita Brunner (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Tom Gardner** (Rachel's former teacher, colon cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder & back pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), Greg Kellow (Hewitt's friend, recovering from sepsis infection); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Kay Roberts** (former member) is in nursing home for rehab), **Juanita Rodman** (Dementia), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Bob Stewart** (Angie Hewitt's dad, hospice), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia, Wellington at Southport, Rm# 59), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (Regina Anderson's, shut-in's), **Charlie Weaver** (A fib w/premature ventricular contractions), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice).

Missions

Fiji Bible Institute (Jason & Devin Pierce family); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); **Caleb Pierce** (Bear Valley Bible Institute)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, October 20	Mark 13-16
Monday, October 21	Luke 1-3
Tuesday, October 22	Luke 4-6
Wednesday, October 23	Luke 7-9
Thursday, October 24	Luke 10-12
Friday, October 25	Luke 13-15
Saturday, October 26	Luke 16-18



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

None to Report

Anniversary

None to Report

Eagle Valley Church of Christ
 Gospel Meeting
 Oct 20-24

Theme: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
 Speaker: Rick Leach

Stress Free

Sister's Stress-Free Fun Night

Sisters, mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 25th. Before the holiday stresses begin, join your sisters for a fun night from 6-10pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a hobby to work on, games or cards to play, even relax in your PJs. Bring a snack to share. For more information, see Cindy Strope.



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, October 26th at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.



Friday, November 1 @6pm

Dinner and Breakfast will be served.

There is a sign-up sheet on the involvement board. Please indicate if you will be staying the night and/or coming for breakfast.

Meditation of God's Word

The Thief & The Gospel

Often times, during a discussion on baptism, the thief on the cross is brought up to show that baptism is not essential for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus said to the thief hanging on a cross next to him "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."(Lk.23:43)

First of all, Jesus had "all authority in heaven and on earth"(Mt.28:18). Therefore, He could say to anyone He wished, "Today you'll be in paradise." He could do what He wanted. He had all authority!

Secondly, we don't know for sure that the thief on the cross was not baptized. We only know for sure that he was not baptized into/with Jesus' baptism. We know that, because Jesus' baptism did not go into effect until after His death and resurrection. Jesus was obviously still alive as he spoke to the thief. The only baptism that was being preached and practiced prior to Jesus' death was the baptism of John. "And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."(Mk.1:4) The thief on the cross could have been baptized with John's baptism, which I hope you noticed was for the forgiveness of sins.

Today, the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (1Cor.15:1-4). 2Thess.1:8-9 tells us that we must "obey" the gospel to escape eternal punishment. The only way to obey the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is by being baptized into Christ. Romans 6:17-18 says we obeyed this teaching and were set free from sin. This teaching is obeying the gospel at baptism. "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."(Romans 6:4) Notice that "new life" comes after one obeys the gospel at baptism. Baptism is not a work of merit. If it's a work at all, it's a work of faith. Many years ago, when I was baptized, I confessed that I believed Jesus is the Son of God and a man baptized (immersed) me completely under the water (baptism is only by immersion) for the forgiveness of my sins. God did all the work by forgiving my sins and saving me. There is a spiritual circumcision that takes place at baptism. It is discussed in Colossians 2:11-12. This is not physical, but a spiritual circumcision done by God by cutting away the sin from our life at baptism.

I hope this helps. I will end with this: "And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). It's clear that our sins are washed away, forgiven, and cleansed by the blood of Jesus at baptism.

...Ronnie Hewitt