

Prayer List

Kenny Even, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Gordon Hatcher, Phillip Hutton, Kim Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Early Phillips, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jonathan Thawley, Jim and Carole Turk, Abby Yarlequé.

- Louise Walker (neighbor of James and Lisa Hutton) passed away Thursday.
- Ella Green had surgery on her teeth on Friday. She will have additional procedures on the 20th and 21st.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, June 5	21/21/18
	Wednesday, June 8	17
Offering	Sunday, June 5	\$1186.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes James Hutton

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Charles Hatcher
Songs David Snyder
Sermon James Hutton
Lord's Supper & Contribution Tommy Sanders
Assistants Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer Lance Green

Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer Tommy Sanders
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon David Snyder
Lord's Supper Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs James Hutton
First Prayer Barry Simmons
Devotional Lance Green
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD”

Our loving and merciful God wants “all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). Since God desires that all men be saved, He provides for us His plan to save man (Rom. 1:16-17). How comforting it is to know that God loves us and sent His only begotten Son into the world that through Him we might be saved (John 3:16-17). It is also extremely comforting to *know* that we can *know* what God requires of us regarding salvation (John 8:31-32). The Bible teaches that, “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:13). What does it mean to “call upon the name of the Lord?” Many have defined calling on the name of the Lord as a prayer for salvation and for Jesus to come and abide in one’s heart. However, this definition contradicts the words of Jesus Who says, “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 which is in heaven” (Mat. 7:21). Any interpretation of a verse in the Bible that contradicts another verse is, of necessity, deemed to be false. The inspired James writes, “be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves...Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone” (Jam. 1:22; 2:17). Additionally, there is no example anywhere in the New Testament of an individual praying for salvation. Therefore, calling upon the name of the Lord does not refer to a prayer or to any spoken act.

It is important to understand how to “call upon the name of the Lord” since it is necessary for salvation. In order to understand the meaning, we must study the statement in the context of the book and chapter in which it is found as well as with the whole of the New

Testament. In the immediate context, we find that there are prerequisites to calling upon the name of the Lord – Romans 10:14-15 teaches that one must hear and believe. Also, in the immediate context, verse 16 in particular, we find a phrase that is used in substitute for “calling upon the name of the Lord.” The inspired writer uses the phrase “obeyed the Gospel” interchangeably with “call upon the name of the Lord.” In order to be saved, one must obey the Gospel of Christ – i.e., “call upon the name of the Lord.” The apostle Paul further defines what it means to call upon the name of the Lord when he recalls the words spoken to him by Ananias, “arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Here, calling on the name of the Lord is defined as arising and being baptized in order to have one’s sins washed away. This is in harmony with Paul’s letter to the Romans seeing that Paul told them, “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4). It is also in harmony with the first Gospel sermon recorded in Acts 2. Peter and the other apostles preached, “whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21). Later, when the audience was convinced of their sins and asked what they must do in order to be forgiven and thus saved, “Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). The New Testament teaches that, following faith (Heb. 11:6), repentance (Luke 13:3), and confessing that Jesus is the Christ (Acts 8:37), baptism is the culminating act of God’s plan to save man (Mat. 28:19-20).

The act of calling upon the name of the Lord is inseparable from obedience to the Gospel

of Christ and baptism. The Gospel of Christ “is the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16) and obeying the Gospel is used interchangeably with calling upon the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13, 16). Being baptized is an act of obedience commanded by the Gospel of Christ and is eternally connected to calling upon the name of the Lord by God, Himself, in such verses as Acts 2:21, 38 and 22:16. The Gospel is God’s power unto salvation and baptism is the act at which the Bible teaches one is saved from past sins. According to the apostle Peter, “baptism doth also now save us” (1 Pet. 3:21) and Jesus proclaims, “he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16).

Calling upon the name of the Lord, therefore, is not something that is spoken; it is an act of humility and submission to the Word of God in simple obedience. Those who obey God’s plan of salvation, which culminates with water baptism, and remain faithful to God’s Word until they depart this life (Rev. 2:10) are they who are calling upon the name of the Lord and will be saved.

--*Brad Green*

Announcements

- Congratulations to Barry and Sandra Simmons on their 50th anniversary. They are traveling and will be away today.
- Brad is in Pensacola for the annual lectureship of the Bellview Church of Christ. In his absence, James Hutton and David Snyder will be preaching today.

Welcome Visitors

We’re glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting to know you better.