

Prayer List

Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Magaly Orozco, Herbert and Jean Palmer, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Susan Vaigneur, Jana Ward, Andria Hurst Wood

- Boyd Adkins (husband of Sara Johnson's coworker) will have surgery tomorrow at Vanderbilt to try to do away with excruciating pain in his face.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, May 10	17/19/17
	Wednesday, May 13	15
Offering	Sunday, May 10	\$836.00

Those Serving

Prayer before Sunday Class David Snyder

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Contribution	Charles Hatcher
Assisting	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

Sunday Afternoon Worship

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

Wednesday Night

Songs	Kevin Felker
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

"Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:13-14). Among those "words, whereby thou...shall be saved" was the command to, "be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48). There is no record that Peter said, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior."

6. When Lydia "attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul...she was baptized and her household..." (Acts 16:14-15). What did Paul speak? Did he tell her to, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior"? There is not a single word of that phrase in this passage. Lydia was baptized. How did she know baptism is required for salvation? By the things Paul spoke (Acts 16:14).
 7. When the Philippian jailer asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved," (Acts 16:30), neither Paul nor Silas replied, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior." They told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 8:31), then spoke the word of the Lord to him to produce such belief (Acts 8:32; cf. Rom. 10:17), at which time he demonstrated his repentance by washing their stripes, and was baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 8:33).

The blood of Jesus Christ is the cleansing agent for sin and no one will ever have his sins forgiven without that sinless blood. But where is that blood applied? It is applied to those who are in Christ. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7). There is no way to be in Christ without baptism. Paul said that we are, "baptized into Jesus Christ" (Rom. 6:3). He further wrote, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). Baptism is that consummating act which takes one from Satan's kingdom and puts him into Jesus Christ where the blood of Christ cleanses his sins. To say that, "Baptism does not save you" is to say redemption "through his blood" is not in Christ. That is "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" and will bring eternal loss to all who believe and practice such.

— Jerry C. Brewer

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Meeting Location:

130 Mabry Hood Road
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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



**“TEACHING FOR
DOCTRINES THE
COMMANDMENTS OF MEN”**

*[This article is written by brother Jerry C. Brewer,
and appeared on the website of the Northeast
Church of Christ in Elk City, OK]*

Solomon said, "...of making many books there is no end" (Eccl. 12:12). That could also be said of man made churches purporting to follow Jesus Christ, who teach for doctrines the commandments of men. One of those is a denomination called "One Church" which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and sets forth its beliefs on its website at www.onechurchelkcity.com/page?id=3. Among those beliefs is the statement that, "Baptism by immersion symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and is your public declaration that you have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior. Baptism does not save you, but shows the world that you have already been saved. While baptism is not required for salvation, it is a biblical command and demonstrates your love and obedience to Christ. Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:41; Ephesians 2:89; Matthew 28:19-20"

Note the bold declaration that, "Baptism does not save you, but shows the world that you have already been saved." Their website also says that, "The Bible is God's word to all men. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error." That statement is true. That being the case, however, one wonders why they say, "Baptism does not save you." Jesus coupled baptism and belief with salvation in Mark 16:16—a passage that is not noted on their website under baptism. In Acts 2:38 Peter coupled repentance and baptism "for the remission of sins"—another passage One Church

passes over—and in his first epistle, Peter wrote, "under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit," "The like figure whereunto baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 3:21).

The Bible is, indeed, "inspired of God" and "without any mixture of error", but man's error that says, "baptism does not save you." As poison, mixed with pure water, pollutes and renders it deadly, so men's doctrines, mixed with truth, pollutes it and renders it deadly to the soul.

Baptism has a single design—the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Neither "One Church" nor any other Baptist Church can lay its collective finger on a single Bible passage teaching that baptism "shows the world that you have already been saved." Where is that passage? Search from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find it. When the Ethiopian eunuch was baptized on that lonely Gaza road (Acts 8:36-39), how did he "show the world" that he had already been saved? When he "went on his way rejoicing" he obviously returned to his home in Ethiopia. How did he "show" the folks there he had "already been saved" before he was baptized? At what point, on that Gaza road, was the eunuch saved? What sort of "public declaration" of his salvation did he make? Emphasizing their denial of Bible teaching, One Church declares, "While baptism is not required for salvation, it is a biblical command and demonstrates your love and obedience to Christ." Can one be saved without obeying Christ's commands? If baptism is a "biblical command" (and it certainly is) how can one be saved without it? Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). How can one love Him if he denies His command in Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38? If baptism is not necessary to salvation, then no one needs to be baptized in order to be saved. If that is the case, then one can ignore a "biblical command" and still be saved, which renders that "biblical command" superfluous.

Baptism "is your public declaration that you have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior"? That terminology does not exist in any Bible passage.

There is not a single instance in the book of Acts in which a penitent, believing sinner was ever told to, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior." Note the following Bible examples of salvation:

1. When the believing Jews on Pentecost asked Peter what they should do, he did not reply, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior." He said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

2. Philip "preached Christ" in the city of Samaria (Acts 8:5). He preached, "the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 8:12) and when his hearers believed those things, "they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12). There's not a single indication that Philip told them to, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior."

3. How did the Ethiopian eunuch know he needed to be baptized for the remission of sins? He knew because Philip, "preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35) and to preach Jesus is to preach Jesus' commands (Mark 16:16). Acts 8:35 says Philip preached Jesus and the very next verse (36) says the Eunuch asked to be baptized. In neither of those verses is a statement from Philip, saying, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior."

4. When a penitent Saul of Tarsus was praying in Damascus, Ananias told him to, "...arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). No where can one find Ananias telling him to, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior." Saul believed in Jesus because he had spoken with Him on the Damascus road. He was obviously penitent because he spent three days in prayer, neither eating nor drinking (Acts 9:9). If Saul was saved before baptism, he was the most miserable saved man in history.

5. Peter commanded Cornelius to be baptized (Acts 10:48). Cornelius had been told to,