

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

Are All Who Are Baptized Christians?

In every example of New Testament conversion people were baptized for remission of sins. "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) One cannot be a Christian without being baptized, but not all who have been baptized are Christians. Why would this be true?

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as accountable people. Baptism is an act of submission that must come from the heart. "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered." (Romans 6:17) Baptizing babies is no more Bible baptism than it would be for several strong men to baptize adults against their will. Babies have no sin and therefore do not need baptism, and certainly could not be baptized as a voluntary act of obedience.

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as the Bible teaches. Bible baptism is a burial in water and it is for the remission of sins. Both the reason for which baptism is done and the way in which it is done are important. Bible baptism is a burial. "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 6:4) Bible baptism is never sprinkling or pouring. Bible baptism is essential to our salvation. The Bible is plain in teaching that: **(1)** Baptism comes before salvation (Mark 16:16), **(2)** Baptism is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38), **(3)** Baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16), **(4)** Baptism comes before being a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27), and **(5)** Baptism puts one into Christ (Romans 6:3-4). In view of such plain Bible teaching, how can the Southern Baptist Church (and most other churches) teach that, "Baptism does not help a person to be saved or to become a Christian?"

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Sun 6 PM Assembly: 68
Wed 7 PM Bible Study: 67
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IT IS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

PM: Jerry Manning

IFS AND BUTS

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;
and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." - 2 Corinthians 9:6

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson), Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Prayers are requested for **Beryl Parks** who is having some heart problems. They're hopeful medication will help, but there's a risk of stroke.
- **Stephanie Rinehart** requests prayers for her brother **Glenn Karzinski**, in Maryland, who is not doing well after surgery and needs more.
- **Greg Boyd** is having severe back pain and likely will have surgery.
- **Gwen Pittman** requests prayers for her brother **Charles Barrows** whose wife Lynn passed away. She will be in Miami for the funeral.
- **Evalina** and **Gene Lowe** request prayers for their great-great-grand niece, **Summer Schuler**, 5, who has pneumonia and is going to Duke May 28th to be tested for Cystic Fibrosis. **Gene** will have eye surgery Friday 5/16.
- **Margie DeYoung** is home with orders for complete bed rest.
- **Anna Porter** is home also and **Carolyn Lee** is doing better too.
- **Ruth Raines** was able to be with us Sunday morning.
- The **Ken Parks** family will be off on vacation for 2 weeks.
- **Ed** and **Jan Kelleher** will in Hilton Head for a week also.
- **Jeanette Reeves** continues to struggle with sin. Pray for her repentance.
- Remember all these and our new Christians, **Jamie Sheppard**, **Natalie Boyd** and **Landis Cobb**, and **Lamar Reeves** who were all with us Wednesday evening for Bible study. and brother **Manning** and those he studies the Bible with, in your prayers.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." - Psalm 27:1

WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 5/18 - C 5/25 - D 6/1 - A 6/8 - B

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- Sister **Angela Paschal** lost her son **Joshua**, 23, in a car accident last Friday night. Angela is Marcella's little sister Penny's friend who visited here for the Ladies Day.
- A school friend of **Kaitlyn Sheppard**, **Tashian Smalls**, drowned last week.
- **Marilyn Brooks** is in Atlanta as another relative passed away.

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." - 1 Peter 5:10

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Many that have been baptized scripturally have not remained faithful.

They have not grown in faith. They have stopped following Christ and are in a worse condition than before they obeyed the gospel. The Bible says in **2 Peter 2:20-22**: "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Jesus said, "...If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed." (**John 8:31**) All accountable people must be baptized for remission of sins and must remain faithful to God; but not all who have been baptized are Christians!

- By **Charles Box**, Evangelist, Walnut Street Church of Christ, Greenville, Alabama

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- **Anne Kennedy** will be moving back to South Carolina from up North. She's taken a position as publisher of the *Hampton County Guardian* and the *Jasper County Sun* weekly newspapers. She'll be living down there, somewhere in the Ridgeland area. **Nick (Vernicia)** and **Paula** are very happy, as we all are for them.

"And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate." - Acts 12:14

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **WORK TEAM C** will meet Sunday evening, at **Keith Carter's** home.
- **Scrap-booking** Sat 5/24 2-5 pm at the building.
- **YOUTH LOCKIN!** Fri-Sat June 6,7 at Thompson Georgia. **Jerry and Lynn** Manning will be chaperones but would welcome any other adults who could help.
- The **youth** are meeting on a regular basis at the building, Mondays at 7 pm to work on murals for our upcoming VBS.
- **Ladies** work on the **visual aids** every **Tuesday** 7:00 pm, at the building.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Our **Fall Gospel Meeting** is scheduled Sun-Wed, **Sep 14-17, 2008** with **Billy Bland**, well known Gospel preacher and instructor at MSOP.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have showed toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Hebrews 6:10

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