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COMMENTARY CORNER: "BAPTISM AND THE BLESSINGS OF THE SPRINKLING, WASHING, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION"

"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" (Romans 6:3-4).

Jesus forever established the significance and life directing blessing of baptism. His baptism was significant as it affirmed affinity with the work of John the baptist, as well as an opportunity to fulfill righteousness (Matthew 3:15). It was directive as it received affirmation from the Father, and a leading of Jesus into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16-4:1). Jesus, then, gives us reason to be intrigued and excited about baptism.

The children of God must be careful to affirm baptism as an important event in the lives of believers. In an effort, however, to make sure that believers understand baptism, we discourage rightful joy evidenced when a candidate expresses interest in his or her baptism. It is almost as if there is disappointment because the baptism has been announced to grandparents, aunts, uncles, spouses, children and friends as a momentous event. In the minds of some, emphasis is being placed on the presence of witnesses rather than the work of God.

Baptism loses nothing when someone announces to interested parties the intention to be baptized. Baptism can still have significance as a God event. Baptism can still achieve the purposes Jesus taught. Baptism can still have efficacy in the remitting of sins, in being washed, in putting on Christ, in being added to the body, in being saved.

Baptism must always be appreciated as a joyful event. The baptism of the man we call the Ethiopian eunuch resulted in the biblical commentary that the eunuch went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8:39). It is needed that all understand that there can be no more happy an event than that of doing what God has commanded. And we can celebrate above the celebrations associated with our education graduations, our mo-

ments entering into holy matrimony, our recognitions of employment advancement, as well as the pause in life for an entry into retirement years.

Baptism can be recognized as a family event. Though the Eunuch was baptized with only Philip present, his story is not the only one associated with baptism. Most notably, we learn that when the Jailer was baptized, it was he and all those who were in his house; all his family was baptized (Acts 16:33). We then read, "And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" (Acts 16:34).

The Eunuch went on his way rejoicing after baptism (Acts 8:39). The jailer and all his house rejoiced after baptism (Acts 16:34). We should expect today that there would be rejoicing over the prospect of believer submitting to baptism.

Our acknowledgement of the joy associated with baptism does not take away from our concern that people understand baptism. Baptism should be a "knowledge" event. Paul asked the Romans about their understanding with the question, "know ye not?" (Romans 6:3). In Ephesus Paul encountered men who had an understanding about baptism that needed to be updated. These men had been baptized, but it was according to John's baptism and not baptism into Jesus (Acts 19:1-5). The willingness of these men to accept Paul's teaching on baptism was evidence that these sincerely wanted to be obedient so that baptism could accomplish what Jesus promised.

We have opportunity today to share the glorious blessings associated with baptism, particularly in the concepts associated with sprinkling, washing, burial, and resurrection. All of these occur at one and the same time when a person gives himself or herself to Jesus in baptism. And it is im-

portant that all come to appreciate the same.

The sprinkling brings to the attention of the believer that baptism in water has no efficacy without the application of the blood of Jesus. The baptism accomplishes our cleansing because of the cleansing agent. Salvation in Christ necessitates the shedding of blood. The blood affirms covenant. The blood saves. But one is not buried in the blood. He is instead sprinkled with the blood.

Moses was commanded to sprinkle the covenant and the people with the blood of sacrifices, establishing covenant between God and the Israelites (Exodus 24:6-8). Similarly, at the last supper, Jesus encouraged the apostles to recognize the communion as a moment of reflecting on his blood being shed for the new covenant (Matthew 26:28).

The apostles of Jesus spoke of the importance of the blood and its sprinkling. Paul wrote that we have redemption through the blood (Ephesians 1:7). John wrote that the believers were washed from their sins in the blood of Jesus (Revelation 1:5). Peter wrote on the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:2). The writer of the book of Hebrews informed that we should have our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:22). He warns that the believers should not count the blood of the covenant where with he was sanctified an unholy thing (Hebrews 10:29). Then, he wrote that believers have come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel (Hebrews 12:24).

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2020 THEME: "To Him Be Glory In The Church, By Christ Jesus..." (Ephesians 3:21)

CHURCH LEADERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PREACHER-SHEPHERD
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS JR.

ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER
RICHARD JONES

MINISTER EMERITUS
CLOYS R. CECIL SR.

SHEPHERDS
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS JR.
JOHN FOXWORTH
ROY OLIPHANT
WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

ELDER EMERITUS
FRANK W. DULIN
LEROY NELSON

DEACONS
MICHEAL CURRY
JAMES E. GADSON
GEORGE MCNAIR
BERNARD TERRY
JOE WILSON

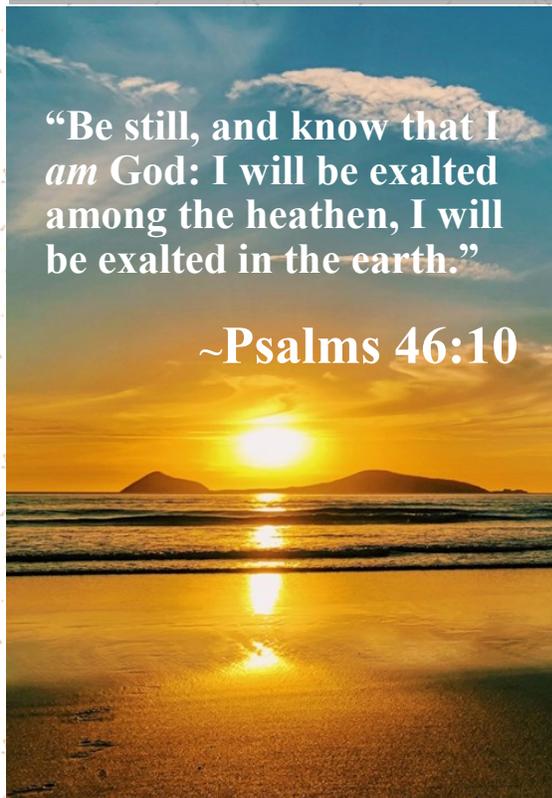


ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MARCELLA KENDALL

ZOOM MEETING

Our mid-week evening Bible study meets at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Please visit us on Facebook at Carver Road Church of Christ to find link to join in our bible study each Wednesday evenings. Bible lesson materials are made available through the church's website listed below. We look forward to seeing and meeting with you.

www.carverroadchurchofchrist.org



"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

~Psalms 46:10



*All Visitors!
You Are Our
Honored Guests!*

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."



In Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to sister Jacquelyn Williams in the passing of her sister. We also wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to brother and sister Arnold Thomas in the loss of Wendy's uncle.

May God continue to be with them during this time.

Reading Safari

Reading Is Fun!



Keep Reading! For any additional information please contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336) 575-2972.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4th James Covington, Diane Foxworth;
5th Felecia Caruthers; 13th Micheal Curry;
15th Linda Burgess, Wanda Jones;
17th Lillie Alford; 18th Ollie Carpenter;
19th Anita Terry-McNair; 23rd Roy Oliphant;
24th Tameka Grimes; 25th Anthony Washington;
30th Veronica Black; 31st Amber Reaves, Artis Rucker



(39 years) John & Diane Foxworth – 3rd
(7 years) William & Regina Scott – 11th
(6 years) Joshua & Jasmine Caruthers – 17th
(24 years) Juan & Tamah Williams – 17th
(21 years) Ron & Fran Thomas – 23rd



Our Shut-ins

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

sis. Gloria Brown, sis. Beverly Crim, bro. Frank W. Dulin, bro. Alvin Eaton, sis. Paula Evans, sis. Magdalene Fleming, bro. Barry Harper, sis. Dorris Jones, bro. Amos Lewis, bro. Leroy Nelson, sis. De-
lores Reaves, sis. Martha Reynolds, sis.

Mattie Richardson, sis. Bobby Robinson, sis. Carol Weathers

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR OCTOBER

Brother Roy Oliphant

(336) 765-3105

RESPONSIVE READING

Revelation 2:12-17

READER: And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

CHURCH: I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

READER: 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

CHURCH: So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

READER: Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

UNISON: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we thank You for strengthening us to confess the faith. Preserve us for the hidden manna and white stones on which our names are written. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Athenia Pouncey, sis. Hazel Gordon, sis. Valarie Coplin, sis. Shagail Reed, sis. Beverly Wallace, sis. Mary Terry, sis. Alfreda Howell, sis. Wanda Jones, sis. Carol McDowell, bro. James Gadson, bro. Javar Jones, bro. Walter Weathers Jr.



ORDER OF WORSHIP



8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
SERMON

Roy Oliphant
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION
SONG DIRECTOR
SCRIPTURE
RESPONSIVE READING
PRAYER
SERMON
OFFERING
LORD'S SUPPER
CLOSING PRAYER
GUESTS PRESENTATION

Cecil Oliver
Walter Weathers Jr.
Adolphus Coplin
Todd Woods
Reginald Nichols
Roy Oliphant
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.
George McNair
Bernard Terry
James Gadson

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:37)

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Bernard Wallace
Javar Jones	Sean Penn
Curtis Conner	Todd Woods
Tahjmel Brim	James Cherry

EVENING USHERS

Braxton King Kobe Williams
Tahjmel Brim A. J. Crim

COMMENTARY CORNER

We are joyous to learn that baptism becomes salvific because of the sprinkling of the blood which sanctifies, that is, sets us apart for God.

Baptism is also the moment when we are washed. Paul was asked why he tarried, and then was directed to arise and to be baptized, washing away his sins (Acts 22:16). But this was not a washing for cleaning the physical body, but for cleansing of the mind and soul, assured because of the cleansing nature of the blood of Jesus. The Hebrew writer is instructive: "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14). Paul writes of the washing to the Corinthians: "And such were some

of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" 1 Corinthians 6:11).

Baptism is too that moment when death, burial, and resurrection occur. Our old person dies to sin. The old person is buried. And a new person arises to walk in newness of life. Again, Paul is instructive: "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 by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4).

Baptism is a moment of joy. It is that moment when we become obedient, fulfilling righteousness as Jesus did. Baptism is when the blood of Jesus, shed for the whole world, is applied to the man or woman accepting that salvation is in Jesus. Baptism is the moment

when one is buried in the water, at that time experiencing the joy of being sprinkled by the blood and (1 Peter 1:2) and being washed in the same (Revelation 1:5). Baptism is the washing moment when we are sanctified and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Baptism is when we die to our old person, when the old person is buried, and when the new person is made alive to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

The Bible provides us a most encouraging understanding of the blessings of baptism. The moment of baptism is the moment of being sprinkled with the blood, washed in the blood through being buried in the waters of baptism, rising in newness of life, having been redeemed, justified, sanctified and saved. Baptism is the time of salvation and rejoicing. We encourage all to appreciate that we do not come simply by belief, but by obedience in baptism.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship.....	8 A.M.
Bible School.....	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)
(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting.....	9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Clothing Bank.....	10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Youth Fellowship Meeting.....	10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)	
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group....	10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)	
Young Adult Ministry.....	6:30 P.M.
(3rd Friday)	

WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
BROTHER BERNARD TERRY



BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. George McNair
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.

Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.

Thursdays @ 3 P.M.

1340 AM

1400 AM

103.5 FM



YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9,10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Will resume in 2021



NURSERY DUTY

Not Scheduled

GREETERS

Mary Terry

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mary Terry

BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Rosalyn Evans/Shirlene Murray
Sherri Pilson



ZONES

ZONE #1 Capt. Bro. J. Wilson (661-1312)
ZONE #4 Co-Capt. Bro. B. Terry (720-9694)
ZONE #5 Capt. Bro. J. Gadson (650-9693)
Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
ZONE #7 Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029)
Co-Capt. Bro. R. Oliphant (765-3105)
ZONE #8 Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052)