

THE BULLETIN

Prayer Is Not the New Birth

God wants all men to pray to him. God hears and answers prayers. However, prayer is not the new birth. To pray is not to obey the gospel. In Acts 2:38, Peter did not tell the Jews to pray. He told them to repent and be baptized. The 'Sinner's Prayer' from Luke 18 - "*Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner*" - is inadequate to save. It is only a beginning - a recognition of need.

Paul was still lost at the end of his three days of prayer. (In Act 9:9, Paul was not eating or drinking for three days; I assume he was praying during this time.) he was not allowed to work for God until he washed away his sins. Ananias said to him; *'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away calling on his name'* (Acts 22:14-16).

Cornelius prayed yet still was lost. He was pleasing to God because he did good works and prayed to God. *'At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius....He and all his family were devout and God-fearing: he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly'* (Acts 10:1-2) And because he was pleasing to God, God led him to salvation. *'Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. However, Cornelius was not saved until he was baptized. 'So he (Peter) ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.'*

Charles Hodge

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Regularly Scheduled Services

Sunday worship: 9:30am
Sunday Bible class: 11:00am
Sunday evening: 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible class: 7:00pm

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**It is right for
Christians to be in
the world, but not
for the world to be
in the Christian.**
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Our Family

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household," Ephesians 2:19, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb our minister (the really tall guy) or any other church member.

WHAT'S GOING ON?



WED NIGHT SUPPER: The Valinte's and Kathy are fixing pasta, meatballs, salad & dessert. A signup sheet is in the back of the auditorium. Please add your name to the list so they know how many to cook for. There is a sign-up sheet, to cook, at the back.

LAWN MOWING: This building belongs to all members and we need people to sign up and mow the lawn. Bring the children and make it a family service project.

MNFM Cooks are needed.

Sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

LORD'S SUPPER to shut-ins: Brian Cleavitt & Louise Roy are taking communion for Oct. & Nov. Need volunteers beginning in Dec.

FURNACE REPLACEMENT

The replacement of our furnaces begins tomorrow. The old ones are gone! You may need to bring an extra sweater or blanket until the furnace is replaced.

NEW - ADDITION TO LIBRARY

We have added media to the library. Please come use out assets.

HELP NEEDED, ASAP

We need a new janitor. The Roukey's have done this but need to step down. This is a paid position. Please talk to one of the elders or call the church office.

Family Workshop:

October 21-23 the church will host a family workshop with Dr. Joe Brumfield from Harding University.



Schedule

Friday @ 7pm

20 Qualities Successful Families Have in Common

Saturday @ 8am (men)

What Wives Long For

Saturday @ 12pm (ladies)

Satan's Lies That I Have Believed

Saturday @ 6pm

Decoding Your Spouse's Communication

Sunday @ 9:30am (sermon)

Spiritual Warfare for Today's Christian Family

Sunday @ 11am (Bible Class)

How To Make Your Spouse Crazy About You Again

WAYS TO HELP

- We are looking for women to prepare & serve breakfast for the men and some men to prepare & serve lunch for the ladies.
- Park will organize something for the kids

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY AM

Only announcements made from the pulpit during Sunday morning worship are those that are called into the church office by Friday afternoon and pertain to the entire church Family. If there is something you want to share, there is a white board in the foyer 'Late News' where you can share other information with our Family.

LIFELINE: Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Manchester Church of Christ on 10/27/2016. We have 3 immediate needs for this:

- 1) people to sign-up for times to greet those coming;
- 2) help on Wednesday night moving the chairs out
- 3) help on Friday or Saturday to move the chairs back for Sunday worship.

Especially moving chairs is something that you can bring your family & do. This is not something just for the teenagers to do.

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS: THE EDGEWOOD CONGREGATION'S SPIRITUAL HEALTH, THOM FORESTBURG MALACHI NORRIS, LYNN MILLETTE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS: MINISTERS, ELDERS, DEACONS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, GANDER BROOK
ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS ARE ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE WORSHIP INSERT



A Word of Encouragement

“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13, NAS95.

WHAT IF ? ? ? ? ?



1. everyone went to heaven...
2. all we had to do is do good works...
3. we did not have to be baptized...
4. we did not need our sins forgiven...
5. we did not receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...
6. every denomination was acceptable...
7. there was more than one body...
8. there was more than one faith...
9. there was more than one baptism...
10. any worship of God were acceptable...

...then the following would not be true.

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 *“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.”*
2. Ephesians 2:8 *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast.”*
3. Acts 2:38 Peter replied, *“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*
4. See number 3
5. See number 4
6. Romans 16:17 *“I urge you, brother and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*
7. Ephesians 4:4 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*
8. See number 7
9. See number 8
10. John 4:23 *“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”*
11. And this is also true... John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*



Upcoming Events

*Oct 8 - Bonfire @ the Potter's -
Bring you Bible and either a snack or

drink

*Oct 16 - Mr. Mac's Lunch after Bible class

*Oct 17 - Chill Night at Mark & Ann's @ 7-8:30

*Oct. 21-23 - Marriage & Family Seminar - your
help will be needed

*Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat - 5-7pm. Snacks must
be prepackaged

* Get your costumes ready and come
have fun.

* It is a real chance to outreach to those
near.

* Sign up sheet in the foyer

* Small package for best decorated car

'When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.' Psalms
56:3

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Oct 2	AM	PM	Oct 5
Sunday	Oct 2	Ezekiel 4-5	Call to Worship	<i>Gerry Millette</i>		
Monday	Oct 3	Ezekiel 6-7	Song Leader	<i>Stuart Peacock</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Mark Casella</i>
Tuesday	Oct 4	Hebrews 12	Scripture	<i>Nick Bonzagni</i>		
Wednesday	Oct 5	Ezekiel 8-10	Lord's Supper	<i>Karl Davies</i>		
Thursday	Oct 6	Hebrews 13	Closing Prayer	<i>Barry Fogal</i>		
Friday	Oct 7	Ezekiel 11-13	Coordinator	<i>Ken Simon</i>		
Saturday	Oct 8	James 1	Worship Tech	<i>Kathy F</i>		
			Devo			<i>Park L</i>

Our Congregational Calendar for October 2 - October 15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Jim Cordaro - BD Kim Daggett - BD	3 6pm - MNFM	4	5 6pm - Wed Night Supper 7pm Bible Study Sterling Hazelton - BD	6 Mike & Lisa Moser - Anniv	7	8 Will Hamel - BD
9 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Melissa Therrien - BD Sophie Girard - BD	10 Dave Skerry - BD	11	12 6pm - Wed Night Supper 7pm Bible Study	13 David Girling - BD Gary & Judy Diaz - Anniv	14	15