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"From Where I Sit"

FAITHFULNESS

**"Be faithful until death, and I will
give you the crown of life."
Revelation 2:10**

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

In the Bible we read about several baptisms, the baptism of John (Mark 1:4-5), the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11), the baptism of fire (Matthew 3:11-12), and the baptism commanded by Christ in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). However, when the apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he stated that there is only **"one baptism."** The people to whom this letter was written could certainly identify it. According to Acts 19:5, **"they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."** The people who became Christians in Ephesus were baptized with the baptism commanded by Christ in the Great Commission. This is the **"one baptism"** mentioned in Ephesians 4:5.

This **"one baptism"** has certain prerequisites. It is to be preceded by belief (Mark 16:16), by repentance (Acts 2:38), and a confession of Jesus Christ as God's son (Romans 10:10). Based on these prerequisites, we conclude that the Lord does not approve of the many other forms and false teachings of baptism that many try to push today. There is **"one baptism"**. One! Scripture cannot be any clearer than that.

The Bible teaches a particular way the **"one baptism"** is to be administered. It is in water (Acts 8:38), and it is a burial (Colossians 2:12). Scriptural baptism is **"immersion."** How can the sprinkling or pouring of water be considered a burial? It cannot! The Bible says that Philip and the eunuch went down into the water.

The Bible clearly teaches that the **"one baptism"** is for the remission, forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), it is at that point at which one's sins are washed away (Acts 22:16), and it is necessary for one's salvation. Unfortunately, there are many religious groups that reject these teachings. I recently read an article that said, "We in the _____ church believe that no one is a subject for scriptural baptism until they are already saved." In all love and kindness, people who have complied with this doctrine need to follow the teachings and the example of the men in Ephesus and be **"baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."** Understand that salvation comes after one is immersed. Following the Bible and the Bible only about the **"one baptism"** of Ephesians 4:5.

Submitting to the **"one baptism"** is the **ONLY** way to get into Christ (Roman 6:3-7; Galatians 3:26-29) as well as the one body (1 Corinthians 12:13). Have you obeyed the scriptural command to be baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of your sins? All we ask is that one follow the direct commands of what the Bible teaches on the subject of **"one baptism"**, nothing more, nothing less!
God Bless -Todd



Make Plans To Join Us For An
Outdoor Gospel Singing
April 25, 2021
The Rock Quarry
Camp Meribah
 Time: 4 P.M.
Bring Your Own Lawn Chair

Scholarship Information



Scholarship Applications... have been emailed. If you did not receive one contact Carter Hoover. Deadline for *returning applicants* is May 16th.

Area Events....Beacon Church of Christ Ladies Day. 1050 Beacon Rd. Parsons Tennessee 38363
Debbie Dupuy The Shepherd's Daughter A Study of the 23rd Psalm Saturday, May 22, 2021 9:00-12:00 Study Fellowship and Lunch registration 8:30 A.M. RSVP to Britney Williams by May 8, 2021 Text or call: 931-332-5036 Mail: 1137 Beacon Rd. Parsons, TN. 38363
 Facebook: Beacon Church of Christ SHINE Ladies' Group

Baptism

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We rejoice with **Dwayne Allen** who was baptized April 11, 2021 by Matthew Dotson. Dwayne is the son of Phillip and Letitia Allen. His address is:
 1600 Hwy. 48S
 Centerville, TN 37033

Carter's Corner



OUR CROWDS ARE STARTING TO IMPROVE both during worship services and youth group activities. It is wonderful to see so many members returning to services since taking the vaccine and the number of COVID cases continuing to stay low in Hickman County. We had a great crowd of over 30 Jr. & Sr., High students for our Fireside this past Sunday night. We enjoyed a great evening in the Lighthouse and the Fellowship Hall eating, playing dodgeball, and spending time in devotional. A big thank you goes to Michael and Mandy Harrison for hosting both groups on the same night.

Upcoming Events

April 16
**5th Quarter:
 Extra Innings**
 (Immediately following the
 varsity baseball game)

April 28
Lighthouse
 (Halliburton & Peters)

May 5
Lighthouse
 (Anna Kate & Will McDonald)

IT HAS BEEN BASEBALL WEATHER this week, which makes me excited for our first-ever 5th Quarter: Extra Innings this Friday night. We plan to enjoy an evening of high school baseball, followed by some tailgate games and food following the varsity game. I hope that everyone is making plans to come out to support the Bulldogs and enjoy the 5th Quarter after.

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS are beginning to roll into the office this week. I hope by now you have already picked up your copy from the church building and are in the process of registering your children for a great week of faith and fun on The Hill. I want to encourage all of you this week to be sure to pick up extra applications to pass out to your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc., to help us fill up camp as we return to normal.

I WANTED TO GIVE AN UPDATE on our new church website. As most of you know, our website has been "under construction" for quite some time now. We started several months ago by first trying to fix our current website, which was experiencing issues due to the age of our website. We soon discovered that our website had become outdated from a technological standpoint, which led us down the path of building a new website. We have enlisted the help of a website development company from Henderson, TN to help us build a beautiful, modern, and more user-friendly website for our church family. I believe that we all understand how important a well-working website is for our congregation, and I appreciate everyone's patience as we have gone through this process. I have been working daily over the past several weeks on our website and I am hoping that our new website will be up and running by the beginning of summer. We are receiving weekly updates from our development company and hope to be able to keep up with the ever-changing technology.

In Him, Carter

2021
 SUMMER CAMP AT MERIBAH
 APPLICATIONS
 NOW AVAILABLE!

Rock Quarry Workday

There will be a work session at the Rock Quarry this Saturday, April 17th 7:00 am till 10.00 am. *Volunteers are needed and will be appreciated. Any questions contact Calvin Hoover.*

Financial State Planning

Anyone interested in participating in a *Financial State Planning Workshop* sponsored by Freed Hardeman University please sign the sheet in the foyer. If there is enough interest a date will be scheduled in the future for a Sunday afternoon 2pm to 4pm. The workshop will include *updating latest laws on estate planning (wills / tax laws, etc.) and discussing cases to show the possible impact*. Anyone from the group, who chooses to sign up for a one-hour private session on a later date may do so following the presentation. The private session will allow you to discuss further *situations and needs, draw up a will or change one, or ask more questions. If someone decides to create a will or a trust etc. there will be no charge*. All will be done in privacy at a designated place in the church building. There is no catch! Freed Hardeman is doing this for several congregations who have always been such a blessing to FHU. It is their way of reciprocating those blessings to the church.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Floy Gatewood by the following: Frank Shepherd, Dorothy Weatherspoon and Crowell Capital Partners, GP.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Floy Gatewood by Ken & Tina Dickerson.

...a donation has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in honor of Sam & Don Chessor for being good neighbors.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dale Minton who passed away in Murfreesboro. He was the brother of Brenda Williamson and Linda Ridley.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Leon Lynn who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Randy Henley of the Brushy community who passed away.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

April 11:

\$15,483.97

Camp:

\$ 221.00

Budget:

\$ 12,979.00

Thank You

Martha Leath writes: " I appreciate all of the love and support you have shown me at the death of my brother. The chimes sound beautiful! Thanks so very much."

Dorris Claud writes: "I was overwhelmed at all of the beautiful cards, the delicious meal prepared by Ward, Sierra, and Jared. The birthday cake and song was wonderful! I appreciate it so much. Thank you for every act of kindness."

Brieanna Duke & Family write: "Thanks for the cards, gifts, and especially the prayers after my surgery. Thanks for the gift certificate too."

Gary & Becky Gatewood write: " Our Loving Church Family, The outpouring of love, concern, and support that you have so graciously extended to our entire family after the passing of my mother, Floy Gatewood, has simply been overwhelming. We greatly appreciate the many prayers that have been offered; the caring, uplifting words that have been written in cards, texted, or spoken ; the beautiful memorial tapestry throw; and the delicious food provided before and after the funeral. All of these many expressions of love and thoughtfulness have touched our hearts deeply and provided us with much needed strength and comfort during this sad and difficult time. At this time, we would also like to express our gratitude for the warm, gracious welcome that you always extended to Mother whenever she would attend special events here. She shared a friendship with many of you and always greatly enjoyed coming and visiting with you. We feel extremely blessed to share in a special bond of Christian love with each of you."

Gary and Becky Gatewood

**PRAY
One
for another**

JAMES 5:16

...Jerry Yates will have back surgery Monday, April 19th at Maury Regional.
...Roy Anderson, father of Ruth Anderson, is recovering from a stroke.
...Maty Hunt had surgery on her collar bone Monday, April 12th. She is doing well.

...Kathy McDonald will have gall bladder surgery April 15th at Centennial Hospital.

...Earline Warren, sister of Gary Gatewood, continues to be in ICU for the treatment of Covid.

...David Dansby has been diagnosed with cancer. He will be having an MRI and Bone Scan on April 14th.

...Katherine Claud Chestnut, (Orval) great niece of Dorris & Margie Claud, is very sick with Covid.

...Wendy Pace, a friend of Anita Allen, is having health problems and undergoing tests.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Kenneth Dotson, John Dennison, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Laurant Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Ruth Staggs, Gary Hogan, Jessie Seagraves, Carl & Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, tn. 38401

Our Elders



Ken Dickerson



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Craig Shelton



Shane Willis

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

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Shane Willis	615-308-9161
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A Wedding Invitation!



*Together with their families,
you are cordially invited to celebrate the union of
Andrea Faulkner and Andy Smith
Thursday, July 1, 2021 4 P.M.
635 Sloan Lane, West Glacier, Montana 59936
Dinner/Reception to immediately follow RSVP at
www.zola.com/wedding/faulknersmithwedding or
emailandreafulknero5@gmail.com*

Prayer Week Of April 18

S.M.W.
John Bradley

S.M.D.
Randy James

S.E.W.
Philip Jacobs

S.E.D.
Will McDonald

W.E.B.S.
James Aydelott

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs

Read Scripture April 18

Stephen Dotson

Preside April 18

Edgar Beard

Elder's Prayer April 18

Mike Elkins