

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on supplies to bring for the children's home collection *which takes place on March 25, 2018*. Keep this work in your prayers. **March is quickly approaching!**

What to Bring (Some Suggestions – See bulletin board for complete list):

- Picante Sauce
 - Soy Sauce
 - Olive Oil
 - Granola Bars
 - Individual Bags of Chips
 - Graham Crackers
 - Basil, Oregano, Garlic, Italian
- Jasmine Rice
 - 2 lb Flour
 - Decaf Coffee
 - 100% Fruit Juices
 - Spaghetti Sauce (Glass containers only)
 - Instant Oatmeal
 - Refried Beans
 - Ranch Dressing
- Disposable Razors
 - Tampons
 - Mouthwash
 - Gal & Qt. Ziploc bags
 - Dish Washer Detergent
 - Disposable Cups, Plates & Bowls
 - Clorox Bleach
 - Plastic Cutlery

<i>Petru Ministry</i> Support Oscar and Anna Maria in their outreach	<i>Kennewick Lectureship April 11 – 15</i> Harvesting the Scriptures
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Food Pantry

The pantry is located in the room left of the library. There are sacks in the pantry room if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Feel free to take what you need. If you have a donation for the pantry please put it on the table in the pantry room.

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Meeting times:

Sunday:
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Attendance 02/04: 73	Budget \$2400.33	Contribution 02/04: \$3094.25
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Baptism By Desire?

A popular television personality stated that a doctrine that would substitute for baptism is "baptism by desire." If a person failed to be baptised, then by reason of a good life and character, it would be equivalent to "baptism by desire." This was a novel and heretical theory, new to me. This farfetched plan joins numerous false ideas for rejecting a plain and simple command of God.

The venerable Marshall Keeble was wont to say, "The Bible is right," and this is true about baptism. Here are some facts about baptism.

It saves from sin, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved: but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16, NKJV).

It is commanded, "Then Peter said to them, '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); "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48a).

It is for the remission of sins, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 2:38).

It saves and gives a good conscience, "There is also an antitype which now saves us - baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21).

It then adds one to the church of Christ, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47b).

It is a burial, not a sprinkling, "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His 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 6:3-4).

It is essential in the new birth, "Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God'" (John 3:5).

It enables one to "rejoice" after the baptism, "Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so the eunuch saw him no more, and he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39).

It places one into Christ, the Saviour, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27).

Clearly, baptism requires more than just a desire." Baptism cannot be rejected and substituted by the "Sinner's Prayer", faith only, good morality or fraternal orders. Why do you wait? ~ E. Claude Gardner

⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

<i>Birthdays and Anniversaries for February</i>									
Gary Koci 2/1 Curtis Mohr 2/1 Frank Shaw 2/1 Leland & Marilyn Davis 2/8 Linda Bills 2/14 Eric & Jeffra Slagle 2/14 Ron Stephens 2/14 Joe Botts 2/15 Buzz & Cathy Heston 2/15 Wanda Danley 2/16 Al Lindsay 2/16 Rick Freitag 2/18 Jim Preston 2/22 Josh Mendoza 2/27									
<i>Keep these Dates in Mind:</i> 02/02 Game Night 6:00p 02/04 First Sunday Potluck 02/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 02/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p 02/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p 03/04 First Sunday Potluck 03/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 03/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p 03/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p									
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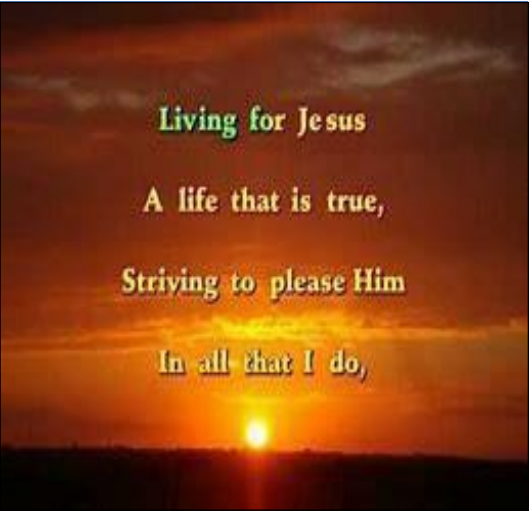
Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich
Bob and Shirley Childers as they continue to recover from their falls.
Lupe Mendoza Stage 3 Cancer. Keep the Mendoza's in your prayers
Josh Hickman as his parents and the neurosurgeon decide what needs to be done.

Baby shower to honor **Trevor Mann**, son of Travis and Dayna Bolt Mann February 18 at 4:00p at Applebee's
Congratulations to **Bill and Bonnie Johnson**. May their married life be blessed.

Speakers at our Lectureship: Morne Stephanus; Dustin Campbell; Richard Sutton; Terrance Brownlow Dindy Jr.



Morne Stephanus is a 2008 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. Since then he has worked with congregations in his native country of South Africa as well as Baton Rouge, LA.
Morne is currently laboring for the Duluth Church of Christ in Duluth, GA. Morne is Married to his lovely wife and best friend Amanda. Morne enjoys laboring for the Lord and has been privileged to preach the word on lectureships, gospel meetings, television and radio.



If I Should Die Before I Wake

When I was a child, my parents taught me to say this prayer. Did yours do the same? You know, the often memorized child's prayer that goes like this.
Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.
The possibility of dying before you wake is filled with implications. However, the main point is, "Have you made preparation for such an eventuality?" Are you prepared to die? Is your eternity secure? Good questions. Especially at a time of day when you slow down, have time to look back over your day and evaluate your standing before God. What if you died before you awakened? Would all be well? Probably, all of us would do well to ask ourselves that same question, but that question is not what i want you to focus upon at the moment.
I'd rather like to ask you if you've made preparation for the eventuality that you "wake up?" It's one thing to be ready to "die in Christ," it is another to be prepared to "live for Christ." What preparations have you made if you don't die before you wake? How have you planned and prepared to spend your time, talents and energy in service to God?
If you should awaken before you die how will you use tomorrow? What plans have you made? Do your plans involve the kingdom of God? Would one be able to examine your plans and determine that you are a disciple of Jesus?
If you should awaken before you die, and you are greeted with another day, what will you do with your time? Do you have specific plans to render service in the name of Jesus to someone in need? Do you have a specific prospect for whom you are praying and trying to reach? Have you given thought to ways you can better serve and strengthen your local church?
Friends, I really don't think one can be fully prepared to "die in Christ" until one has prepared to "live in Christ." In fact, in order to be prepared to die in Christ one must have lived in Christ.
So back to the question, "What would happen to you if you died before you awakened? Beyond that question, though, is the equally important question, "What if you awaken before you die?"
If you should die before you wake, I pray the Lord your soul to take.
But if you should wake before you die, then what?

~Steve Higginbotham

Hear and Obey the Lord Jesus

Near the conclusion of Jesus' address to the multitudes in His Sermon on the Mount, He declared, "And every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). This is a passage that must be embedded in our minds. We should not live a day without pondering its meaning and significance to our lives and to others around us.
The tern "Lord" is translated from a word in the Koine Greek, kurios, which, according to Strong, is the title of one who is "supreme in authority, that is controller." Thayer adds that the title is one "of honour expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master."
Jesus came to this earth, in part, to bring the message of God's will to all of humanity so we would not live and die in ignorance. In His prayer to the Father, Jesus said, "For I have given to them the words which thou gavest me. . ." (John 17:8). God no longer winks at ignorance, but He commands all men everywhere to repent (acts 17:31).
Saul of Tarsus asked the right question when he made the query of Jesus, "Lord, what will You have me do?" (Acts 9:6). A man demonstrating great wisdom, Saul, did as the Lord told him to do. He went into the city of Damascus and waited for Ananias. Saul was ultimately forgiven of his past sins when he was washed in the blood of Christ upon obeying the voice of God's messenger, Ananias (Acts 22:16).
Jesus does not want to hear an empty profession. Could Jesus ask you and me the same question? He asked some of His day? "And why call you me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46)?