

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>Petu 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 01/21: 65 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 01/21: \$2719.35

February 4, 2018



What Happens in Baptism?

There are few religious acts about which there is more controversy than baptism. Most of the Christian world does not believe that it has anything to do with our salvation. Many say that it is only a symbolic ritual to show what has already taken place in our hearts and our live, namely, the forgiveness of our sins. No passage speaks against this attitude more clearly than Romans 6:3-4. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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."

We need to understand that Romans 6 is not about baptism. It is about sin. The word "sin" appears 16 times in this chapter. Paul was encouraging Christians to remember what took place when they were baptized. I do not know of anyone who questions the fact that faith in the sacrifice of Christ is the basis for our forgiveness. Thus, the questions is, "When are our sins washed away?"

Paul said that it occurs in baptism. Baptism is much more than a mere symbol or ritual. It is more than a physical act of obedience. In Romans 6:2, Paul taught that we died to sin when we were baptized. In 6:3, Paul declared that we are baptized into Jesus Christ as well as baptized into His death.

Most people would agree that it is the blood of Jesus that actually washes away our sins (Revelation 1:5), but how can we contact the blood of Jesus? The blood of Jesus was shed at the cross. When Jesus died, a soldier put a spear into the side of Jesus, and blood and water flowed out (John 19:34). When we are baptized, we are baptized into the death of Jesus, which is where the blood was shed. Thus, we come in contact with the blood of Jesus, which washes away our sin. No one can be saved without dying to sin. No one can be saved without being united with Christ. No one can be saved without contacting the blood of Jesus. All of these occur in baptism, according to the apostle Paul.

Paul also said that after baptism, we are raised to walk in newness of life. In baptism, Paul wrote how our baptism is, in effect, a re-creation of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus ended His physical life, but only to begin a new resurrected life. In like manner, we die to sin; thus, we end our previous lives of sin and begin new lives of purity. We do not just change a few things or erase a few mistakes. We start new lives. This makes baptism the physical point at which our old lives end and our new lives begin. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Consequently, we begin a life of single-minded devotion to Jesus.

Considering what Paul penned that happens at baptism, how can anyone say that baptism is only a ritual or a symbol? While it is a symbol, what it symbolizes actually comes to pass, not by the power of any man or the water, but by the power of God.

~Jerry Bates

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)

***Birthdays and Anniversaries
for February***

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

Keep these Dates in Mind:

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
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Bible Studies:

<i>Adult Class -</i>	<i>Youth Classes -</i>
<i>Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>Classroom Wing</i>
<i>(S) –Epistles of Peter</i>	<i>Ladies Class –</i>
<i>(W) – Romans</i>	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>



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. If you have time to help for a few hours a day, contact Dustin. Shirley is at Rehab in Richland.

Lupe Mendosa 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
See Debbie Bolt for more information.



I never could get the hang of using these oars

***Let
God
Guide
Your
Steps***

Book People

Since the time of Moses, God has spoken to his people concretely in written revelation. Having given us His sacred Word, He expects us to follow it fully. Being God's people means being book people.

In 622 B.C., the people of Judah were anything but book people. They had adapted to the culture. They had been corrupted in their thinking and in their practices. They were just pagans who practiced a few vestiges of true religion. The Book of God was long forgotten.

One day, a priest in the Temple happened to find the Book of the Law. This discovery set in motion a series of events that reversed the catastrophic negative slide of the whole nation for a time.

Have you found the Book of God in your house?

After the discovery some people in Judah actually read the Book of the Law. They understood it, were deeply convicted by it and realized how important it was. It seems ridiculous and simple to suggest that we read the Book. Yet, only by reading it can we be aware of its vital contents and have the way of life made clear to us.

The King of Judah tore his clothes when he read the Book of the Law. He did not read it in a detached manner or think of it as strictly an academic pursuit. He heard god speaking to him and his people in the words of the Book. He realized that he and his people were in violation of the Book's precepts. He tore his clothes in remorse. Has reading the Book caused you to "tear your clothes"? Are you willing to face it personally and take it to heart?

Finally, King Josiah and all his fellow leaders obeyed the Book. They did something about what they read. They systematically destroyed paganism from their land, reinstituted biblical practices and generally sought to do what the Book of God directed them to do, because they knew it was the Word of God.

In this Old Testament account is the simple truth about what God wants us to do. Find the Book of God's Law. Read the Book. Tear your clothes (spiritually speaking). Do what the Book says to do. surely God will bless us if we imitate Josiah's submission.

~Dean R. Owen

Pulling on Both Oars

An old Scotsman operated a small rowboat for transporting passengers. One day a passenger noticed that the old man had carved on one oar, the word, "Faith", and on the other oar, "Works." Curious, the passenger asked the Scotsman the meaning. The old man replied, "I'll show you." He dropped the "Faith" oar and pulled the "Works" oar. The boat went around in circles. Then, he dropped that oar and pulled the "Faith" oar. The little boat went in circles the opposite direction. After the demonstration, the old man picked up "Faith" and "Works," and he began pulling both oars together. The boat sped swiftly over the water.

The old man explained, "You see, that is the way it is with the Christian life. Dead works without faith are useless, and faith without works is dead also, getting you nowhere. However, faith and works pulling together make for safety, progress and blessing (James 2:14-26).

~Brett Petrillo

¹⁴What good is it, my brother, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled, without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it doesn't have works is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works and I will show you my faith by my works. (James 2:14-18)