

Must We Make Confession

Jesus declared, "Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven (Matthew 10:32). In the biblical sense, to confess Christ means to profess faith in Him and acknowledge His authority.

Jesus once asked the disciples who men said He was. They explained that some thought Him to be John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or another prophet risen from the dead. Jesus said, "But who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'" (Matthew 16:15–16). By his response, Peter confessed Christ.

Paul wrote, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9–10). "Confession is made unto salvation"; so it should not be minimized. Paul connected heartfelt belief with open confession by the mouth.

Confession of Christ is not, however, merely repeating a formula. It is the outward expression of faith felt in the heart. By confession, we express our acceptance of His authority in every area of our lives, and we give our personal pledge of allegiance to Him and His cause.

The Ethiopian treasurer of Queen Candace did not understand Isaiah's prophetic portrait of Christ, so Philip, "beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:35). As they went on their way, they came to "some water. And the eunuch said, 'See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?' Then Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God'" (8:36–37). Based on that confession, Philip baptized him into Christ (8:38).

Because of His sacrifice for us, the Father has exalted Christ "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10–11). It is said, "The confession is the birthplace of the unselfish element in religion." Have you unreservedly, unselfishly confessed Christ?

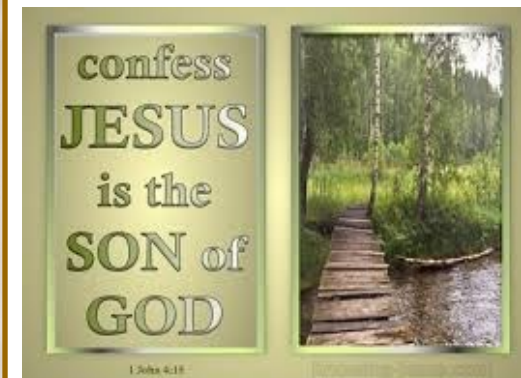
—Bob Prichard

Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Randy Johnson will have back surgery at Baxter Thursday, the 16th, to remove hardware from his last surgery.
- ♦ Bill Cockrum will see his back surgeon Tuesday and will hopefully get a date for surgery. He did find out he has AFIB.
- ♦ Greg Dillon had a high score on his calcium screening test and will see a cardiologist the 21st.
- ♦ Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Tracy Strong. His funeral was last Wednesday. He was married to Yvonne Cavitt.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Barbara Stevens, Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Lloyd Ellis, Ruth Strain, Coe Hamm, Vicki Boland.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Dale Strong, Terry Pennington, Pat McKaig, Jamie Crisp, Ricky Langston, Lisa Langston, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth, Dan Harvey.
- ♦ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Delphia Holmes, Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.
- ♦ Homebound: Vernon James, Steve Siebels, Mary Piepergerdes.

Weekly Sunday worship has started again at the Gainesville nursing home. We will gather to sing and have a short devotion as we did before COVID stopped visits. One change is that it begins at 1:30. Our first time is Sunday, July 19th.

Therefore Go and
Make Disciples
of All Nations,
Baptizing Them
in the Name of
The Father and of
The Son and of
The Holy Spirit
MATTHEW 28:19



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
7-3	Ronnie Hambelton (80)	7-1	Larry and Dorlene Butler
7-8	Emma McGinnis	7-4	David and Barbara Stevens (57)
7-9	Bryce Hambelton	7-10	Dale and Brenda Strong (61)
7-13	Oakley Goodman (5)	7-15	Titus and Jessica Smith
7-23	Diana Moyers-Siebels	Birthdays	
7-27	Mary Piepergerdes	7-30	Esther Strong
7-28	Myles Smith (5)		

Date	Event	Details
Sat., July 18th 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	St. Williams Catholic, Gainesville
Sunday, July 19 1:30 p.m.	Nursing Home Service singing and devotional	Meet in dining room
Sunday, Aug. 16 1:30 p.m.	Nursing Home Service singing and devotional	Meet in dining room
Sunday, Oct. 18 1:30 p.m.	Nursing Home Service singing and devotional	Meet in dining room



July Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

7-5 David Stevens
7-12 John Abraham
7-19 Mark Lane
7-26 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

D. E. Pleasant
Tinker Langston
Don Reynolds
Paul Wade

Song Leader: Titus Smith
Greeters: Kay Young and Mary Lou Snelson

The Family News

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Gainesville Church of Christ

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***John and Jesus Preach the Gospel***

Wednesday

7 p.m. Bible Classes for all ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

Worship God by Singing Praises

Communion Service

Song before Sermon

Sermon and Invitation

Invitation Song

Closing Song and Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us