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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes

9:30 A.M.

Worship

10:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening

6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

“Do I Need to Be Baptized Again?”

David B. Smith

It isn't unusual to be asked this question, about the legitimacy of a person's baptism. Salvation is a serious, eternally serious, issue. Once we pass through judgment, our destination is either everlasting life or everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46). That's how serious it is. So we cannot take chances or toy with our relationship with God. We are told to “make your calling and election sure” (2 Peter 1:10). All of us need to be

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer –Curt Stewart Announcements – Joel Laney
PM: Opening Prayer – Tom Greer Closing Prayer – Chris Randolph
Wed: Opening Prayer – Art Greer Closing Prayer – Jim Groves
All week: Lock Building – George Farmer Hall Monitor – Keith Herron
(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart
or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

**If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please
e-mail them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com**

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson	Tommie Grandfield	Lexi Owens
Patricia Anthony	Sarah Grasham	Carlos Shannon
Jim Bethune	Bill Greer	Janice Smith
Nancy Birch	Susie Hargis	Bessie Smithson
Jennifer Bradford	Grayson Ledbetter	Johnny Southerland
Marjorie Cagle	Loretta Leffew	Diane Stacy
Isaac Cooper	Judy Lusk	John Webster
Danny Curvin	Tony Miller	

Johnnie Perry, who regularly attends here with her sister Joan Holloway, remains in Parkridge Hospital, however, she is now improving. After recent surgery to repair damage suffered from a fall, she was readmitted to Parkridge ICU with blood clots in her lungs. Pray for a swift and complete recovery.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Copies of the complete calendar for November are available
on the table in the foyer.*

Birthdays

6 – Anita Cook
9 – Jim Groves
Kelsey Battles

Anniversaries

8 – Curt & Melinda Horn

Announcements

- **Block Party:** Our Block Party on Tuesday night was extremely successful. Our best estimate is that we had around 5500 attendees. We want to thank everyone who worked so hard and especially Josh Elsea for organizing the event.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Men, make plans now to join us for our monthly men's breakfast next Saturday morning at 8:30 at Scottie's Diner. While usually the first Saturday of the month, it was delayed this month, allowing attendance at the Dayton Lectureship.
- **Dunlap Meeting:** Several have expressed plans to attend the gospel meeting at Dunlap on Tuesday evening. It will be good to show our support by having enough sign-up to take our church van. If you plan to attend and wish to ride in the van, please sign the list located on the table in the foyer.
- **Ladies' Retreat:** A Ladies' Retreat is being planned for the weekend of February 14th. If you are interested in attending, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.
- **Tennessee Children's Home:** Only one week remains before the truck from the children's home arrives to collect our donations. There is a sizeable amount already present in the foyer, but with the additional time, there can be a significant amount added.
- **Hygiene Bags:** The last delivery of hygiene bags to local schools for 2019 is quickly approaching. With the holidays approaching, it is also a nice time to include a little something extra with the usual hygiene items. See Paulette Oxford for suggestions and to make monetary donations.
- **Tumor Clinic:** Jimmie Ruth Wilson will take donations to the Tumor Clinic again soon. Your contribution of snacks and nutritional drinks is very helpful and appreciated by the patients there.

Upcoming Events

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

- **November 3-6:** Gospel meeting at the Mountain Creek congregation with Lonnie Jones as the speaker. Lessons will deal with the role of being a good parent.
- **November 3-6:** Gospel Meeting at the Dunlap congregation with Doug Couch as the speaker. 7:00 p.m.(central time). Sign the list if interesting in riding the van on Tuesday evening, November 5.

in the business of assessing our standing with Jesus. And it is precisely this kind of soul-searching that has some asking whether they need to be baptized again. Should you be? Is there even such a thing? What would warrant being rebaptized? Scripturally, we can only think of two reasons:

1. A person would need to be baptized again if the first baptism was incorrect. Paul ran into people just like this in Ephesus. There were twelve men that failed Paul's quiz, alerting Paul to their need for conversion under the Great Commission. They had been baptized with John's baptism, but after Pentecost. This was no longer valid. Paul studied with them, and taught them correctly. All the men were then baptized (Acts 19:1-8). There are still plenty of people today who fall into this category. Perhaps they thought baptism was unnecessary, instead of seeing it as the point of entrance into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27). Perhaps they had water sprinkled or poured on them, instead of being immersed (Rom. 6:3-4). Whatever the reason, if the "first" baptism was incorrect then there is a need to be baptized properly.

2. A person would need to be baptized again if he/she didn't understand the first baptism. This also happens frequently. A person is baptized, maybe to please a spouse or mimic a friend—but without real understanding. They might say the right answers to questions, profess belief in Jesus and even be immersed. But deep down, he/she never really understood the significance or purpose of their actions. They got wet but not saved. So there is a need to be baptized with understanding, if it wasn't present before (1 Pet. 3:21).

Sometimes people struggle with this question, even though their baptism is correct. They grow a little and understand more a few years down the road, and take that to mean they weren't ready. All of us grow, and all of us expect to understand conversion more deeply with the passage of time. But that does not necessitate another baptism. If we understood our need for salvation and were baptized for the remission of sins, then we did what God required (Acts 2:38-41).

In reality, there is only one baptism. True baptism is a one-time action. It never needs repeated. So if we start thinking we might need to be, let's seriously investigate what we did. If we do admit our need for baptism, then let's do it God's way and make our calling and election sure.